



Family News

A Servant Community: Actively Faithful, Faithfully Active
 St. John's Baptist Church · 300 Hawthorne Lane · Charlotte, North

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St. John's at Worship

Sunday, October 28

All Saints' Sunday

Proclaimer

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Worship Theme

The Eternal Love of God in Christ

Sermon Series

The Love that Christ Revealed

Sermon Title

The Eternal Now

Scripture

Hebrews 7:23-27

All Saints Sunday

Each year, on a Sunday near All Saints Day (November 1), our worship includes some moments of honoring those St. John's Saints who have passed on ahead of us during the past year. Since November 4th is Children's Sunday, we will use this coming Sunday to remember the ten members of St. John's who influenced our life



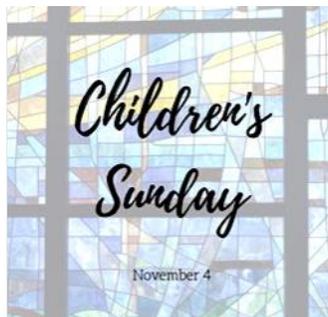
together and whose faith fingerprints are still evident in our Actively Faithful Faithfully Active Living. Our moments of remembrance will include lighting of candles and sounding of a bell. These symbols remind us that, although their physical presence is no longer among us, their lives carried the light of Christ and the pure sound a bell peal reminds us of God's peace which unites us forever.

Frederick Miller (Nov 2017)
 Maryanne Carnes (Dec 2017)
 Marie Coble (Jan 2018)
 Libby Collier (Jan 2018)
 Donice Pharr (Mar 2018)

Tom Peacock (Apr 2018)
 Doris Tedder (Apr 2018)
 Jean Canady (Apr 2018)
 Joe Ehrenberger (Aug 2018)
 Dot Propst (Oct 2018)

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Sunday, November 4 is Children's Sunday at St. John's. On this day, our children will lead us in worship in their own way. Please join us during the regular worship time to celebrate our children and their leadership.

Stewardship Message

This fall's stewardship emphasis title is, "Live Tomorrow's Life Today." This is drawn from the hymn, "There's a Spirit in the Air," the title of which is our church's worship theme this year. One of our former pastors in Virginia was fond of reminding us to respond promptly to perceived needs of others that often go unanswered or forgotten due to procrastination and inattention. So, don't put off until tomorrow what can be done today. Living tomorrow's life today could be interpreted as perceiving a need and promptly responding to that opportunity. This is the spirit that we have found here at St. John's in providing needed support for numerous groups, organizations, partnerships, and initiatives that have local, national and international relevance; furnishing residential space, volunteer personnel, and financial support. Kathy and I count it a blessing to have joined such a servant-minded church and to joyfully add our support to the budget. During this season leading up to Commitment Sunday on November 18th, please prayerfully consider your pledge of support for our church's needs in this upcoming year.

Randy and Kathy Mahnesmith

**PHENOMENOLOGICAL EPISTEMOLOGY,
CONTEXTUALISM
AND A MID-TERM ELECTION:
What Did Jesus Say?**

On or before November 6th, you and other citizens of our city, region, state and nation will vote for your candidates of choice; Democrats, Republicans, Independents, etc. Here are a few thoughts.

Two philosophical concepts are helpful to me as I approach this year's election and our current political climate. Both concepts are constantly active and pragmatic. One is 'phenomenological epistemology;' the other is 'contextualism.' Epistemology is the study of how people come to know what they know. Phenomenology is the study of how people view or experience reality. Therefore, 'phenomenological epistemology' is the study of how people know what they know by viewing or experiencing reality. Contextualism proposes that an explanation or action can only be understood in relation to the context in which it occurred; each person is influenced by context.

For example, two persons can look out windows uptown onto Tryon and see the same automobile accident. One person views or experiences the accident from a street level hotel lobby on the southeast side of Tryon and the other person is looking down on the accident from their office on the sixth floor of a building on the northwest side of Tryon. Both view or experience the same accident; yet, their knowledge of the accident is very different – and each view is only partial. As the drivers emerge from their vehicles, each person who witnessed the accident interprets what they saw through their contextual biases related to age, appearance, style of clothing, skin color, gender, nationality, type of vehicle being driven, etc.

Approaching the political climate of this election cycle, we find tremendous discrepancies and disparities throughout our diversities. You may be confused as to how very good disciples of Jesus cannot view your favorite candidate the same as you. Or, you may be shocked by people who you know to be very moral and ethical supporting candidates who seem to have no moral or ethical credibility. Welcome to phenomenological epistemology and contextualism.

Of course, our phenomenological epistemology and context is always in dialogue with our commitment to be disciples of the Jesus way. We ask whether Jesus spoke about situations such as this. We find parables about wise and foolish builders; teachings about seeing Jesus in the needs of others; lessons delivered by pictures on a coin; stories like the Good Samaritan moving us from culturally biased beliefs to active faith, compassionate living and sacrificial neighborliness; lessons offering us a relationship with The Living God who is more than a household deity concerned only for our private lives; etc.

Beloved, as we practice a separation of Church and State, may we also express citizenship through our context of experiencing what we know as disciples of Jesus. Amen.

**Shalom,
Dennis**

Youth News from Lee

Upcoming Events & News

October 28– Youth is on regular evening schedule from 5-7:30pm; Small groups will meet and study the biblical person of Deborah.

November 4– **Adopt-A-Stream** cleanup after morning worship

Save the Date

June 15-22, 2019 – **High School Mission Trip to Puerto Rico**

July 22-27, 2019 – **University Summer Camp in Knoxville, TN**

Basketball at St. John's



The St. John's Basketball Ministry has already begun! Younger children's clinics, ages 8 and below, will take place the next three Mondays, October 22, October 29, and November 5 at 6:30PM in the gym. All basketball teams will begin practicing in November. If you are interested in playing on one of our teams, **please contact Lee Gray at lgray@sjcharlotte.org.**

From Allison

Formation and Worship for Children on Sunday, October 28

Nursery/2s: This class will be cared for in their room during Formation Hour and Worship Hour.

PreK/K: This class will be cared for in their classroom during Formation Hour and Worship Hour. They will learn about how Joseph forgave his brothers and helped them.

Grades 1-5: From 9:15-10:00 they will have Formation Class where they will learn about Elijah and the prophets of Baal. Music is from 10:00-10:20. 1st-5th Graders will join their families for worship.



Lily and Eva were very focused on their work after hearing the story of the Exodus during Godly Play.

Residential Partners

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Craft and Bake Sale 2018

The sale of crafts and baked goods raised \$1,754.00 for hunger relief in the Charlotte area. The Craft and Needle Ministry thanks everyone who came to purchase goods and to those who donated items to the sale. It was a great success!



Veterans' Day News

For Veterans' Day on November 11, the Women of the Church are compiling a list of people in our congregation who have served or presently serve in the United States Armed Forces. Please contact Mallory in the church office, giving her your name and the branch of service in which you or someone you know served or serve.

If you have any birthday cards for men or women, please drop them by the church office with Mallory during the week!

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

Charlotte Family Housing Meal Service

St. John's is providing meals and overnight hosts for a week in November for Charlotte Family Housing. **Our next turn is the week of November 4-10.** If you can help, contact Clara Howell at **704-578-8153** or clarahowell92@gmail.com

Advent Devotionals

As we make our way toward Advent, Kevin invites all those who find writing as way to express God's graciousness to join him in working on our Advent devotional book. Each devotional does not need to be any longer than a few paragraphs.

- **Step 1. Notify Kevin of your intention to write a devotional.**
- **Step 2. Submit your devotional via email by November 20th to kgray@sicharlotte.org and mbrown@sicharlotte.org**

Topics for Each Week in Advent

- December, 2-8: Hope
- December 9-15: Peace
- December 16-22: Joy
- December 23-25: Love



Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, December 13, 2018
11:30am until 1:30pm
More information is coming soon!

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Ministers

Every participant in God's Servant Church

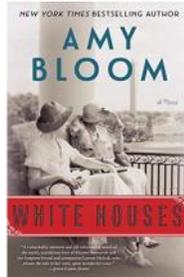
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Office hours: Mon.-Thurs.: 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Fri.: 8:30 am-12:00 noon



The Terrific Tuesday Book Club is reading *White Houses* by Amy Bloom for the month of November. They will meet to discuss the book on the fourth Tuesday of November, at 12PM in the Library. Bring your own lunch to eat afterwards in the Lounge.

Hardin Minor's One-Man Show

Hardin Minor is a performer and educator based in Charlotte. At the beginning of November, he will perform his one-man show, **Letters from the Trenches: Dear Kit**, from St. John's in Broach Hall for the public. This show is a multimedia show created and performed by Hardin Minor from letters written by his grandfather from the trenches of France during World War One as a Captain with the USMC. It is a special tribute celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Armistice of World War I to honor all veterans of the US Armed Forces. A suggested donation of \$20 will be shared with Veterans Group (TBD), St. John's Baptist Church, Charlotte Family Housing, and the Elizabeth Community Association. The show's dates are: November 1-3 at 7:30PM and November 4 at 2:00PM. To register click here: www.eventbrite.com/e/letters-from-the-trenches-dear-kit-tickets-51293154205. To learn more click here: hardinminorletters.com.

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

Larry Batts, Nancy Burgess, McLain Hall, Pat Lloyd, Martha Moore, Rob Peacock, Gene Poole, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson, Don Swofford, Elma Thomas & Dee Turner- home; Bill Finger, hospital

Sympathy

Sympathy to the family and friends of Dot Propst in her death on Friday, October 19 at 96 years of age. She joined St. John's in 1943, making her one of the longest members of our congregation.

Sunday, October 28

Deacons: Minh Callaway, Jane Newman, Morgan Newman, Robby Ray, Shannon Rodden, Greg Rodden, Gail Sifford, Henry Snyder, Laura Sorrell, Kathy Spence
Tellers: Morgan Newman and Tim Gibson
Greeters: Main-Ed Turner, Phil Vavra; 5th St./Narthex- Betty Thompson; Broach Hall-Ashley Hogewood; Elevator -Marvin Carter
Ushers: Arnold Philemon, Marvin Carter, Bobbie Hahn, Bobbie & Don Hinson, Susan King

Financial Ministry Plan Report:

Week of October 15-21: \$15,085
 Income through October 21: \$765,559
 Annual 2018 Ministry Plan Budget Goal: \$1,135,000

Ministers on Call:

October 22-28: Dennis Foust 704-359-7234
 October 29-November 4: Kevin Gray 803-524-0287
 November 5-11: Allison Benfield 828-448-8412

New church directory inserts are available in the office with Mallory. Pick yours up today!

Calendar for October 28-November 3, 2018

Sunday, October 28

8:00..... Task Force (Conference Room)
 9:15..... St. John's 101 (Conference Room)
 9:15..... Sunday School (Classrooms)
 10:30am..... Worship (Sanctuary)
 3:00pm..... SJ Basketball Clinic (Gym)
 5:00pm..... Sunday Night Live (Gym, Lounge, Chapel, 3rd Floor)

Monday, October 29

9:00am..... Mental Health America (Lounge)
 11:30am..... Faith Journey Book Study (Room 209)
 5:00pm..... SJ Basketball Clinic (Gym)
 5:30pm..... Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
 8:00pm..... AA (Lasater Hall)

Tuesday, October 30

7:00am..... Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
 10:00am..... Staff meeting (Conference Room)
 11:00am..... Bible Workbench (Room 209)
 1:00pm..... Soccer Shots (Gym)
 5:15pm..... SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
 6:15pm..... Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)

Wednesday, October 31

6:30am..... Benton Basketball (Gym)
 9:00am..... Weekday School Fall Festival (Lasater Hall)
 9:30am..... Yoga (Room 114)
 1:30pm..... Learning Charms (Room 116)
 6:00pm..... AA (Lasater Hall)
 6:00pm..... Handbells (Handbell Room)
 7:15pm..... Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 7:30pm..... Sherrill Basketball (Gym)

Thursday, November 1

9:00..... Unity Coalition (Lounge)
 6:00..... Young Voices of the Carolinas Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 7:30..... Hardin Minor Production (Broach Hall)
 7:30..... CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)

Friday, November 2

7:30..... Hardin Minor Production (Broach Hall)
 8:00..... AA (Lasater Hall)

Saturday, November 3

7:00..... Benton Basketball (Gym)
 9:00..... Women of the Church Retreat
 7:30..... Hardin Minor Production (Broach Hall)

Complete calendar online:
www.StJohnsBaptistChurch.org