

Gathering as Christ's Church in Worship

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PRELUDE J. Noel Lance

WORDS OF GREETING Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

PRESENTATION OF LEADERSHIP DRAFT Todd Stillerman

*EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP Congregation

A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP Dr. Foust

PRAYER OF SUBMISSION J. Kevin Gray

CALL TO WORSHIP J. Kevin Gray

One: From out of the silent depths into visible corporate acts,

ALL: Come Holy Spirit, come.

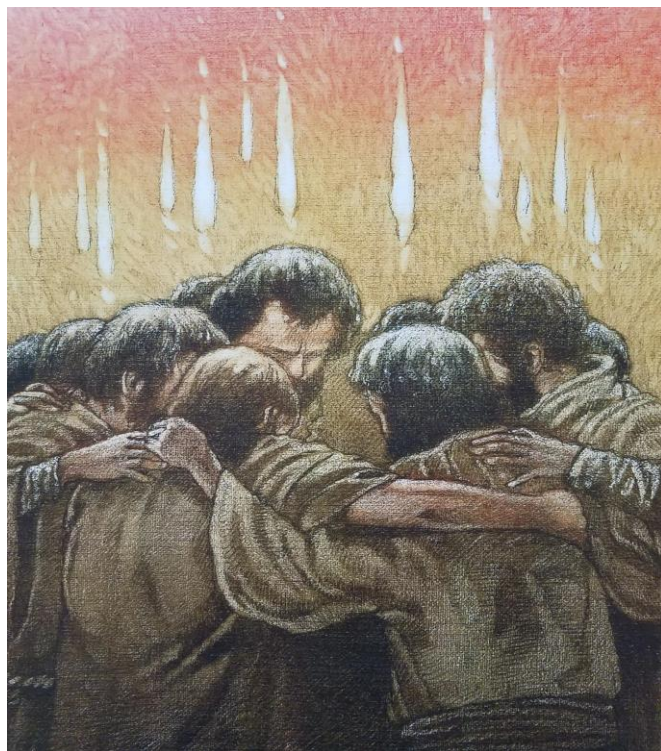
One: Empowering the fragments of the church into an incarnation of the redeeming and reconciling Christ.

ALL: Come Holy Spirit, renew and inspire us!

*HYMN OF PRAISE Let the Whole Creation Cry
Chalice Hymnal No. 21 LLANFAIR

Opening Our Spirits to God's Spirit

TELLING OF THE EPISTLE Acts 2:1-12 Rev. Allison Benfield



SONG OF THE SPIRIT Congregation sings when cued Congregation

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Come and dwell in us, Ho - ly Spi - rit come and dwell in us,
come and re-new us Ho - ly Spi - rit, Spi - rit come, Spi - rit come.

SILENT MEDITATION

Spirit be in my head and in my understanding;
Spirit be in my eyes and in my looking;
Spirit be in my mouth and in my speaking;
Spirit be in my heart and in my thinking;

- Adapted from Sarum Primer 16th century

Take a moment to think about situations when you have allowed the Spirit to work in you and through you in the lives of others.

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THE CHURCH AT PRAYER Rev. Benfield

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Concerns

Missy Nash – Forsythe Memorial
Martha Brown, Nancy Burgess, Matt Collins, Carol Drye,
McLain Hall Genice Harper, Johnnie Morcock, Casey Perkins,
Gene Poole, Dot Propst, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson & Dee Turner – home
Sympathy to Joyce Ehrenberger in the death of her husband, Josef

Opening Our Spirits for Spiritual Empowerment

READING OF THE EPISTLE Acts 2:37-42 Samuel Bond

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

One: This is the written word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN OF RENEWAL We, Your People, God, Confessing
Chalice Hymnal No. 356, verses 1, 3 & 4 IN BABILONE

SERMON *A Spirit Empowered Church: Devout and Devoted* Dr. Foust

*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian
Chalice Hymnal No. 450, verses 1 & 4 HYFRYDOL

