

Be Thou Our Vision

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GATHERING MUSIC J. Noel Lance

WORDS OF GREETING Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP Dr. Foust

***EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP** Congregation

MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP Youth Choir
Lord, You Are Good Israel Houghton

PRAYER OF SUBMISSION Rev. Lee Gray

***HYMN OF PRAISE** Be Thou My Vision
Chalice Hymnal No. 595 SLANE

Speak to Us, O Lord

READING FROM THE GOSPEL John 12:1-8 Ed Turner

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SONG OF RESPONSE J. Kevin Gray, Soloist
Broken and Spilled Out Bill George & Gloria Gaither

Broken and spilled out just for love of you, Jesus.
My most precious treasure lavished on Thee;
Broken and spilled out and poured at your feet,
In sweet abandon, let me be spilled out and used up for Thee.

WORDS OF REFLECTION Philippians 2:3-11 Rev. Gray

ONE: Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

ALL: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

ONE: And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

ALL: Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Accept Our Gifts, O Lord

ANTHEM Grace Notes and Chancel Choir
Tunaomba Mungu Atawale arr. John R. Paradowski

Tunaomba Mungu Atawale. We pray God to reign.
Tunaomba Yesu Atawale. We pray Jesus to reign.
Tunaomba Robo Atawale. We pray the Spirit to reign.

OFFERTORY PRAYER Kathy Bragg, Deacon

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY 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.

Confession

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Allison Benfield
Moments for Silent Confession

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Benfield

SONG OF SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION Create in Me
arr. J. Kevin Gray

Congregation joins on repeat

Cre - ate in me, a clean heart O God, let me be like you in all my
ways. Give me your strength, teach me your songs, shel - lter me un - der the
sha - dow of your wings. for we are your right - ous ness. if we die to our - selves and
live through your death then we shall be born a - gain to be blessed in your love.

MESSAGE *Asset Allocation* Dr. Foust

Communion

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Dr. Foust

CHRIST'S CHURCH IS SERVED THE BREAD Rev. Gray
1 Corinthians 11:23-24

CHRIST'S CHURCH IS SERVED THE CUP
1 Corinthians 11:25-26

Rev. Benfield

***HYMN OF JOYFUL DISCIPLESHIP** God, Whose Giving
Chalice Hymnal No. 606 Knows No Ending
NETTLETON

Covenant

***READING OF THE CHURCH COVENANT**

United in the faith that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, revealed in history, disclosed in the Scriptures, and experienced in human life, we do solemnly and joyfully make this Covenant together:

We will be faithful to the public worship of God, gathering with the family of the church to celebrate His glory and remember His grace.

We will take seriously the responsibility and privilege of personal Christian growth, diligently seeking to establish and maintain a Christian atmosphere in our homes.

We will love and encourage each other in the family of the Church and admonish each other as occasion may require. Our differences will not separate us but rather increase our understanding and strengthen the bonds of Christian love.

We will be faithful stewards, as God has prospered us, contributing our financial support for the Church and its ministries and offering ourselves for God's work in the world.

We will, with God's help, so live our lives that others, seeing the joy of Christian living, may seek to know Jesus Christ our Lord.

We will be a servant Church, recognizing the infinite worth of every person and believing that Christ has called us to active involvement in behalf of human brotherhood. In the spirit of this covenant, we pray together:

Almighty God, Father of us all, witness this Covenant which we make with each other and with Thee. Guide us as we try to do that which pleases Thee, to the glory of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** The Lord's Prayer
Chalice Hymnal No. 307 Albert Malotte

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.

***POSTLUDE** J. Noel Lance

As you depart the sanctuary, our deacons will be at the exits to receive your gifts to the Fellowship Fund. These funds are used to assist with crisis ministry needs among our church family. If you know of someone who is experiencing a crisis, please contact a ministry staff member.

**Invites the congregation to stand.*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Palm Sunday Processional on April 14

Palm Sunday worship this year is April 14. We know this is also the beginning of Spring Break for many families; but, if you are in town, please be here. The children will be processing in with palm branches. This is a wonderful way to actively participate in remembering the story of Palm Sunday. Contact Allison for more details.

National Alliance for Mental Illness Support Groups

The NAMI support group for family members/caregivers of those with mental illness meets monthly at St. John's on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:30 - 8:00pm. The next meeting is this Tuesday, April 9 in Rooms 114 & 116.

Maundy Thursday Service

We will come together for a service of worship on Thursday, April 18 at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary.

Road Closures on Hawthorne Lane

The entrance to the parking lot for St. John's from Hawthorne Lane will be closed until July 29. During this time, please enter and exit this parking lot from Lamar Avenue. The parking lot entrance from 5th Street is still open during this time.

Open Table on April 24

Save the date for this month's Open Table dinner and fellowship on Wednesday, April 24. We will meet in Broach Hall from 5:50-7:00. Dinner costs are \$5/child under 12 and \$10/adult. Call Mallory today to sign up or register through Google forms at this link: <https://forms.gle/uTeYr7tm9Uryt933A>

Visit the Charlotte Museum of History

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! Join us at 2pm 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.

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 to Tricia Miller in the death of her sister, Barbara Hunter.

Sympathy to Bo Pittman in the death of his mother, Eleanor Karabinos Pittman.

Easter Hydrangeas Order Form

Note: Due to unforeseen warm weather over the weekend, calla lilies are not available this year. Instead we will use white hydrangeas. Thank you for understanding.

I will give ____ hydrangeas at **\$18 each**.

____ in memory of:

____ in honor of:

Donor name and telephone: _____

_____ I wish to pick up my hydrangeas.

_____ I do not wish to pick up my hydrangeas.

Last date to order hydrangeas is **TODAY, April 7**. Turn form into Mallory in office.

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The St. John's Pulpit

Sunday, April 14 | Palm Sunday

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Worship Theme: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Message: *Beyond Applause*

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

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, Apr. 7	8:00 am	Church Council (Conference Room)
	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Godly Play (Room 221)
	10:30 am	Worship and Communion (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ Intn'l Ministries (Chapel)
	1:00 pm	South Sudanese Worship (Chapel)
	5:00 pm	Sunday Night Live (Gym, Lounge, 3 rd Floor)
Monday, Apr. 8	11:30 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)
	12:30 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
	5:30 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	6:30 pm	Administrative Deacon Panel (Lounge)
	6:30 pm	Ministries Deacon Panel (Conference Room)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, Apr. 9	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
	11:00 am	Bible Work Bench (Room 209)
	12:00 pm	Sandwich Ministry (Lounge)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
	6:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	6:30 pm	Nat'l Alliance on Mental Illness (Rooms 114 & 116)
	6:30 pm	Elizabeth Community Association (Broach Hall)
	7:00 pm	Team United/AAU Basketball (Gym)
Wed., Apr. 10	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
	12:00 pm	ECOF Lenten Service (Caldwell Presbyterian)
	6:00 pm	Mission Resource Team (Conference Room)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	6:00 pm	Handbells (Handbell Room)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	7:30 pm	Sherill Basketball Group (Gym)
Thursday, Apr. 11	10:00 am	Craft and Needles Ministry (Room 209)
	7:30 pm	CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)
Friday, Apr. 12	9:00 am	Dove's Nest (Lounge)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, Apr. 13	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	2:00 pm	Housing Committee (Room 209)
	5:00 pm	Sudanese Community (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 MusicJ. Kevin Gray
 Minister for Youth and Young Adults.....Rev. Lee Gray
 Senior Minister.....Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Church Staff

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

The Worship of God



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SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019
10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA