



Family News

A Servant Community: Actively Faithful, Faithfully Active
St. John's Baptist Church · 300 Hawthorne Lane · Charlotte, North Carolina

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St. John's at Worship

Sunday, April 14
Palm Sunday

Worship Theme:

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Proclaimer

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Message:

Beyond Applause

Scriptures

Joshua 24:24-28 &
Luke 19:28-40

Holy Week and Easter at St. John's

Palm Sunday on April 14

All Children Invited to Lead Processional of Palms this Sunday

We invite all children to help us this morning with the processional of the palms this Sunday, April 14. We know this day is the beginning of Spring Break for many students. However, if you are here in town, please plan on participating. Contact Allison for more details.

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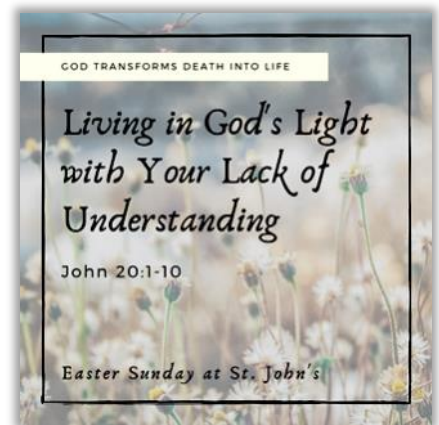
Maundy Thursday Worship

April 18, 2019 @ 7:30pm in the Sanctuary

Join us for worship on Maundy Thursday as we recall the events that led up to Jesus's death on Good Friday. We will take communion during the service to commemorate Jesus's last supper with his disciples. All are welcome.

Eastertide at St. John's Begins Sunday, April 21

Join us for worship on Easter, April 21, at 10:30am in the Sanctuary. The message is titled, "Living in God's Light with Your Lack of Understanding," based on John 20:1-10. On this day we will begin a new, 7-week worship theme called: *Live Tomorrow's Life Today*. This theme comes from the hymn, "There's a Spirit in the Air," on which we have based our entire year of worship. As we move through Easter and the six Sundays following, we will consider how God transforms, enlightens, and calls us to live in the power of resurrection.



Citywide Easter Sunrise Service Sunday, April 21

All are welcome to the 2019 Citywide Easter Sunrise service at Romare Bearden Park at 300 S. Church Street. The service will be at 7:00am on April 21. Gail Henderson-Belsito, Director of Congregational Care and Worship at Caldwell Presbyterian Church, will preach. Free parking for the Sunrise Service will be available in First Presbyterian's parking lot at the corner of Trade and Poplar streets. Seating is provided at the park, and people are invited to bring blankets or other chairs. In the event of rain, the service will be held in Wood Fellowship Hall at First Presbyterian Church.

Beauty

From Dennis

Paula and I looked out a window into our back garden last Saturday morning to appreciate the beauty of a cardinal resting on a branch. The little creature was seeking to assure his safety while maneuvering to a feeder. The brightness of color was intense and the speed of his movements expressed precision and adeptness.



On Sunday, we gathered with the people of St. John's for a wonderful Sunday of fellowship and worship. We gathered in Sunday Small Groups for study and community. Then, in the sanctuary, children, youth and adults blended voices in praise; the people lifted bread and cup together; a covenant people read words written by people who preceded us; and all ages joined hands to sing The Lord's Prayer. Yes, it is beautiful when people dwell together in unity to worship The Living God and renew our commitments to incarnate the compassion of Jesus in our world. See the picture of this moment in worship on the next page.

Thank Thee, Lord, for Thy beauty that is lavished upon us in ways visible, remembered, heard, felt, and incarnated. May we express Thy beauty to people around us so they hear Thy song of joy through our joyful witness celebrating Thy grace like we hear the birds celebrating spring. Amen.

**Shalom,
Dennis**



Later in the day, while running errands, we noticed the beautiful trees blooming all around Charlotte. The streets are lined with dogwoods, Bradford pears, redbuds, etc. Indeed, we agreed, we are blessed to live in such a beautiful city.

News for Children and Their Families

from Allison Benfield

Sunday, April 14

Formation and Worship for Children

- **Nursery/2s:** This class will be cared for in their room during the Formation and Worship Hours.
- **PreK/K:** This class will be cared for in their room during the Formation and Worship Hours. They'll be learning about the wonderful story of the very first Easter. They'll also enjoy time for art and play.
- **Grades 1-5:** Formation Class is from 9:15-10:20. They'll gather in the Godly Play room for a special Easter lesson and activities. 1st-5th Graders will join their families for worship.

Sunday, May 12

Grace Notes Sing in Worship

- Grace Notes will lead us in worship through song on May 12. Please put this date on your calendars so that you can be here!

VBS June 10-14

- There are still spots left for VBS with St. Martin's and St. John's. To register, [click here](#). Anyone ages 4 through rising 6th grade is welcome to attend! Contact Allison for questions.

News for Youth and Their Families

from Lee Gray



Thank you to our youth choir for leading in worship through song on April 7.

Sundays, April 14th & 21st

- 9:15 am Sunday School & 10:30 Worship only
- No evening activities due to CMS Spring Break

Sunday, April 28

- Youth Banquet
- The theme is "HOLLYWOOD."

Sunday, June 2

- Senior Recognition Sunday

June 15-22

- High School Mission Trip to Puerto Rico

July 22-27

- Unidiversity Summer Camp in Merryville, TN

August 10-13

- Middle School Local Mission Trip



Thank you to our Grace Notes children's choir for leading in worship through song on April 7.

Worship with St. John's



Photo from worship on Sunday, April 7 during the singing of the Lord's Prayer after communion and the reading of the Church Covenant. Captured by Linda Crowder.

Stations of the Cross

Youth Reflect on the Crucifixion

On Sunday evening, April 7, the youth participated in the Stations of the Cross as a part of their evening activities. Each station depicts an image of Jesus on the day of his crucifixion with an accompanying prayer and reflection to consider at each station. To the right, Lee captured this photo through the sanctuary cross window during their time at the stations.



Serve with St. John's

Deacon Nominations Needed

A Message from the Leadership Task Force

The Leadership Task Force is seeking deacon nominations for the 2019-2020 church year. Our diaconate is the primary lay leadership body of St. John's Baptist Church. Members of the congregation are elected to determine, initiate, and support the various ministries of the church with each of three panels overseeing a different part of our greater whole.

The administrative panel is responsible for the business and management, including finance, personnel, house & grounds and technology. The ministry panel is responsible for programming and education, including outreach, missions, spiritual formation and worship. The pastoral panel is responsible for congregational care and relationship building.

For this cycle, the church will elect 4 administrative deacons, 4 ministry deacons and 9 pastoral deacons. If you would like to nominate a candidate, **please alert Mallory in the church office**. Please secure your candidate's permission prior to nominating them, and if possible indicate which panel your candidate prefers.

Grow with St. John's



Open Table: April 24
Sign Up Today!

Open Table in April is on Wednesday, April 24 at 5:50pm in Broach Hall. Sign up here for dinner: <https://forms.gle/uTeYr7tm9Uryt933A> or call Mallory in the office.

Young Voices of the Carolinas Spring Concert

Saturday, April 27 at St. John's

Come and support the Young Voices of the Carolinas on Saturday, April 27 at 5PM in the Sanctuary. This select group of young people, ranging in age from 8-18, practices at St. John's several times a week and is directed by Sandy Holland. We hope you will come, invite a friend, and enjoy a night of music.

Church Conference and Lunch

Sunday, May 5 After Worship in Broach Hall

Join us in Broach Hall on May 5 after worship for Church Conference. We will be announcing and discussing some important items and want everyone to be there. Lunch will be provided at a low cost. Sign up with Mallory today!

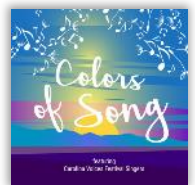
Visit the Charlotte Museum of History

May 7 @ 2PM with Women of the Church

Women of the Church are going to the Charlotte Museum of History on May 7, and our tour guide will be our own Janet Wade! Please join us at 2 p.m. on that day for a look at the history of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. Cost is \$10 per person, and everyone is welcome. **Sign up by calling Mallory in the church office by April 30.**

Colors of Song

Concert Featuring Carolina Voices Festival Singers on May 18 at 7PM at St. John's in the Sanctuary



In this concert, the singers will explore the sound of color with music of composers including Eric Whitacre and Irving Berlin. Join us for an evening filled with a musical rainbow. Tickets are \$20 and on sale now at carolinatix.org, 704-372-1000, OR at the door.