Investing Our Gifts in God's Kingdom of Love

OFFERTORY PRAYER Bert Green, Deacon

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Chancel Choir
Hymn of Promise Natalie Sleeth/arr. John Ferguson

*DOXOLOGY Chalice Hymnal No. 46 OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Scattering as Christ's Church in Service

CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY & ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE Dr. Foust

*COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH Dr. Foust

*POSTLUDE J. Noel Lance

**Invites the congregation to stand.*

Copies of worship bulletins are available on the St. John's website: stjohnsbaptistchurch.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Open Table: Intergenerational Evenings with Purposeful Play

Wednesday, August 22, from 5:45 - 7:00 pm

Our next OPEN TABLE is scheduled for Wednesday, August 22. The menu will be bbq pork, rolls, baked beans, potato salad and dessert. Please email Jacquelyn McAbee at jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org or call the church office at 704.333.5428, ext. 11 by Friday, August 17, to make your reservation. Meal costs will be \$10/adults and \$6/child under 12 with a maximum of \$30 per household. All generations will be together for this time. Bring your favorite board or table game, and come enjoy catching up with each other as we gather around the tables for fun and fellowship!

2018 Charlotte Pride

St. John's will host the Pride Interfaith Service this afternoon at 4 pm. This service will contain music, prayers, and proclamations of many of the world's religions. The service will also include a community-based music component.

The festival is August 18-19, and the parade is on Sunday, August 19. If you want to march with the St. John's crew, meet at the staging area on N. Tryon Street between 9th and 10th after worship on Sunday. (Please try to be in line with us by 12:30pm.) Volunteers are still needed for the St. John's booth at the Pride Festival on Saturday, August 18 between noon and 6 pm. Contact Todd (stillerman@gmail.com) to volunteer. And tie-dyed St. John's Pride t-shirts are still available for \$10 each. See Allison Benfield while supplies last!

Deacon Nominee

Administrative Panel: James Laney (1-year), Randy Mahnesmith, Greg Rodden, Donna Scott, Nancy Wilson

Ministries Panel: Allene Cooley, Tim Gibson, Clara Howell, Keith Towery

Pastoral Panel: Lydia Farnsworth, Libby LeVie, Gary McFarland, Hank Packman, Judy Sanford, Jean Thompson, Kathy Turner, Wesley Watts

School Uniform Drive

Our uniform donation drive for Highland Renaissance School is underway (under our Children & Families Team). Needs include:

- Girls' khaki or navy pants: Sizes 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18
- Boys' khaki or navy pants: Sizes 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20
- Short-sleeved polo shirts: ALL Sizes - White and navy
- Long-sleeved polo shirts: ALL Sizes - White and navy

GREATEST NEED IS FOR SMALLER SIZES.

Global Missions Offering

Goal - \$15,000—Received \$12,334

Please participate in our Global Mission Offering by giving and by writing a letter to a student, a teacher, or a parent. What do you want to share with your friends in Nyarweng? A part of yourself? An encouraging word? Your favorite bible verse? A picture of your family?

Middle School Local Mission Trip

Sixteen middle school youth, with the assistance of 20 adults and 3 high school youth, are participating in our local mission trip. This annual trip provides a variety of service opportunities and a few educational and fun activities for our youth. It also helps to familiarize and prepare them for local service work in the future.

Promotion Sunday

Promotion Sunday will be August 26. The 6th Graders will get their Bibles and promote to youth, Formation Classes will begin again, and we'll have a parent's meeting to discuss the upcoming year. During worship, the 2nd Graders will receive their Bibles.

10th Annual Women of the Church Luncheon

Sunday, September 9th - Ladies, please watch your email for your luncheon invitation from Evite on or about August 13. The cost is \$10 per person. You may respond to the Evite or call the church office for reservations.

St. John's Baptist Church

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The St. John's Pulpit

Sunday, August 12 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Proclaimer: Rev. Lee Gray

Sermon: *Images of God*

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-27; Mark 12:13-17

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, August 12	9:15 am	Summer Sunday School (Lasater Hall/Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Middle School Mission (Lounge)
	4:00 pm	Pride Interfaith Service (Sanctuary)
	5:00 pm	Pride Interfaith Reception (Broach Hall)
	5:00 pm	Youth dinner (Lounge)
Monday, August 13	6:30 pm	Ministries Deacon Panel (Conference Room)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, August 14	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
	10:00 am	Staff meeting (Conference Room)
	1:00 pm	Sandwich Ministry (Lounge)
	6:00 pm	NAMI Support Groups (Room 114 & 116)
Wed., August 15	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	1:00 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Lounge)
	5:30 pm	Women of the Church Board meeting (Lounge)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, August 16	11:00 am	Uptown Ladies (Lounge)
	12:30 pm	Novant Monthly Managers' Meeting (Broach Hall)
Friday, August 17	5:30 pm	Volunteers serve dinner at Uptown Men's Shelter
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, August 18	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	9:30 am	Kids Basketball (Gym)
	12:00 pm	Pride Festival (Uptown)

Have you included St. John's in your estate planning?

Membership and Ministry

If you would like information on how you can become a member of St. John's, please call the church office (704.333.5428) or fill out one of the "For Our Guests" cards found on the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate. One of our ministers will be happy to reach out to you and answer any questions you may have. Visit our website to find out more information regarding the many ministry opportunities available in the life of St. John's.

Ministers

Every participant in God's Servant Church

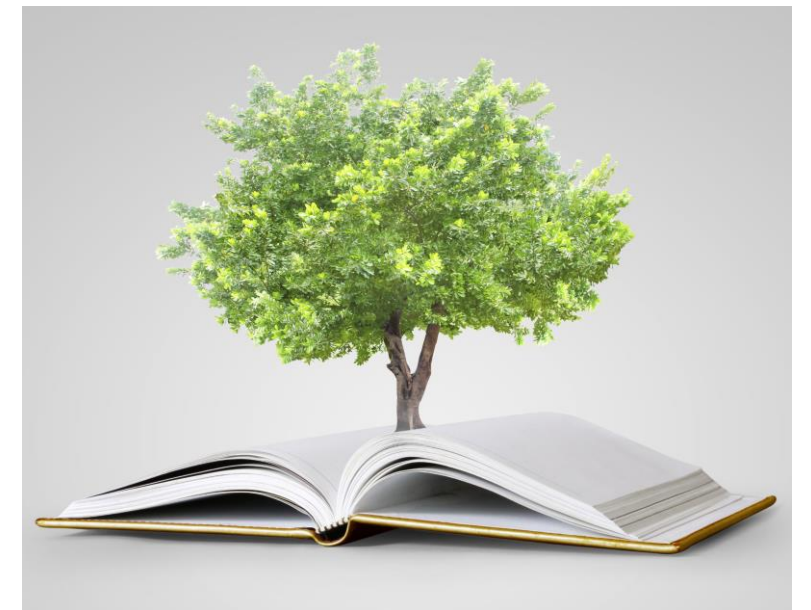
Equipping Ministers

Minister for Children and Their Families..... Rev. Allison Benfield
 Minister for Worship and MusicJ. Kevin Gray
 Minister for Youth and Young Adults.....Rev. Lee Gray
 Senior Minister.....Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Church Staff

Church Administrator Jacquelyn McAbee
 Custodians Chris Mullis, Sonny Ross, Debora Thon
 Graded Choir Director..... Anna Ball
 Organist.....J. Noel Lance
 Weekday School Director..... Lydia Olmsted

The Worship of God



Stories to Help Us Grow:
For the Bible Tells Us So

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2018

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

**ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
 CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA**