

# Gathering as Christ's Church in Worship

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**PRELUDE** J. Noel Lance & David Wilcox

**WORDS OF GREETING** Rev. Lee Gray

**\*EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP** Congregation

**A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP** Rev. Gray

**PRAYER OF SUBMISSION** J. Kevin Gray

**CALL TO WORSHIP** J. Kevin Gray

One: We come from scattered lives to this sanctuary,

**ALL: To seek our unity in the Spirit,**

One: To seek the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the peace of God the Father.

**ALL: God's people have gathered; let us worship.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** Here We Gather as God's People  
Chalice Hymnal No. 294 NETTLETON

**H**ere we gather as God's people with our friends from far and near; let our voices sound with praises knowing God has called us here. Now we seek and greet each other, now in joy approach our friends. Here we mingle, bound together as to all our love extends.

**READING OF THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE** Mattie Stillerman  
Genesis 1:26-27

**T**hen God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**\*HYMN** Believers All, We Bear the Name  
ELLACOMBE

**B**elievers all, we bear the name of Christ our living Lord. As Christians in the world today, we hold fast to the Word. From simple trust to growing faith our pilgrimage we trace, toward full maturity in Christ, led there through God's good grace.

Believers all, in unity, we follow God's commands. Diverse in gifts, but one in Christ, we offer outstretched hands to all within the bonds of faith, to those outside faith's call – that through our love the world may know our God as Lord of all.

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## THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Rev. Allison Benfield

**O**ur 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

Martha Brown, Nancy Burgess, Matt Collins, Carol Drye, McLain Hall, Johnnie Morcock, Jane Murray, Missy Nash, Gene Poole, Dot Propst, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson & Dee Turner – home

**READING OF THE GOSPEL** Mark 12:13-17 Benji Furlong



**T**hen they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?" But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it." And they brought one. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Jesus said to them, "Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." And they were utterly amazed at him.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**\*HYMN OF UNITY** In Christ There Is No East or West  
Chalice Hymnal No. 687, verses 1, 3 & 4 ST. PETER

## Open Our Eyes to See You and Each Other

**SERMON** *Images of God* Rev. Gray

**ANTHEM** *I Am His Child* Chancel Choir  
Moses Hogan

**I** may not be all that you are; I may not be a shining star, but what I am, I thank the Lord for making me His child.

Thank you, Lord, for hearing every prayer. Thank you, Lord, for just being there. Thank you, Lord; thank you, Lord, for I am so grateful for Your love.

So, don't use me or abuse me for I am His child. Don't tease me or mistreat me for I am still His child; you can even talk about me, but I am still His child.

**\*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP** Help Us Accept Each Other  
Chalice Hymnal No. 487, verses 1 & 4 ACCEPTANCE

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** Lia Benton, Deacon

**WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD**

**OFFERTORY** Noel Lance & David Wilcox  
*Lord, Here Am I* John Ness Beck

**\*DOXOLOGY** Chalice Hymnal No. 46 OLD HUNDREDTH

**P**raise 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** Rev. Gray

**\*BENEDICTION** Rev. Gray

One: O God, we each bear Your image.

**ALL: We share the image of Your Son.**

One: In his divinity, we find our connection to You,

**ALL: And in our humanity we find our own.**

**\*POSTLUDE** J. Noel Lance

*\*Invites the congregation to stand.*

Copies of worship bulletins are available on the St. John's website: [stjohnsbaptistchurch.org](http://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. 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**

If you want to march with the St. John’s crew in the Pride Parade this afternoon, meet at the staging area on N. Tryon Street between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> after worship today. (Please try to be in line with us by 12:30pm.)

**Run Away with Me – a song concert by Ryan Deal & Diann Clark**

Sunday, August 25, at 7:30 pm at St. John’s – Free Admission

This concert is free and a perfect opportunity for you to invite your friends into our beautiful sanctuary. Many people’s first experience with us may not be a worship service but a concert like this one. So, this is a great opportunity for you personally, and for us all collectively, to open the doors of our sanctuary to this community.

