

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	Rev. Lee Gray

ONE: The world belongs to God,
ALL: The earth and all its people.
ONE: How good it is, how wonderful,
ALL: To live together in unity.
ONE: Love and faith come together,
ALL: Justice and peace join hands.
ONE: If Christ's disciples keep silent,
ALL: These stones would shout aloud.
ONE: Open our lips, O God,
ALL: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

ANTHEM OF PRAISE	Chancel Choir
<i>Praise His Holy Name!</i>	Keith Hampton

*HYMN OF PRAISE	Come, Thou Almighty King
Chalice Hymnal No. 27 verses 1 & 3	ITALIAN HYMN

SEGUE INTO Glorify Thy Name

Father, we love You, we worship and adore You, glorify Thy name in all the earth. Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE	Rev. Gray
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Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

ONE: This is the written word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God!

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Here's a Promise We Can Count On
Carol Winfrey Gillette
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Here's a promise we can count on!
It's the word Isaiah saw:
One day coming, God's own mountain
Will be highest of them all.
All the nations will be yearning
For God's teaching, and returning,
They'll find guidance in God's law.

One great day, the prophet told us,
God will triumph! It is true.
Lord, we trust this word of promise
As we hear your word anew.
When we're lost among the mountains
Of the world's ways that confound us,
Show the path that leads to you.

Giving

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY PRAYER	Henry Snyder, Deacon
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OFFERTORY ANTHEM	J. Noel Lance
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*DOXOLOGY	Chalice Hymnal No. 46	OLD HUNDREDTH
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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. Allison Benfield
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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, Nancy Fuller, Betty Hastings,
Paul & Henrietta Huffman, Kathy Mahnesmith, Sarah Peacock, Gene Poole, Peg Russ,
Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson, Jerry Stephens, Elma Thomas & Dee Turner- home;

Sympathy to Carolyn Hall and family in the death of her husband, McLain Hall;
Sympathy to the family and friends of Jane May in her death

READING FROM THE GOSPEL	John 2:1-12	Ken Hungate
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On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So, they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples; and they remained there for a few days.



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Proclaiming

*HYMN OF PROCLAMATION	There's a Spirit in the Air
	LAUDS

There's a spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere: "Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world."

Lose your shyness, find your tongue, tell the world what God has done:
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today.

MESSAGE	Dr. Foust
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Signs of Change

*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP	Spirit Song
Chalice Hymnal No. 352	SPIRIT SONG

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

*POSTLUDE	J. Noel Lance
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**All who are able are invited to stand.*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Youth MLK Day Project

On Monday, January 21, the youth of St. John's are working on various projects at Hope Chapel. They will repair a fence and indoor closet, as well as clean the entire facility. After that, they will cook several hundred hot dogs to serve. Youth wishing to participate should be at the church at 9:45am and will return at 1:00pm. If you have any questions, please contact Lee Gray at lgray@sjcharlotte.org.

Terrific Tuesday Book Club

On Tuesday, 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.

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.

Youth Mission Auction

Join us on Sunday, March 17, 2019 after worship in Broach Hall for the Youth Mission Auction. Every two years, our youth hold an auction to fund two years of youth mission trips and service projects. This single auction will fund four important projects for our middle and high school students as they are a significant opportunity for our youth to become actively involved in not just learning about missions but doing missions! We desire these trips to be a profound foundation for a lifetime of active service in such areas as education, healthcare, homelessness, hunger, and peace building. Please come out and support the youth. Want to donate to the auction? Please contact Lia Benton at liabenton@outlook.com.

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

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The St. John's Pulpit

January 27, 2019

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Sermon: *Losing Your Shyness, Finding Your Tongue*

Scripture: Isaiah 58:1-14, 61:1-4, & Luke 4:14-21

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, January 20	9:15 am	Sunday School & Worship 101 (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	1:00 pm	South Sudanese Worship (Chapel)
	5:00 pm	Youth Sunday Night Live (Lounge, Gym, Chapel, 3 rd Floor)
Monday, Jan. 21	All Day	Church Offices Closed for MLK Day
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, Jan. 22	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
	10:00 am	Staff meeting (Conference Room)
	11:00 am	Bible Workbench (Room 209)
	12:00 pm	Terrific Tuesday Book Club (Library & Lounge)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
	6:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	7:30 pm	Sherrill Basketball Group (Gym)
Wed., Jan. 23	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	9:30 am	Yoga Class (Room 114)
	5:15 pm	Staffing Our Future Task Force (Broach Hall)
	6:00 pm	Handbells (Handbell Room)
	6:00 pm	All Deacons' Work Session (Broach Hall)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, Jan. 24	8:15 pm	Team United/AAU Basketball (Gym)
	9:30 am	HeadStart (Broach Hall)
	5:00 pm	Architectural Task Force (Lounge)
	7:30 pm	CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)
Friday, Jan. 25	8:00 am	NewGen Peacebuilders (Broach Hall)
	5:00 pm	Room in the Inn (Lounge, Gym)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, Jan. 26	All Weekend	Youth Ski Trip Weekend
	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	9:00 am	NewGen Peacebuilders (Broach Hall)

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, Debora Thon, Sonny Ross
Organist.....J. Noel Lance
Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted

The Worship of God



Sunday, January 20, 2019

10:30 A.M. in the Sanctuary

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