

Take Our Lives, and Let Them Be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee

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GATHERING MUSIC

J. Noel Lance

ONE: This is the day that the Lord hath made.

ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

CHORAL INTROIT

In the Name of the Lord/My Tribute

Chancel Choir

Patty/Crouch

WORDS OF GREETING

Rev. Dennis W. Foust. PhD

A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP

Dr. Foust

SONG OF BAPTISM

Been Through the Water

J. Kevin Gray

Kyle Matthews

Preacher pulled the boy up from the water. Alleluias rose from the banks. There was a new suit of clothes from his father and a prayer of thanks. The boy walked barefooted all the way home for dinner, and when they laughed at his muddy feet, he said, "I've been through the water, and I've come out clean. Got new clothes to cover me, and you don't wear your old shoes on your brand-new feet, when you've been through the water." He baits a hook with his grandson of seven and says, "Soon, I'll be free from these pains." The boy asked if he's ever been to heaven. He says, "No, but I think I know the way because I've been through the water."

PRAYER FOR BAPTISMAL CANDIDATES

Rev. Dr. Jack Causey

BAPTISM

Dr. Foust

Claude Bragg, Jacob Callaway, Miller Ray

LITANY OF CONSECRATION

Rev. Lee Gray

ONE: Take our lives, and let them be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

ALL: Take our moments and our days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

ONE: Take our lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.

ALL: Take our hearts, they are Thine own; they belong to You alone.

ONE: Take our silver and our gold, not a mite would we withhold.

ALL: Take our lives, and let them be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Chalice Hymnal No. 257 Verses 1, 2 & 3

There's a Spirit in the Air

LAUDS

Take Our Moments and Our Days, Let Them Flow in Ceaseless Praise

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Natalie Bailey

Hebrew Scripture: Proverbs 3:27-28

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it. Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give it"—when you have it with you.

Christian Scripture: Matthew 6:7-10

“When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SONG OF RESPONSE

J. Kevin Gray

ONE: Take our lives, and let them be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take our moments and our days; let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

CHOIR: Take our lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee. Take our hearts, they are Thine own; they belong to You alone; they belong to You alone.

ALL: Take our silver and our gold, not a mite would we withhold. Take our lives, and let them be consecrated, Lord, to Thee; consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Take Our Silver and Our Gold, Not a Mite Would We Withhold

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

Bill Finger, Asbury; Larry Batts, Nancy Burgess, McLain Hall, Rob Peacock, Gene Poole, Peg Russ, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson, Elma Thomas & Dee Turner – home

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Lord Thou Lov'st a Cheerful Giver

BEACH SPRING

Verse 1 Lord, Thou lov'st the cheerful giver, who with open heart and hand blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land. Grant us then the grace of giving with a spirit large and free, that our life and all our living we may consecrate to Thee.

Verse 2 We are Thine, Thy mercy sought us, found us in death's dreadful way, to the fold in safety brought us, nevermore from Thee to stray. Thine own life Thou freely gavest as an offering on the cross for each sinner whom Thou savest from eternal shame and loss.

Verse 3 Savior, Thou hast freely given all the blessings we enjoy. Earthly store and bread of heaven, love and peace without alloy; humbly now we bow before Thee, and our all to Thee resign; for the kingdom, pow'r and glory, are, O Lord, forever Thine.

MESSAGE

Live Tomorrow's Life Today

Dr. Foust

COMMITMENT WALK

Dr. Foust

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

Chalice Hymnal No. 715

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET

Take Us Lord, and We Will Be Ever, Only, All for Thee

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Judy Sanford

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

Chancel Choir

Tom Fetkke

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers; the moon and stars suspended in space -- Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor and have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him? O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God; little children praise You perfectly, and so would we. And so would we. Alleluia, the majesty and glory of your name. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*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

Dr. Foust

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING

My Tribute

Crouch

To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory for the things You have done. With Your love, You have saved us. With Your power, You have raised us; to God be the glory for the things You have done.

*COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH

*POSTLUDE

J. Noel Lance

**Invites the congregation to stand*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commitment Sunday Today

Today is Commitment Sunday at St. John's! If you have not already filled out your financial commitment card for 2019, there are cards with envelopes in the pews today that you can fill out and bring to the front during the commitment walk in today's service or mailed in. These can be turned in anytime, but we would like them as soon as possible. Please note that Dr. Foust and the Finance Resource Team are challenging each household that can increase our financial commitments for 2019 by a minimum of \$10/week, \$520/year, to meet significant goals for next year.

Winthrop University Concert: A Gateway Experience

Come enjoy our annual Winthrop University Chorale fall concert today at 4PM in the sanctuary. The theme this afternoon centers around loving your neighbor and allowing your own love to be heard by all others. They will perform works by Brahms, Runestad, Dello Joio, and Rheinberger. A premiere of a new work by Winthrop alumna and our Minister for Worship and Music, James Kevin Gray, will also be featured. The event is free! Bring a friend along as this is a great way to introduce folks to the life of St. John's.

Jubilee Store

This year St. John's will be providing space in Broach Hall on December 8 and 9 for the annual Jubilee Store sponsored by Charlotte Family Housing. Clients in the program can shop for Christmas gifts at discounted prices. Here is how you can help: Check the small Christmas trees at the Main Entrance and pick a leaf from the tree showing a specific toy, purchase it and return it to St. John's by December 2. On Sundays, you may leave the gift in the collection bin at the Main Entrance. During the week, please leave the gift with Mallory. Volunteer with the setup, hospitality, or day of the event support. Clara Howell can connect you with the CFH staff that can schedule a time that works for you. Contact Clara at 704-578-8153 or clarahowell92@gmail.com.

December Women of the Church Outing

On Sunday, December 9, at 4:00pm, join the Women of the Church for an outing to the Knight Theater to see the *Singing Christmas Tree: Big Band Bash!* The 64th Annual Singing Christmas Tree will be accompanied by Charlotte's hottest all-star Big Band. This new twist into their 64th consecutive season will feature swinging arrangements of favorite Christmas classics, Miller Street Dance Academy, and special guests. To join the group from St. John's attending this year's show or for more information, please contact Jacquelyn McAbee at jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org or 704-333-5428, ext. 20 as soon as possible.

Needle & Craft Ministry Announcement

Thanks to your participation in the craft sale in October, this group raised over \$1800 to be distributed for local hunger relief. From this year's collection and monies remaining from last year's sale, we were able to send \$3200 to the following: NC Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, for disaster relief, \$1600; Charlotte Rescue Mission, for purchase of turkeys, \$800; QC Family Tree, for their weekly family meal program, \$800.

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The St. John's Pulpit

Sunday, November 25
Proclaimer: Rev. Lee Gray
Worship Theme: Christ the King Sunday
Message: *Where We See God*
Scripture: Mark 15:33-39; Luke 24:13-16, 28-31

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, Nov. 18	8:00 am	Church Council (Conference Room)
	8:30 am	Ministries Endowment (Room 116)
	9:15 am	Sunday School/Worship 101 (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship/Commitment Sunday (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Interiors Task Force (Lounge)
	1:00 pm	South Sudanese Worship (Chapel)
	4:00 pm	Winthrop University Concert (Sanctuary)
	5:00 pm	Sunday Night Live (Gym, Lounge, 3rd Floor)
Monday, Nov. 19	8:00 am	Finance Resource Team (Conference Room)
	8:00 am	Charlotte Center for Advocacy (Lasater Hall)
	12:30 pm	HeadStart (Broach Hall)
	5:30 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	6:30 pm	Administrative Deacon Panel (Broach Hall)
	6:30 pm	Ministries Deacon Panel (Conference Room)
	6:30 pm	Pastoral Deacon Panel (Lounge)
	7:30 pm	All Deacons' Meeting (Broach Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, Nov. 20	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	Safety and Security Task Force (Lounge)
Wed., Nov. 21	6:30 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, Nov. 22	All Day	Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
Friday, Nov. 23	All Day	Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, Nov. 24	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	10:00 am	Communion Task Force (Conference Room)

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



LIVE TOMORROW'S LIFE TODAY

We will be faithful stewards, as God has prospered us, contributing our financial support for the Church and its ministries and offering ourselves for God's work in the world.
~ Covenant of St. John's Baptist Church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

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