**Promotion Sunday**

Promotion Sunday will be August 26. The 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders will receive their Bibles.

**Deacon Election – Sunday, August 26**

The following slate of Deacons is nominated by the St. John’s Leadership Task Force. Each nominee will serve a 3-year term (except as noted).

**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

The Deacon Election will be held on Sunday, August 26, during the morning worship service. The Deacon Ordination and Installation will be on Sunday, September 9.

**School Uniform Drive**

Our uniform donation drive for Highland Renaissance School is underway (under our Children & Families Team). Place uniforms on racks in Main Entrance lobby or outside sanctuary by August 26! 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 \$12,389**

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?

**10th Annual Women of the Church Luncheon**

Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> - Ladies, please watch your email for your luncheon invitation from Evite. 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 26 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Sermon: *R-E-S-P-E-C-T: Back to School*

Scripture: Matthew 22:34-40

**This Week at St. John’s**

Sunday, August 19	9:15 am	Summer Sunday School (Lasater Hall/Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	1:00 pm	Pride Parade (Uptown)
	1:00 pm	South Sudanese Worship (Chapel)
Monday, August 20	9:00 am	Weekday School staff meeting (Lounge)
	10:00 am	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
	5:00 pm	Ryan Deal concert rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	6:00 pm	Joy Class (Lounge)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, August 21	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men’s Group (Lounge)
	10:00 am	Staff meeting (Conference Room)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men’s Basketball (Gym)
	6:30 pm	Safety & Security Task Force (Lounge)
Wed., August 22	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	5:45 pm	Open Table (Broach Hall)
	6:00 pm	WOC Spiritual Growth Team (Lounge)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, August 23	8:00 am	HeadStart (Lounge)
Friday, August 24	6:00 pm	Ryan Deal concert rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, August 25	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	7:30 pm	Ryan Deal concert (Sanctuary)

**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*

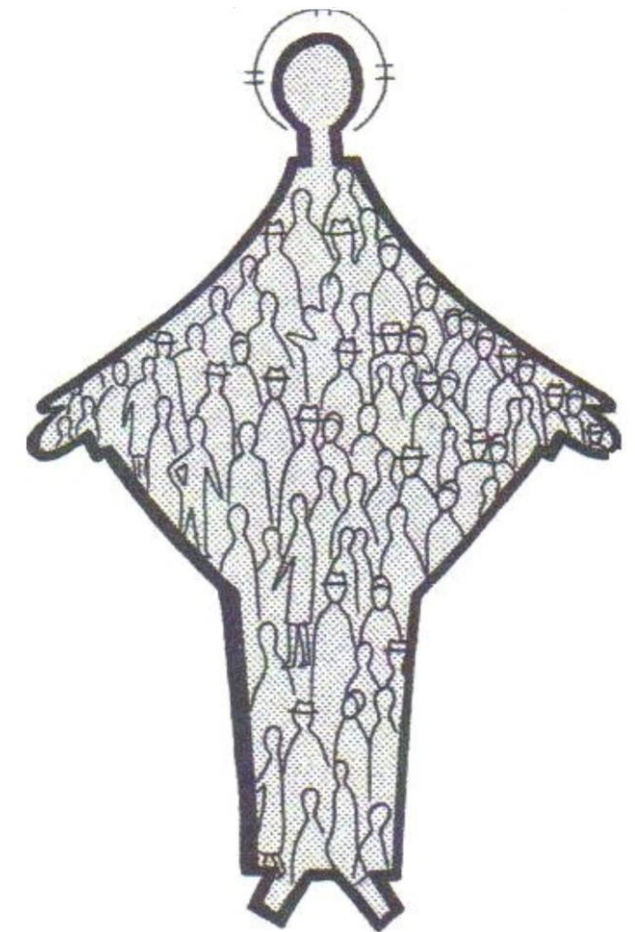
**Equipping Ministers**

Minister for Children and Their Families..... Rev. Allison Benfield  
 Minister for Worship and Music.....J. 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



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018**

**10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY**

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