

Gathering

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THE GATHERING	J. Noel Lance
WORDS OF GREETING	Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP	Dr. Foust
PRAYER OF SUBMISSION	Dr. Foust
INTROIT	J. Noel Lance
CALL TO WORSHIP	J. Kevin Gray

ONE: Sisters and brothers, arise. Lift your hearts, lift your eyes, lift your voices. The living God, the living, moving Spirit of God has called us together in witness, in celebration, in struggle. Reach out toward each other. Our God reaches out toward us!

ALL: Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE	God Is Here
Chalice Hymnal No. 280 verses 1, 2 & 4	ABBOT'S LEIGH

PRAYERFUL LITANY OF LIFE STEWARDSHIP	Dr. Foust
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ONE: Living God, we worship You in our daily living recognizing we cannot live without You. Yet, we are tempted to offer You less than our best.

ALL: We are tempted to fit our relationship with You into our schedules by convenience. We are tempted to equalize our worship of You with events which entertain us.

ONE: Lord, we worship You in our daily living recognizing we cannot be fully alive without You. Yet, we are tempted to prioritize other relationships above our relationship with You.

ALL: We are tempted to value other loyalties and allegiances above our commitment to You. Renew us to Your mission and vision for the world until we give ourselves to You as fully as Jesus gave himself to us. Living God, lead us to show the world Your love in ways that bear witness of Your Spirit. For we can only give Your love to others because we have given ourselves to You. Amen.

Giving

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM	Chancel Choir
<i>If God Be for Us</i>	Clifford McCormick

*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.

Praying and Listening

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

McLain Hall–Novant/Presbyterian; Larry Batts, Nancy Burgess, Nancy Fuller, Betty Hastings, Paul & Henrietta Huffman, Gene Poole, Peg Russ, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson, Jerry Stephens, Elma Thomas & Dee Turner- home;
Sympathy to Marian Charles in the death of her brother

TELLING OF THE GOSPEL	Luke 4:1-15	Carol Injaychock & Hank Packman
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When the bell rings close your eyes and imagine the story you are bearing. As you hear singing or speaking open your eyes and witness.

When directed, sing:

Breathe on us breath of God, till we are wholly thine, and all these earthy parts us glow with thy fire divine.

ONE: This is the story of our Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!



*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Our Lord, you were sent to a place wild and vast
To ponder your mission, to pray and to fast;
Then hungry and weary, you faced night and day
The subtle temptations to turn from God's way.

How could it be wrong to want bread on the shelf?
To seek, in one's serving, to first serve one's self?
But by God's own word you remained ever sure:
It's only in God that our lives are secure.

How could it be wrong to step out and to dare,
To prove with great drama the depths of God's care?
But you knew God's word, true since all time began:
It's wrong to expect God to work by our plan.

How could it be wrong to just once bow the knee,
To shake hands with sin to achieve victory?
Yet you made it clear that no matter the cost:
Your path was obedience, your way was the cross.

Our Lord, in your struggle you chose to obey;
God's will filled your heart revealing God's way.
Now lead us to be your missional people
showing the world we are more than a steeple.

Proclaiming

MESSAGE

Dr. Foust

Tempted to be Christ's Church

*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP	The Church of Christ in Every Age
	HAMBURG

The church of Christ, in every age,
beset by change but Spirit led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live until they die.

Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.

For he alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord,
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating Word.

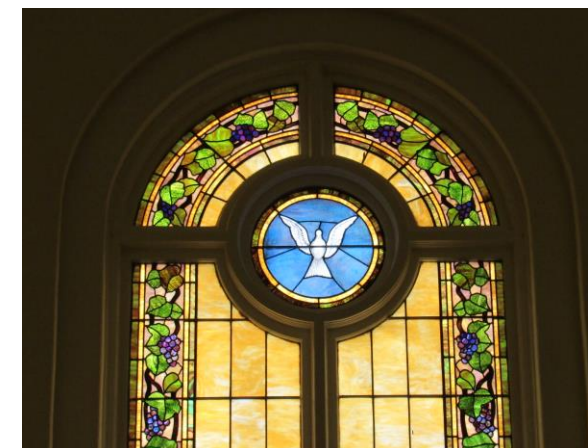
*CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY	Dr. Foust
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*COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH

*POSTLUDE	J. Noel Lance
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**Invites the congregation to stand.*

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food for Thought: Discussing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Economic Vision
 Join MeckMin for *Food for Thought* at Covenant Presbyterian Church on January 17, 2019 from 11:45am-1:00pm to discuss the challenges of providing economic opportunity for all Charlotteans. King didn’t believe there was a path to genuine prosperity without public policies designed to help the most vulnerable. Register at <http://www.meckmin.org/event/food-for-thought-january-17-2019-2/>

Opera Carolina’s Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
 All are invited to celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through music, art, and poetry on Monday, January 21 at 7pm at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. This program is free and presented by Opera Carolina and is a fusion of the arts with readings from Dr. King’s well-known speeches and writings. Several members of the St. John’s choir will be singing in this program. Join us for this community celebration of Dr. King’s legacy, and Charlotte’s African-American community.

