

The Worship of God

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WORDS OF GREETING Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

CALL TO SERVICE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Rev. Benfield

***EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP** Congregation

A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP Dr. Foust

PRAYER OF SUBMISSION Dr. Foust

MUSICAL CALL TO PRAISE Tyler & David Benton, Chancel Choir
Today is Salvation Peter the Peloponnesian, arr. J. Kevin Gray

Today is salvation come into the world, let us sing unto the author of our life who arose from the tomb. For by destroying death by death, he granted us the victory and great mercy. Alleluia.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** Crown Him with Many Crowns
Chalice Hymnal No. 234 DIADEMATA

***LITANY OF THANKSGIVING AND PURPOSE** Jacquelyn McAbee

ONE: Christ has overcome the tomb and given us life.
ALL: Life to live freely with grace and holy purpose.
ONE: Let us sing praises with our lips,
ALL: And with the work we do in the world!

We Are a Called People

READING FROM ACTS Acts 13:1-3 Kevin Turner



Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

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

***HYMN OF UNITY** In Christ There Is No East or West
Chalice Hymnal No. 687 ST. PETER

OFFERTORY PRAYER Dr. Foust

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Hand Bell Choir
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty arr. Kevin McChesney

***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 Rev. Benfield

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

Byron Bullard, Betty Curlin, Carol Drye, Teri Franklin, Gene Poole, Peg Russ, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson, Henry Snyder, Elma Thomas, Dee Turner, & Jeck Warren-home; Parker Jackson, military

***ANTHEM OF HOPE** Chancel Choir, David Benton, and Aluel Nyuon
This Little Light of Mine arr. Ken Berg

Congregation sing the following stanza when cued

All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine let it shine, let it shine.



We Are a Missional People

MESSAGE *Living Missionally* Dr. Foust

***HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP** Called as Partners in Christ's Service
Chalice Hymnal No. 453 ST. BRENDAN'S

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

***COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH**

***POSTLUDE** J. Noel Lance

**Invites the congregation to stand.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wedding Invitation

The St. John's family is cordially invited to a service of worship and wedding ceremony for Molly Bedrock and Micah Furlong on Saturday, May 18 at 11am in the Sanctuary. They would love for you to attend this joyous occasion.

Volunteer for Vacation Bible School: June 10-14 at St. John's

It is almost VBS time, which means we need volunteers! Help us minister to children and families in the community by giving of your time to make VBS awesome. VBS is June 10-14 from 9am-noon each day, but volunteer shifts are much shorter than that 3 hours! We are in need of Greeters to welcome children and families each morning (8:40am-9:10am), Guild Assistants to help our Guild Leaders (10:30am-11:45am), and Pick Up Monitors to make sure parents/adult sign their children out each day (11:45am-12:15pm). To sign up, please visit our online sign up or contact Allison at abenfield@sjcharlotte.org.

Here's the link for the sign up genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4FADA62EA4FF2-2019>

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.

St. John's Goes to a Charlotte Knight's Game!

Instead of Open Table in May, we are going to a Charlotte Knight's game at the beginning of June. Join us on Friday, June 7 at the Knight's stadium. We have procured a block of 50 tickets. Each ticket is \$14/person and that price includes a \$2 discount on merchandise or food. We need to know if you want to go by May 26. So, call or email Mallory today to let her know you will be there!

Colors of Song Concert

I would like to personally invite you to the Festival Singers' Colors of Song concert to be held next Saturday, May 18, at 7:00 in the St. John's sanctuary. I am honored to be singing with this excellent group of musicians, led by Donna Hill. We have been working hard since February to prepare a variety of music for this program. In **Colors of Song**, the Festival Singers will feature Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Serenade to Music*. The evening will also explore the sound of color with the music of composers Eric Whitacre and Irving Berlin as well as "Sunday" from *Sunday in the Park with George* by Stephen Sondheim. Join us for an evening filled with a musical rainbow. Tickets available at carolinatix.org or at the door.
~ Jacquelyn McAbee

New Heritage Booklets Available

Additional, revised copies of the 2019 Heritage Booklet from Heritage Sunday is available in the office today! This book highlights and celebrates the youth ministries of St. John's over the years. If you would like one but are unable to pick one up, please let Mallory in the office know.

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The St. John's Pulpit

May 19 – Fifth Sunday of Easter
Proclaimer: The Rev. Joe Trull, PhD
Message: *The Road that Leads to Nowhere*
Scripture: Luke 24:13-16

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, May 12	8:30 am	Church Council (Conference Room)
	9:15 am	Sunday School & Missions 101 (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ Int'l Ministries (Chapel)
Monday, May 13	12:30 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
	6:30 pm	Administrative Deacon Panel (Room 209)
	6:30 pm	Pastoral Deacon Panel (Lounge)
	6:30 pm	Ministries Deacon Panel (Conference Room)
	7:00 pm	Festival Singers' Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:30 pm	All Deacons' Meeting (Chapel)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, May 14	6:30 am	Primary Election (Broach Hall)
	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	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 Support Groups (Room 114 & 116)
	7:00 pm	Team United/AAU Basketball (Gym)
Wed., May 15	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	9:00 am	Weekday School Day to Shine (Broach Hall)
	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
	10:00 am	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
	5:15 pm	Staffing Our Future Task Force (Conference Room)
	6:00 pm	Membership Resource Team (Lounge)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	7:30 pm	Sherrill Basketball (Gym)
Thurs., May 16	12:30 pm	Novant Monthly Managers' Meeting (Broach Hall)
	7:30 pm	CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)
Friday, May 17	6:30 am	Brotherhood of the Biscuit (Lounge)
	9:00 am	HeadStart Parent Meeting (Lasater Hall)
	5:30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	Festival Singers' Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, May 18	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	11:00 am	Wedding (Sanctuary)
	2:00 pm	Housing Committee (Room 209)
	7:00 pm	Festival Singers' Concert (Sanctuary)

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.....Dr. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Church Staff

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

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Fourth Sunday in Eastertide

God Transforms Diversity into Community

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2019

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA