

God, We Gather as Your People

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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

INTROIT J. Noel Lance

PRAYERFUL CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Allison Benfield

ONE: God, lead us, that we may lose our shyness as we live in actively faithful ways.

ALL: Teach us to love, by finding words that express Your compassion.

ONE: And out of this love and compassion, above all, teach us to act and speak so we might tell the world what You are doing.

ALL: Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** We Gather Together
Chalice Hymnal No. 276 KREMSER

Speak to Us, Lord

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE Bobbie Hinson
Isaiah 58:1-10



Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments,

they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

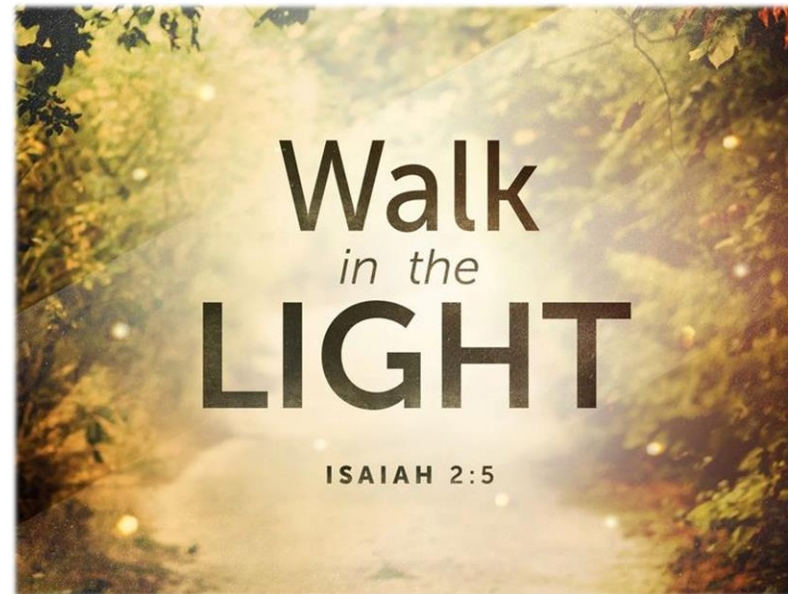
ONE: This is the written word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
Chalice Hymnal No. 442

1. We are walking...
2. We are singing...
3. We are dancing...

We Are Walking
SIYAHAMBA



WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY PRAYER Nancy Wilson, Deacon

OFFERTORY ANTHEM 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.

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER Dr. Foust

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, Tom Bryson, Nancy Burgess, Betty Hastings,
Paul & Henrietta Huffman, Parker Jackson, Kathy Mahnesmith, Sarah Peacock,
Gene Poole, Peg Russ, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson, Jerry Stephens,
Elma Thomas & Dee Turner- home

CHORAL ANTHEM Chancel Choir
I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord Powell Weaver

READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Rev. Benfield
Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."



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SONG OF RESPONSE Amazing Grace

O Jesus, we, like You, would live to set the captive free.
We ask that You grant us the strength to do what You decree.

Fill us, Your children, with the light of God that changes lives,
and walk beside us as we live to bolster and inspire.

Challenge and Embolden Us, O Lord

MESSAGE Dr. Foust

Losing Your Shyness, Finding Your Voice

***HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP** There's a Sprit in the Air
Chalice Hymnal No. 257, Verses 2, 4, & 6 LAUDS

***CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY** Dr. Foust

Send Us Forth as Your Servant Church

***COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH** Dr. Foust

***POSTLUDE** J. Noel Lance

**Invites the congregation to stand.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Sunday

Join us on Sunday, February 3 as our youth lead all aspects of worship. The theme for youth Sunday is *God is with You Wherever You Go: Singing in a Strange Land*. Our proclaimers are Lena Duke and Lily Wilkerson. Janie Smith, Elizabeth Rodden, and Emma Goodrich will lead the moments with the younger church. Samuel Bond will do an interpretive dance and David, Tyler and Nora Frances Benton will lead us in song. We hope all can attend this special service of worship.

2018 Annual Giving Statements

Annual giving statements for 2018 have been mailed. If you have any questions, please contact our Church Administrator, Jacquelyn McAbee, at jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org or at 704-333-5428, ext. 20.

Souper Bowl of Caring

At the end of the worship service on February 3, the youth will collect special donations to help feed the hungry in our area. The Mission Resource Team has carefully selected the following two of the local ministries in Charlotte with which St. John's has an ongoing partnership to receive these offerings: Friendship Trays and Second Harvest Food Bank. For years, St. John's has supported Friendship Trays, an organization that delivers daily hot lunches to elderly or shut-in persons. In addition to financial support, we provide volunteers who work once a week or once a month to pack or deliver lunches. Second Harvest Food Bank strives, through education, advocacy, and partnerships, to eliminate hunger through the distribution of food. Volunteers are needed to sort, inspect, box, and stock donations as well as pack food boxes and/or food backpacks for children. We can purchase items from Second Harvest, at low cost, needed to supplement our supplies for the Highland School backpack program. So, come on Sunday, February 3, to support our youth leading worship and donate to tackle hunger in our area!

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.

Heritage Sunday: March 17

This year Heritage Sunday will be celebrated on March 17th. We will be celebrating the Youth Ministry at St. John's. If you have friends, sons, daughters, grandchildren great-grandchildren, aunts, uncles, cousins, etc. who have been part of the Youth Ministry at St. John's, please invite them to plan to be present on March 17th. In addition, if you have pictures of Youth Activities, we would love to have your pictures and are happy to copy and return to you. We are particularly interested in Youth Sundays and Youth Auctions for past years. You may contact Fredda Kimball or Linda Crowder or leave them with Mallory in the church office. If you have memories of your participation in the Youth Ministry, it would be wonderful if you could send those to us or to Mallory by email or leave with Mallory, if written.

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

St. John's Baptist Church
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The St. John's Pulpit

February 3, 2019: Youth Sunday
Proclaimers: Lena Duke and Lily Wilkerson
Theme: *God is with You Wherever You Go: Singing in a Strange Land*

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, January 27	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
Monday, Jan. 28	8:00 am	Finance Resource Team (Conference Room)
	11:45 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Room 114)
	5:30 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, Jan. 29	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
	10:00 am	Staff meeting (Conference Room)
	11:00 am	Bible Workbench (Room 209)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
	5:30 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305 & Lasater Hall)
	6:00 pm	CROP Recognition Dinner (Broach Hall)
	6:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	7:30 pm	Sherrill Basketball Group (Gym)
Wed., Jan. 30	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	9:30 am	Yoga Class (Room 114)
	1:30 pm	Learning Charms (Room 116)
	6:00 pm	Handbells (Handbell Room)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	8:15 pm	Team United/AAU Basketball (Gym)
Thursday, Jan. 31	5:30 pm	Right Moves for Youth (Broach Hall)
	7:30 pm	CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)
Friday, Feb. 1	4:00 pm	Youth Sunday Practice (Sanctuary)
	4:45 pm	High School Youth Room in the Inn Service (Lounge, Gym)
	5:00 pm	Room in the Inn (Lounge, Gym)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, Feb. 2	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	10:00 am	Basketball (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

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 27, 2019

10:30 A.M. in the Sanctuary

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