

Gathered as the Church Eternal

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INTROIT J. Noel Lance

WORDS OF GREETING Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP Dr. Foust

EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP Congregation

CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Hebrews 12 Rev. Allison Benfield

ONE: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

ALL: Looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who, for the sake of the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

ONE: Lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

ALL: Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe. Amen.

PRAYER OF SUBMISSION J. Kevin Gray

***HYMN OF PRAISE** For All the Saints
Chalice Hymnal No. 637, verses 1, 2 & 5 SINE NOMINE



LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY Dr. Foust

ONE: We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Martin Luther and Elizabeth Munstdorp, to Claude Broach and Jonnie McLeod.

ALL: Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.

ONE: We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime.

ALL: Family of our faith, we remember you.

ONE: We thank You for the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands, wives and parents who have passed on ahead of us.

ALL: Those close in our hearts, we remember you. We lift to You, O God, the names of those who have passed on ahead of us this past year, knowing they are with You forever.

REMEMBERING ST. JOHN'S SAINTS

Frederick Miller	Libby Collier	Jean Canady
Maryanne Carnes	Donice Pharr	Joe Ehrenberger
Marie Coble	Tom Peacock	Dot Propst
	Doris Tedder	

SONG OF TRANSFORMATION

J. Kevin Gray, Elizabeth Burns, cello, & Megan Calkins, soloist

Requiem James Kevin Gray

Rest, may you find rest, eternal rest from all your earthly labors.
May choirs of angels sing so sweet as you close your eyes in peace.
May bright ribbons of light surround you as you dream.

Being Attentive and Prayerful

PASTORAL AND DISCIPLE'S 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

Bill Finger, Novant/Presbyterian; Sympathy to the family and friends of Dot Propst
Larry Batts, Nancy Burgess, McLain Hall, Linda Maready, Martha Moore,
Rob Peacock, Gene Poole, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson,
Don Swofford, Elma Thomas & Dee Turner- home

READING FROM THE EPISTLE Hebrew 7:23-27 Jan Kerley

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

***HYMN** Standing on the Promises
Chalice Hymnal No. 552, verses 1 & 3 PROMISES

Live Tomorrow's Life Today

MESSAGE *Eternal Now* Dr. Foust

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
Chalice Hymnal No. 614 I'M GONNA LIVE

A WORD ABOUT STEWARDSHIP Randy and Kathy Mahnesmith

OFFERTORY PRAYER David Allen

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Chancel Choir
Fairest Lord Jesus Derek Hakes

***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

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

***COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH**

***POSTLUDE** J. Noel Lance

** Invites the congregation to stand*

This Sunday in worship, we will welcome friends from Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America, Bethlehem Head Start, Charlotte Family Housing, CROP Walk, and the National Alliance for Mental Illness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Basketball at St. John's

The St. John's Basketball Ministry will be starting up again soon. Younger children's clinics, ages 8 and under and 6 and under, will take place the next two Mondays, October 29, and November 5 at 5:30PM in the gym. The 10 and under group will meet at 6:30 on the same evenings. All basketball teams begin practicing in November. If you are interested in playing on one of our teams, please contact Lee Gray at lgray@sicharlotte.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.

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 our very own Broach Hall. 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.

Charlotte Family Housing Opportunity

Periodically, St. John's takes a turn providing meals and overnight hosts for a week with Charlotte Family Housing, one of our residential partners. Our next turn is the week of November 4-10. If you can help, contact: Clara Howell, 704-578-8153 or clarahowell92@gmail.com.

Terrific Tuesday Book Club for November

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 next month, November 27, at 12PM in the Library. Bring your own lunch to eat afterwards in the Lounge.

Veterans' Day

For Veteran's 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.

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. First, let Kevin know of your intention to write a devotional. Next, submit your devotional by email to lgray@sicharlotte.org and mbrown@sicharlotte.org by November 20th. The topics for each week of Advent are as follows: hope, peace, joy, and love. One might consider these topics in the writing process.

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, November 4, Children's Sunday
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
Sermon Series: The Love that Christ Revealed
Message: *Jesus, the Child Advocate*

Scriptures: Matthew 19:13-15, Mark 10:13-16, Luke 18:15-17

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, Oct 28	8:00 am	Task Force (Conference Room)
	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
	9:15 am	St. John's 101 (Conference Room)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	3:00 pm	SJ Basketball Clinic (Gym)
	5:00 pm	Sunday Night Live (Gym, Lounge, 3 rd Floor)
Monday, Oct. 29	9:00 am	Mental Health America (Lounge)
	11:30 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Room 209)
	5:30 pm	SJ Basketball Clinic (Gym)
	5:30 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, Oct. 30	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. 31	6:30 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	9:00 am	Weekday School Fall Festival (Lasater Hall)
	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
	1:30 pm	Learning Charms (Room 116)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	6:00 pm	Handbells (Handbell Room)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	7:30 pm	Sherrill Basketball (Gym)
Thursday, Nov. 1	9:00 am	Unity Coalition (Lounge)
	7:30 pm	Hardin Minor Performance (Broach Hall)
	7:30 pm	CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)
Friday, Nov. 2	7:30 pm	Hardin Minor Performance (Broach Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, Nov. 3	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	9:00 am	Women of the Church Retreat
	7:30 pm	Hardin Minor Performance (Broach Hall)

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

Copies of Worship Bulletins and Sermon Manuscripts are available at www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org.

The Worship of God



Communion of Saints by Ira Thomas

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2018

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

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