Women of the Church Retreat 2019

Queen Esther and the Journey to the Authentic Self

Save the date for the Women of the Church Retreat at the Blowing Rock Conference Center from November 1-3, 2019. Our own Janet L. Jones, M.Ed., LPC is our presenter and will use the Book of Esther as the retreat guide. More details to come as the time draws closer. For now, mark your calendars.

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm, Friday 8:30am-12:00 noon

Prayer Concerns

Betty Curlin, Carol Drye, Betty Hastings, Paul & Henrietta Huffman, Gene Poole, Peg Russ, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson, Elma Thomas, Dee Turner, & Jeck Warren-home; Parker Jackson, military

Sympathy

Sympathy to Chuck Jones in the death of his father, Fred Jones. There will be visitation Thursday, April 11 at 10AM with a funeral service at 11AM at Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church in Charlotte.

Sunday, April 14

Deacons: Teri Franklin, Clara Howell, Morgan Newman, Shannon Rodden, Greg Rodden, Gail Sifford, Henry Snyder, Laura Sorrell, Kathy Spence, Todd Stillerman

Greeters: Main-Carol and Tom Injaychock; 5th St./Narthex-Treva Bridges; Broach Hall-Jimmy Carpenter; Elevator-Marvin Carter

Tellers: Margaret Falls and Linda Kerley

Ushers: Arnold Philemon, Marvin Carter, Bobbie Hahn, Bobbie & Don Hinson, Susan King

Financial Ministry Plan Report:

Week of April 1-7: \$22,350
Income through April 7: \$295,278
Annual 2019 Ministry Plan Budget Goal: \$1,140,000
State and Community Missions Offering Total: \$5,561.00

Ministers on Call:

April 8-14: Allison Benfield 828-448-8412
April 15-21: Kevin Gray 803-524-0287

Lost and Found in Lasater Hall

We now have tables set up with "lost and found" items in Lasater Hall. If you have lost anything at church (umbrellas, clothing, water bottles...), please come by and see if anything belongs to you. After April 22, we will donate these items.

Take Note

Brotherhood of the Biscuit

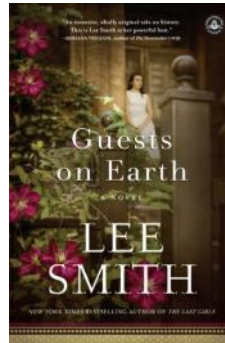
A Monthly Gathering

Brotherhood of the Biscuit will meet again Friday, April 19 at 6:30AM in the Lounge. All are welcome to join!



Terrific Tuesday Book Club

Tuesday, April 23 @ 12PM



Join the book club on Tuesday, April 23 at noon in the Library to discuss the book *Guests on Earth* by Lee Smith. According to summary on this book, the setting is 1936-48 in Asheville, NC at Highland Hospital, a mental institution that experienced a tragic fire in 1948 that killed 9 women in a locked ward, including famous performer, Zelda Fitzgerald. Begin reading and join the discussion. Bring a lunch to share afterwards in the lounge.



Road Closure Reminder

Construction on Hawthorne Until Late July

This is a reminder that the parking lot for St. John's off Hawthorne Lane is closed until July 29. During this time, please enter and exit this parking lot from Lamar Avenue or enter on 5th Street.

Calendar for April 14-20, 2019

Sunday, April 14

9:15am Sunday School (Classrooms)
10:30am Together in Christ Int'l Ministries (Chapel)
10:30am Worship on Palm Sunday (Sanctuary)

Monday, April 15

Spring Break for HeadStart and Weekday School All Week

11:30am Faith Journey Book Study (Room 114)
12:30pm Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
8:00pm AA (Lasater Hall)

Tuesday, April 16

7:00am Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
10:00am Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
11:00am Bible Workbench (Room 209)
2:00pm Safety and Security Task Force (Lounge)
5:15pm SJBC Men's Basketball Group (Gym)
7:00pm Team United/AAU Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, April 17

6:30am Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
9:30am Yoga Class (Room 114)
5:30pm Charlotte Family Housing (Lounge)
6:00pm AA (Lasater Hall)
7:15pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7:30pm Sherrill Basketball Group (Gym)

Thursday, April 18

7:30pm CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)
7:30pm Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)

Friday, April 19

6:30am Brotherhood of the Biscuit (Lounge)
8:00pm AA (Lasater Hall)

Saturday, April 20

7:00am Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
9:00am Charlotte Family Housing Workshop (Room 305)

Complete calendar online: www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org