Terrific Tuesday Book Club
 On January 22 at 12PM in the Library, all are invited to join the discussion of Tara Westover’s bestselling memoir, *Educated*. Bring a lunch to eat afterwards in the Lounge.

Panel Discussion at Aldersgate Retirement Community
 Members and friends of the St. John's family are invited to a special program sponsored by Aldersgate Retirement Community on January 31 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The program, entitled "Civil Discourse: Building a Bridge of Communication Between Differing Opinions," will feature a panel discussion, with our own Dr. Dennis Foust, Rev. Joshua Bowron of St. Martin's Episcopal, and Rev. Harry Burns of Tranquil AME Church serving as panelists. For more information, contact Nina or Carl Philips at ninacarl@gmail.com or 704-596-3135. Location is the Aldersgate Fellowship Hall, Ray Hall Center.

Sale of Garrison Road Property Complete
 Last month, the church completed the sale of the Garrison Road property to Lincoln Harris. The property was formerly used by the church for the “Dixie Mission” project in West Charlotte, but the church had not used the property for many years. The congregation approved the sale of the property in 2018. The net proceeds of the sale are \$598,800. At the direction of the Finance Resource Team, the sale proceeds were deposited in an interest-bearing account, where they will remain until further direction from the congregation. This spring, the congregation will participate in discussions regarding broad proposals by the Architectural Review Task Force and the Staffing Our Future Task Force. As part of those discussions, we will consider together how best to use the sale proceeds. Please follow the Family News for additional information about how you can participate in this process. The church gives its thanks to the following individuals, each of whom gave substantial amounts of their time and energy to completing the sale: David Allen, Ken Benton, Norman Fortson, Cathy Hartsell, Doug Hammond, Chuck Howard, Fredda Kimball, Russell Norris, Kim Ray, Sally Young and Dennis Foust.

Youth Sunday and the Souper Bowl of Caring
 Join us on Sunday, February 3 as our youth lead all aspects of worship. During this service, a special offering for the Souper Bowl of Caring will be collected to benefit Loaves and Fishes and Friendship Trays.

Have you included St. John’s in your estate planning?

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The St. John’s Pulpit
 January 20 - Second Sunday after Epiphany
 Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
 Worship Theme: Tell of the God to Who Transforms
 Sermon: *Signs of Change*
 Scripture: Isaiah 62:1-5 & John 2:1-12

This Week at St. John’s

Sunday, Jan. 13	8:00 am	Staffing the Future Task Force (Lounge)
	8:30 am	Ministries Endowment Sub-Committee (Conference Room)
	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Godly Play (Room 221)
	5:00 pm	Youth Sunday Night Live (Lounge, Gym, Chapel, 3 rd Floor)
	6:00 pm	Youth Mission Auction Meeting (Room 209)
Monday, Jan. 14	9:30 am	Mental Health America (Lounge)
	11:45 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Room 209)
	5:30 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	6:30 pm	Ministries Deacon Panel (Conference Room)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, Jan. 15	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men’s Group (Lounge)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
	11:00 am	Bible Workbench
	4:00 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men’s Basketball Group (Gym)
	6:00 pm	Safety and Security Task Force (Lounge)
	6:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	7:30 pm	Sherrill Basketball Group (Gym)
Wed., Jan. 16	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	9:30 am	Yoga Class (Room 114)
	6:00 pm	Membership Resource Team (Lounge)
	6:00 pm	Handbells (Handbell Room)
	6:00 pm	Women of the Church Spiritual Growth Team (Room 209)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	8:15 pm	Team United/AAU Basketball Team (Gym)
Thursday, Jan. 17	12:30 pm	Novant Managers’ Meeting (Broach Hall)
	7:30 pm	CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)
Friday, Jan. 18	6:30 am	Brotherhood of the Biscuit (Lounge)
	9:00 am	Dove’s Nest (Lounge)
	5:00 pm	Room in the Inn (Lounge/Gym)
	5:00 pm	Middle School Youth Serve QC Family Tree (Offsite)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, Jan. 19	7:00 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	10:00 am	Basketball games (Gym)

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

Senior Minister.....Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
 Minister for Children and Their Families..... Rev. Allison Benfield
 Minister for Worship and MusicJ. Kevin Gray
 Minister for Youth and Young Adults.....Rev. Lee Gray

Church Staff

Administrative AssistantMallory Brown
 Church AdministratorJacquelyn McAbee
 Weekday School Director..... Lydia Olmsted
 Organist..... J. Noel Lance
 Custodians Chris Mullis, Debora Thon, and Sonny Ross

The Worship of God



Sunday, January 13, 2019

10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

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