

God, We Gather as Your People

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THE GATHERING J. Noel Lance

WORDS OF GREETING Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

INTROIT J. Noel Lance

PRAYER OF SUBMISSION Dr. Foust

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Foust

ONE: The Lord said to Moses: "Come up to the mountain," and the glory of the Lord shone all around.

ALL: Let us worship the Lord our God.

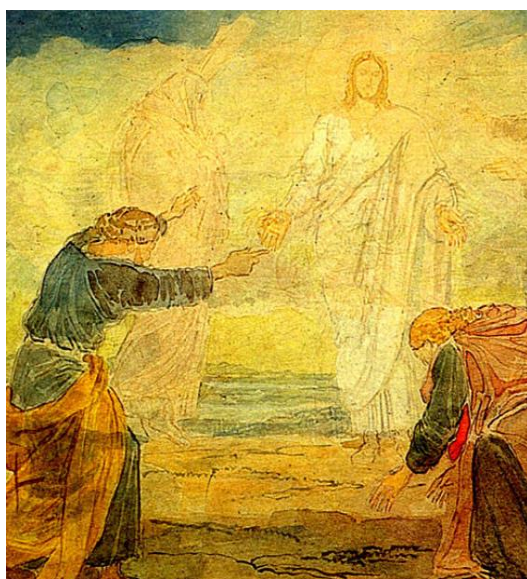
ONE: Jesus led his disciples up a high mountain, and he was transfigured, shining like the sun.

ALL: Let us worship the Lord our God.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Chalice Hymnal No. 4 NICAEA

Speak to Us, Lord

READING FROM THE GOSPEL Luke 9:28-36 Kevin Turner



About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.) While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SONG OF RESPONSE

We Shall Behold Him

Wesley Watts, soloist

Music by Dottie Rambo

Words by J. Kevin Gray

They gathered around him as they stood on the mountain, and as he was praying, light illumined his face. A cloud descended, and a voice spoke from heaven saying, "This is my chosen, hear what he says."

And we shall behold him. We shall behold him, face to face in all his glory. O, we shall behold him. We shall behold him face to face, our savior and Lord.

MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH Rev. Allison Benfield

***HYMN** Open Our Eyes, Lord

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

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

Parker Jackson-military; Al Bridges Betty Hastings, Paul & Henrietta Huffman, Delbridge Narron, Gene Poole, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson, Elma Thomas, Dee Turner, & Jeck Warren-home

Sympathy to Lydia Farnsworth and family in the death of her cousin and uncle;
Sympathy to Cherry and Anne Sutton in the death of their brother;
Sympathy to Chris Mullis and family in the death of his great aunt;
Sympathy to Noel Lance and family in the death of his grandmother;
Sympathy to Emily Batts and family in the death of Larry Batts

***HYMN** Fairest Lord Jesus
ST. ELIZABETH

Beautiful Savior, Lord of all the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine.

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son; Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

We Give

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY PRAYER David Allen, Deacon

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Chancel Choir
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me arr. Raymond H. Haan

***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.

***HYMN** Fairest Lord Jesus
ST. ELIZABETH

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in blooming garb of spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.

Open Our Eyes That We May See

MESSAGE Dr. Foust

Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time

***HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP** O How I Love Jesus
Chalice Hymnal No. 99 O, HOW I LOVE JESUS

***CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY** Dr. Foust
Recognition of St. John's Children and Youth Basketball Players

Send Us Forth as Your Servant Church

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

***POSTLUDE** J. Noel Lance

**Invites the congregation to stand.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ash Wednesday Experience

On Wednesday, March 6, Broach Hall will be open for self-led, reflective, prayer stations from 9:00-11:45am and 1:00-7:00pm. These include but are not limited to the following: salt prayers, making prayer beads, walking the labyrinth, and a prayer wall. This experience was designed with all ages in mind. During the open hours, listed above, a St. John's minister will be present to administer ashes. We hope all will consider coming to this experience at any point during the day as we begin another Lenten season.

Elizabeth Communities of Faith Services

On Wednesdays in Lent, the Elizabeth Communities of Faith will meet at Caldwell Presbyterian Church on 5th Street from 12PM-1PM for a service of worship and fellowship. The services start this Wednesday and continue March 13, 20, 27, April 3, and 10. St. John's will lead the service on March 20. The season's theme is "Meals with a MESSage," focused on Luke's meal stories. Donations will be accepted for Urban Ministries and Enderly Coffee.

Hackney Scholarship Fund

St. John's has been blessed with the Hackney Scholarship for many years. Students from St. John's who attend Wake Forest, Wingate, or Furman are eligible for grants from this fund. There is no merit requirement or financial needs limitation associated with the scholarship. So, if you are planning on attending one of these schools please contact Ken Raynor, ken@raynorlawfirm.com, to let him know you are interested and to find out more about the program.

Heritage Sunday

This year Heritage Sunday is celebrated on March 17 and focuses on the youth ministries of St. John's. Invite anyone who has been a part of the youth ministry of St. John's to join us for worship this day. We need pictures of youth and directories for youth from the years 1959 and before, 1980-1995, 2005, 2006, 2008, and 2009. If you have anything to share, give to Fredda Kimball, Linda Crowder, or Mallory in the church office.

Youth Mission Auction

Join us Sunday, March 17 after Heritage Sunday worship in Broach Hall for the Youth Mission Auction. With this one auction we will raise funds for two years of mission trips! This is a significant way for the entire congregation to engage with our youth and mission partners. Plan to come and support the youth and missions. Want to donate? Please contact Leslie Bragg (lmbragg3@gmail.com) or Lia Benton (liabenton@outlook.com).

Elizabeth 8K Road Race

Join us on Saturday, March 23 at Independence Park for the Elizabeth 8K Road Race. Once again, St. John's is a sponsor for Charlotte's oldest road race. As a sponsor, we can offer 10 free registrations and a 10% discount to all who choose to participate. If you would like to run in the race and need a free code or 10% off code, email or call Mallory for this. If you want to volunteer, sign up through this link: <https://elizabeth8k.racesonline.com/volunteers>

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The St. John's Pulpit

March 10, 2019 First Sunday in Lent
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
Theme: Forty Days and Forty Nights
Message: *Grace Leading to New Beginnings*
Scripture: Luke 4:1-13

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, March 3	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
	9:30 am	Parent Seminar (Library)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 pm	Together in Christ Int'l Ministries Worship (Chapel)
	11:30 pm	Lunch & Hornet's Game (Lasater Hall/Offsite)
	2:00 pm	South Sudanese Worship (Chapel)
Monday, March 4	11:45 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)
	12:30 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
	5:30 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, March 5	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
	11:00 am	Bible Workbench (Room 209)
	5:00 pm	Prom Project (Lounge)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
	6:00 pm	Charlotte Family Housing Workshop (Lasater Hall)
	6:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	7:30 pm	Sherrill Basketball Group (Gym)
Wed., March 6	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	9:00 am	Ash Wednesday Experience (Broach Hall)
	9:30 am	Yoga Class (Room 114)
	10:00 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
	12:00 pm	Elizabeth Communities of Faith Service (Caldwell Presby.)
	5:00 pm	Staffing Our Future Task Force (Conference Room)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	6:00 pm	Handbells (Handbell Room)
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	8:15 pm	Team United/AAU Basketball (Gym)
Thursday, March 7	9:00 am	Unity Coalition (Lounge)
	5:30 pm	Weekday School Board Meeting (Lounge)
	7:30 pm	CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)
Friday, Mar. 8	5:00 pm	Room in the Inn (Lounge, Gym)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, Mar. 9	7:00 am	Benton 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



Worship Theme
Tell of Who God Is to You

Sunday, March 3, 2019
10:30 A.M. in the Sanctuary

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
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