

Praise the Lord, Creator of All

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GATHERING MUSIC J. Kevin Gray

WORDS OF GREETING Rev. Lee Gray

***EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP** Congregation

PRAYER OF SUBMISSION Rev. Gray

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Allison Benfield

ONE: God calls us to a feast!

ALL: The table is set, and we come from east and west, from north and south to sit at Christ's table.

ONE: Compassion, love, and grace are poured out like fine wine.

ALL: We gather around Your story, Lord, to share our hope and pain, our wisdom and laughter.

ONE: We gather around this table as we worship God together.

-written by Rev. Teri Peterson

***HYMN OF PRAISE** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Chalice Hymnal No. 91, verses 1, 4, & 5

CORONATION

Speak to Us, O Lord

READING FROM THE GOSPEL John 21:20-25 Jane Winn

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about him?" Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!" So the rumor spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?" This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF COMMUNITY AND SERVICE There's a Spirit in the Air

Chalice Hymnal No. 257, verses 1 & 6

LAUDS

Accept Our Gifts and Prayers, O Lord

OFFERTORY PRAYER , Deacon

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Chancel Choir

Steal Away/Soon and Very Soon

Traditional Spiritual

When the choir invites the congregation with outstretched hands, please stand and sing.

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the king. (3 times)

Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are going to see the king.

*DOXOLOGY

Chalice Hymnal No. 46

OLD HUNDREDETH

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 OF PREPARATION

Chalice Hymnal No. 425, verses 1 & 2

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

Communion



THE CHURCH AT PRAYER Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

CHRIST'S CHURCH IS SERVED COMMUNION

SERVING THE BREAD Rev. Benfield

1 Corinthians 11:23-24

SERVING THE CUP Rev. Benfield

1 Corinthians 11:25-26

***HYMN OF JOY** I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

Chancel choir will sing through verse one once

Choir:

I'm gonna eat at the welcome table,
I'm gonna to eat at the welcome table, Allelu.
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table,
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Allelu.

All:

I'm gonna eat at the welcome table,
I'm gonna to eat at the welcome table, Allelu.
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table,
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Allelu.

Here all the world will find a welcome,
Here all the world will find a welcome, Allelu.
Here all the world will find a welcome,
Here all the world will find a welcome, Allelu.

MESSAGE *Living Tomorrow's Life Today* Dr. Foust

***HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP** Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service
Chalice Hymnal No. 461 BEACH SPRING

Covenant

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS Dr. Foust

Gayla Tyson

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. Kevin Gray

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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Did You Notice New Reserved Parking Signs?

Starting this Sunday and continuing each Sunday, there are 6 parking spaces marked with bright, red letters designated for those age 80 and up. These spots will be right outside the Main Entrance in the center of the lot on Sundays only. We hope this makes your Sunday morning easier.

Congratulations to College Graduates of 2019 from St. John's!

We are happy to congratulate the following college students for graduating this academic year: Dory Ann Carter (Chapman University), Caroline Godsey (Sewanee), Sam Hahn (UNC Chapel Hill), Corson Hicks (Wingate University), and Jack Smith (University of South Carolina).

Pentecost Worship Celebration

Join us for worship on Pentecost on Sunday, June 9 at 10:30am in our sanctuary. We will worship together with Together in Christ International Ministries from Sierra Leone and the South Sudanese worshipping congregation. Pastor Brickson Sam will proclaim a message from the pulpit and more than 8 different languages will be spoken as these three communities come together. Worship will also include a variety of musical expressions and an artistic processional. We hope all of you will join us for this special Pentecost celebration!

New Deacon Leadership Announcement

At last week's meeting of the deacons, Jason Benton was elected chair for the 2019-2020 church year. Bert Green and Nancy Wilson were also nominated for chair. Please extend congratulations to Jason on his election and thanks to Bert and Nancy for their willingness to serve the church. Jason will take office at the first deacons meeting in September.

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

Today is the LAST day to sign up for the game on June 7. If you do not already know, 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. Email or call Mallory in the office today. She will receive your email and voice messages on Monday morning when the office opens.

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

Thanks to you all, we only need a handful of volunteers for VBS. 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 need the following:

- 1 Guild Assistant on Friday, June 14 to help our Guild Leaders (10:00am-11:00am)
- Pick Up Monitors on Thursday, June 13 and Friday, June 14 to make sure parents/adult sign their children out each day (11:45am-12:15pm).

To sign up, please visit our online sign up listed in the Family News or contact Allison at abenfield@sjcharlotte.org.

Senior Adult Summer Picnic

On Sunday, June 23, at 11:30am in Broach Hall, we will have a picnic for senior adults, similar to the luncheon we have at Christmas. If you would like to come or know someone who would like to come, please call Mallory in the office to reserve your spot for lunch. It will be a wonderful day to be together.

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The St. John's Pulpit

June 2 – Ascension Sunday

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Message: *Living, Working in Our World*

Scripture: Acts 1:1-11

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, May 26	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
Monday, May 27	10:30 am	Together in Christ Int'l Ministries (Chapel)
	All Day	Church Offices Closed (Memorial Day)
	12:30 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
Tuesday, May 28	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	All Day	Annual Fire Alarm Inspection (All Buildings)
	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
	12:00 pm	Terrific Tuesday Book Club (Library & Lounge)
	1:00 pm	Safety and Security Task Force (Lounge)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
	6:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	7:00 pm	Team United/AAU Basketball (Gym)
	Wed., May 29	6:30 am
9:30 am		Yoga (Room 114)
10:00 am		Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
1:00 pm		Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
1:30 pm		Learning Charms (Room 116)
6:00 pm		AA (Lasater Hall)
7:15 pm		Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7:30 pm		Sherrill Basketball (Gym)
7:30 pm		CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)
Thurs., May 30		8:00 pm
Friday, May 31	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
Saturday, June 1	9:30 am	Kid's 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 Dr. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Church Staff

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

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

The Worship of God



GOD CALLS YOU TO BE ACTIVELY FAITHFUL

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2019

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA