

Let Praises Fill the Sky

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PRELUDE J. Noel Lance

WORDS OF GREETING Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP Dr. Foust

***EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP** Congregation

PRAYERFUL CALL TO WORSHIP J. Kevin Gray

ONE: Like the sun that is far away and yet close at hand to warm us, so God's Spirit is ever present within us and around us.

ALL: Creator, we open our lives to be Your priesthood, Your ministers to the world.

ONE: Lord, as You call us, make us worthy of our calling. Empower us to do Your work with joy.

ALL: Let us see You in others. Let others see You in us. Make us more sensitive to others and their needs. Make us ready to help. Make us a servant church, a giving church, and a loving church. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** Come, Christians, Join to Sing!
Chalice Hymnal No. 90 MADRID

Hear Now This Truth Sublime

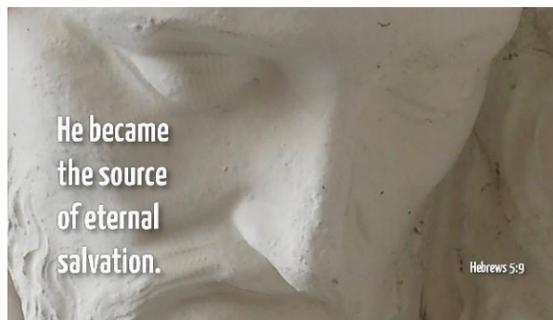
READING OF THE EPISTLE Hebrews 5:1-10 James Laney

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people.

And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!



Live Tomorrow's Life Today

***SONG OF THE SERVANT CHURCH** A Servant Church
Chalice Hymnal, Back of Hymnal, verses 1, 4, & 5 ST. THEODOLPH
Words by Clarence Eden

A WORD ABOUT STEWARDSHIP Jason Benton,
Stewardship Task Force Chair

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY PRAYER Cindy McIntyre,
Deacon

OFFERTORY J. Noel Lance

***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.

MEDITATION *In silent reflection* J. Kevin Gray

Lord, open our lips, and our mouths shall declare Your praise.
Lord, open our eyes, and our seeing shall behold Your glory.
Lord open our hearts, and our feelings shall know Your love.
Lord, open our minds, and our thinking shall discover Your wonders.

ONE: Lord, open our hands, and our giving shall know Your generosity.
ALL: Lord open our lives, and our living shall declare Your presence.

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER Rev. Lee Gray

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, McLain Hall, Pat Lloyd, Martha Moore, Gene Poole, Dot Propst, Brad Sifford, Don Swofford, Carole Ann Simpson, Elma Thomas & Dee Turner – home; Bill Finger, hospital

Lord Make Us a Servant Church

ANTHEM Chancel Choir & David Kern, Flute
Disciples' Prayer James Kevin Gray
*This is a world premiere

Light of love and mercy that shines through loving eyes, the Spirit working through us to heal and bring life. Grace and understanding, these are gifts from God, that transform the broken spirit and make us whole. Grace is making us whole, shining through human eyes. Use us, O Lord, to be instruments of Your grace. In sharing love with others, we worship that above. We become the hands and feet, the embracing arms of God to all the world. O make us, Lord, Your instruments of grace.

MESSAGE *A Vulnerable Love* Dr. Foust

***HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP** Words by J. Kevin Gray
We Are Called NETTLETON

We are called as Christ's disciples, to be ministers of grace.
Teaching all that we encounter that they, too, bear Christ's own face.
Every person is a child of Heaven's King who dwelled on earth.
Remind us and empower us of the measure of our worth.

There is need in every household, every town, and every state.
People need to hear the gospel and be rescued from vile hate.
Let us raise up Christ's banner; let the world see it unfurled.
Let the love that comes from heaven dwell among us here on earth.

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 and sermons are available on the St. John's website:
www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org

Fall 2018 Stewardship:

Live Tomorrow's Life Today

As the colors of our landscapes change and the air turns a little more cool and crisp, one can't help but think of our recently-introduced worship theme, "There's A Spirit In The Air." That theme's eponymous hymn and the current season has certainly been on the minds of your Stewardship Task Force. We have borrowed from a verse of that hymn for our Fall 2018 Stewardship emphasis: "Live Tomorrow's Life Today." I have it on good authority that this phrase speaks directly to Kingdomtide, the autumnal liturgical season leading up to Advent. The focus of the season is to reflect on, and with our actions emulate, the will of God here on Earth as in Heaven. In advance of Commitment Sunday on November 18, please join your Stewardship Task Force in prayerfully considering how our resources can be used in the furtherance of pursuing Heaven on Earth. This season, may we, with our gifts, live tomorrow's life today!

Jason Benton, 2018 Stewardship Task Force Chair

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Undie Sundays

We will be collecting new, medium or large sized boxer shorts, athletic socks, and t-shirts to be distributed to our Room in the Inn program, Hope Chapel and Charlotte Rescue Mission. On each of the Sundays in October, containers will be at both the Main Entrance and Broach Hall entrance.

Craft & Bake Sale

Today- 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.

Basketball at St. John's

The St. John's Basketball Ministry will be starting up again soon. 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 begin practicing in November. If you are interested in playing on one of our teams, please contact Lee Gray at lgray@sjcharlotte.org. We will accommodate everyone who is active in the life of the church at St. John's and we will do our best to accommodate friend requests.

Save the Date for Open Table

Our next Open Table dinner will be this Wednesday, October 24, in Broach Hall. Stay attentive for more details to come and mark your calendars! We will gather to play games together this evening. The menu is spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, salad, and dessert. Sign up with Mallory in the office or see the most current online edition of the Family News to sign up through Google Forms.

Women of the Church Retreat

Join us Saturday, November 3, from 9am-3pm with Rev. Barbara Boyd Mayo for fellowship, learning, meditation and worship. The title of our retreat is: *Come to the Well*. We will retreat at Ramah Creek Farm in Huntersville. The cost is \$30 for all meals, snacks, and materials. Make checks payable to SJBC with "Retreat" in the memo line and give to Mallory in church office.

Charlotte Family Housing Opportunity

With its offices, and one of its residential locations in our building, Charlotte Family Housing has trained staff who partner with homeless families to help them transition to housing and to independence. Periodically, St. John's takes a turn providing meals and overnight hosts for a week. Our next turn is the week of November 4-10. If you can help, contact: Clara Howell, 704-578-8153 or clarahowell92@gmail.com.

Women of the Church Outing

Come with us on Friday, November 9, for a tour Rosedale Plantation. Meet at the church at 9:30am for a 10am tour that lasts 30 to 45 minutes. Depending on how many signs up, cost will be between \$8.50 and \$16.50. Tour will be limited to 20. Please call Mallory in the church office or Sally Young at 704.516.6014 to sign up no later than October 26. Rosedale is located at 3427 North Tryon Street.

Senior Adult Christmas Gathering

This event will take place on Thursday, December 13 from 11:30am until 1:30pm. More information is coming soon!

St. John's Baptist Church

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The St. John's Pulpit

Sunday, October 28, Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
Sermon Series: The Love that Christ Revealed
Message: *The Eternal Now*
Scripture: Hebrews 7:23-27

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, Oct 21	9:00 am	Craft and Bake Sale (Lasater Hall)
	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
	9:15 am	St. John's 101 (Conference Room)
	10:30 am	Godly Play (Room 221)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	12:00 pm	Youth Pizza and Paintball (Offsite)
	1:00 pm	South Sudanese Worship (Chapel)
	3:00 pm	SJ Basketball Clinic (Gym)
Monday, Oct. 22	8:00 am	Finance Resource Team (Conference Room)
	11:30 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)
	5:00 pm	SJ Basketball Clinic (Gym)
	5:30 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	6:00 pm	Joy Class Meeting (Lounge)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, Oct. 23	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
	11:00 am	Bible Work Bench (Room 209)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
	6:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
Wed., Oct. 24	6:30 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
	5:45 pm	Open Table (Broach Hall)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	7:00 pm	Handbells (Handbell Room)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	7:30 pm	Sherrill Basketball (Gym)
Thursday, Oct. 25	6:00 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Sanctuary)
	6:00 pm	Memory Center (Broach Hall)
	7:30 pm	CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)
Friday, Oct. 26	8:00 am	Weekday School Workday Meeting (Lounge)
	9:00 am	Novant Health Compliance Meeting (Broach Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, Oct. 27	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	5:00 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas Concert (Sanctuary)

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

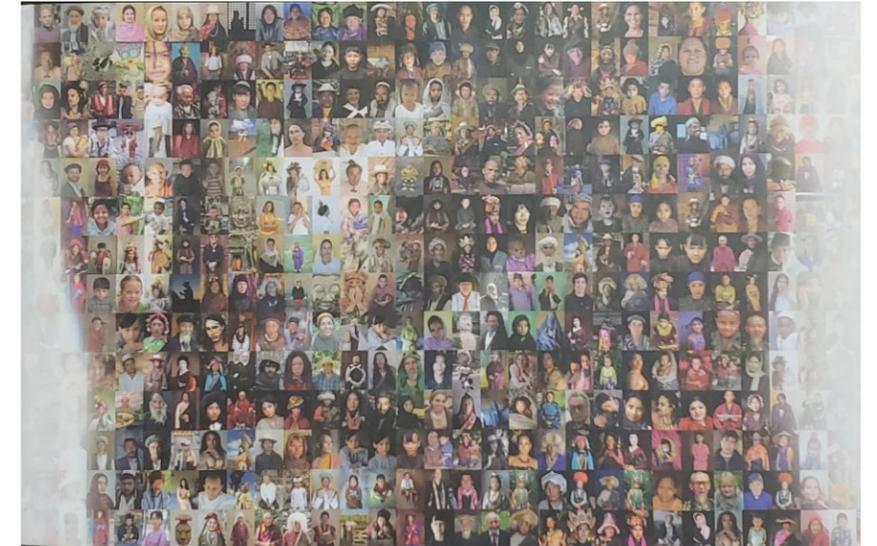
Equipping Ministers

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



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

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