

We Gather as God's Church

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PRELUDE J. Noel Lance

WORDS OF GREETING Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

A MINUTE FOR MISSIONS Phillips Bragg

*EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP Congregation

A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP Dr. Foust

PRAYER OF SUBMISSION Rev. Lee Gray

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Gray

ONE: O God, who sent Jesus into the world not to be ministered to, but to minister.

ALL: Shape us for Your ministry and work.

ONE: You have granted each of us with the capacity to manifest Your Spirit of love for the common good

ALL: Shape us and send us out to be hearers and doers, ready to serve.
-adapted from Psalm 147

*HYMN OF PRAISE We Gather Together
Chalice Hymnal No. 276 KREMSER

May We Be Hearers and Doers

READING OF THE EPISTLE James 2:14-20 Jordan Benton

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith apart from works is barren?

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SONG J. Kevin Gray
Time for the Waiting to End J. Kevin Gray

Verse 1
People are talking about the world we live in, they say that it's time for a change. Well I don't know about you my friend, but it's time for the waiting to end.

Verse 2
There's poor in the streets and kids with no shoes in a country where the wealthy can live as they choose. How much more do you need before you see, my friend, that it's time for the waiting to end?

Chorus
Don't wait for your mothers, your sisters, or brothers. Don't wait for your fathers and friends. Cause it starts with your actions, your heart, and your hands; it's time for the waiting to end.

Verse 3
We blame the government, we blame the man, we blame each other as fast as we can. We wait for action from those we think can, but it's time for the waiting to end.

Chorus
Don't wait for your mothers, your sisters, or brothers. Don't wait for your fathers and friends. Cause it starts with your actions, your heart, and your hands; it's time for the waiting to end.

Verse 4
We pray to the Lord each day that we live; we ask him to bring the world peace. But aren't we his hands and part of his plans? It's time for the waiting to cease. I've heard it said many times, "What can be done? This world is so big. I'm so small." But when you use love to accomplish your deeds, the biggest of walls, they will fall.

Chorus
Don't wait for your mothers, your sisters, or brothers. Don't wait for your fathers and friends. Cause it starts with your actions, your heart, and your hands; it's time for the waiting to end.

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER Rev. Allison 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

Larry Batts, Nancy Burgess, Bill Finger, Bert Green, McLain Hall, Gene Poole, Dot Propst, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson & Dee Turner – home
Sympathy to Carol & Henry Snyder in the death of her brother; David & Bobbi Sherrill and family in the death of his mother; Steve & Gearlene Hoffman in the death of her brother

READING OF THE GOSPEL Mark 8:34-36 Keith Towery

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?"

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

*SONG OF CALLING I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
Chalice Hymnal No. 344, verses 1 & 2 ASSAM

ANTHEM Chancel Choir
The Mind of Christ Arr. Don Hart

MESSAGE *Show and Tell* Dr. Foust

We Offer Ourselves in God's Service

*HYMN OF MINISTRY Here I Am, Lord
Chalice Hymnal No. 452, verses 1 & 3 HERE I AM LORD

OFFERTORY PRAYER Tom Blackmon

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY J. Noel Lance

*DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH
Chalice Hymnal No. 46

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.

We Are Called to Be God's People in the World

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.*

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and dedicated in gratitude for the marriage of Henry and Anna Lynn Kears; in memory of Henry, a Deacon and Treasurer at St. John's; and in honor of Anna Lynn, a Deacon and dedicated choir member at St. John's. They are given by Monty, Martha, Mattie, Conner and Anna Kears.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Open Table

Our next Open Table is September 26. The menu will be as follows: roasted chicken, sautéed vegetables, rice, and dessert. Meal costs will be \$10/adults and \$6/child under 12 with a maximum of \$30 per household. Dinner will be served beginning at 5:50 and will continue to be served until 6:30. We will gather in Broach Hall and dismiss by 7:00 pm. All generations will be together for this time together.

Brotherhood of the Biscuit

The next Brotherhood of the Biscuit meeting is Friday, September 21 at 6:30AM in the Lounge.

Global Missions Offering

Goal - \$15,000—Received \$14,560

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?

Faith Journey Book Study

This group of ladies meets Monday mornings, from 11:45 am - 1:00 pm in Room 209 for sharing, prayer, and study (join us on your lunch break). Our study begins with the book *Boundless Compassion* by Joyce Rupp. We would love to have you journey with us as we explore our faith. Please contact Gail Sifford at sgsifford@aol.com if you have questions.

Ehrenberger Service

The service for Joe Ehrenberger was rescheduled to Saturday, October 27 at 11am in Ray Chapel at Aldersgate.

World Communion Sunday and Global Mission Offering

On Sunday, October 7, we will gather in Broach Hall immediately after worship for a light lunch and a time to hear from James Lubo Majak in person about the development of the Nyarweng School in South Sudan. We will present to Lubo our Global Mission Offering and the messages we have prepared for him to deliver to the students, teachers, and families. More details will follow.

Craft & Bake Sale

Sunday, October 21 - Sponsored by The Craft & Needle Ministry. We need your help to donate handmade crafts and baked goods! All proceeds will be used to reduce hunger in the Charlotte region! Contact Ruth Jackson or the church office to volunteer or for more information.

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

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The St. John's Pulpit

Sunday, September 23 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proclaimer: Dr. Norris Frederick
Sermon Series: *Actively Faithful Faithfully Active Living*
Message: *Too Hot, Too Cold, and Just Right: Finding the Mean*
Scripture: James 3:1-14

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, Sept. 16	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	1:00 pm	South Sudanese Worship (Chapel)
	2:45 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
	5:00 pm	Youth/Parent Meeting (Broach Hall)
Monday, Sept. 17	11:30 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)
	5:30 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, Sept. 18	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
	9:30 am	HeadStart (Broach Hall)
	10:00 am	Staff meeting (Conference Room)
	11:00 am	Bible Work Bench (Room 209)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
	6:00 pm	Safety and Security Task Force (Lounge)
	6:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
Wed., Sept. 19	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
	5:30 pm	Heritage Resource Team (Heritage Room)
	6:00 pm	Membership Resource Team (Lounge)
	6:00 pm	Handbells (Handbell Room)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, Sept. 20	11:00 am	Uptown Ladies (Lounge)
	12:30 pm	Novant (Broach)
	7:30 pm	CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)
Friday, Sept. 21	6:30 am	Brotherhood of the Biscuit (Lounge)
	5:30 pm	Volunteers Serve Dinner Uptown Men's Shelter
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, Sept. 22	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	9:00 am	Joint Deacons' Meeting w/Friendship Missionary and Providence Baptist

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

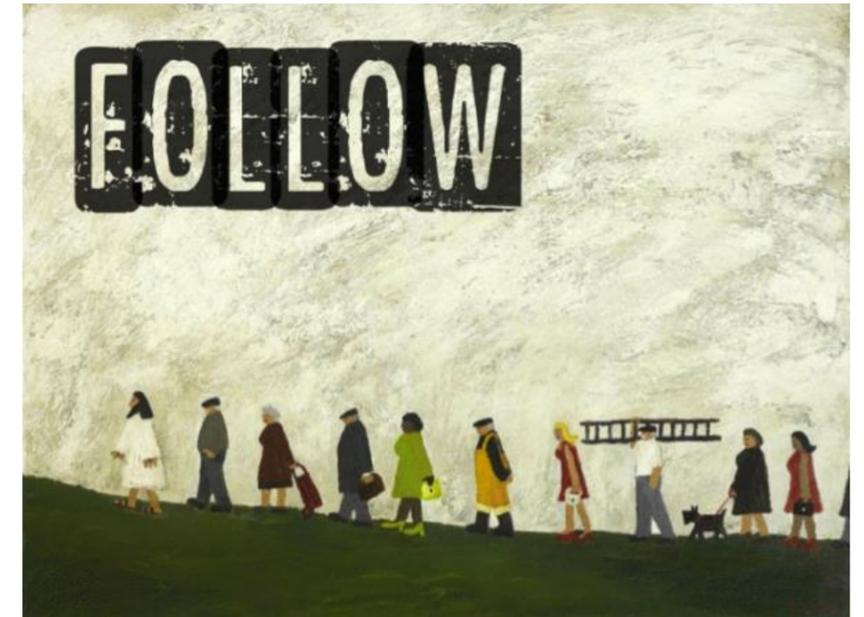
Equipping Ministers

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

Administrative Assistant.....Mallory Brown
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



ACTIVELY FAITHFUL FAITHFULLY ACTIVE LIVING
LEARNING TO LIVE BY CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD'S SPIRIT OF LOVE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
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