

We Gather as Your People

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- GATHERING MUSIC** Delbridge Narron
- WORDS OF GREETING** J. Kevin Gray
- *EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP** Congregation
- PRAYERFUL CALL TO WORSHIP** J. Kevin Gray

ONE: Lord, we gather in this place as Your people,
ALL: Your people on a journey to know You more fully.
 ONE: As we discover more about You and about the purpose You have set before us, give us faith to follow.
ALL: Remind us that You are our shelter in times of trouble,
 ONE: The light that guides our way,
ALL: Our gracious Lord on whom we can always depend. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
 Chalice Hymnal No. 560 SHOWALTER

We Listen for a Word

READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS Acts 10:34-41 Jack Smith



Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was

with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

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

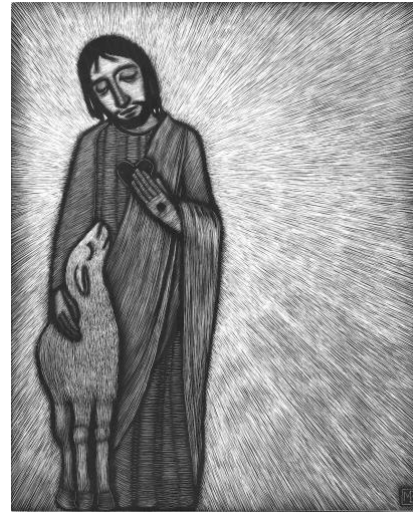
***HYMN** I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
 Chalice Hymnal No. 614 I’M GONNA LIVE

Verse 1. I’m gonna live...
 Verse 2. I’m gonna work...
 Verse 3. I’m gonna sing...

SINGING OF THE PSALM

The Lord is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)

David Benton, Soloist
 S. Liddle



The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters; he restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness, for His name’s sake. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Rev. Dennis W. Foust PhD

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, Linda Nash, Melissa Nash, Gene Poole, Peg Russ, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson, Henry Snyder, Elma Thomas, Dee Turner, & Jeck Warren-home; Parker Jackson, military

ANTHEM

Youth and Chancel Choirs
 Emma Goodrich, Jacob Callaway, Soloists
 Kirk Franklin

My World Needs You

Show me Your face, fill up this space, my world needs You right now, my world needs You right now. I can't escape being afraid, fill me with You right now, my world needs You right now.

Power fall down, bring with it a sound that points us to You right now, erase substitutes right now. Fix what I see and God please fix me, my world needs You right now, let us see You right now.

Storms may come, but when we call Your name, all things change. Kingdoms fall, but one thing forever reigns, it's Your name.

Remind Us of Our Calling

MESSAGE *What Will Your Verse Be?* Rev. Lee Gray

***HYMN** I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry
 Chalice Hymnal No. 75 WATERLIFE

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Chancel Choir
Peace Like a River Mack Wilberg

***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.

Send Us Forth with Truth and Grace

***CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY** Rev. Gray

Recognition of St. John’s Seniors

David Benton
 Son of Kevin & Lia Benton
 Providence High School

Noah McGuire
 Son of Jim & Laura McGuire
 The Fletcher School

Samuel Bond
 Son of R.D. & Maggie Bond
 Lake Norman Charter School

Agatha Mitchem
 Daughter of Jim & Tina Mitchem
 Myers Park High School

Lena Duke
 Daughter of Joe & Christine Duke
 Myers Park High School

Janie Smith
 Daughter of Ken & Ellen Smith
 Myers Park High School

Peter Kerley
 Son of Scott & Jan Kerley and Rebecca Kerley
 Porter Ridge High School

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** Congregation
The Irish Blessing Andre Lash

***COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH**
 Verse 1. I’m gonna live so God can use me anytime and anywhere.

***POSTLUDE** J. Noel Lance

**Invites the congregation to stand.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pick Up Tickets for Charlotte Knights Game Today!

The Charlotte Knights game is next Friday, June 7 at 7:04pm at BB&T Ballpark. If you have paid for your tickets, they are in white envelopes on Mallory's desk today with your name and a PAID marking on the front. Take these tickets anytime between now and next Friday at 12 noon. If you have not paid, your tickets are on Mallory's desk today in white envelopes as well. However, on the front of your envelope is your name or the name of your partner/spouse, the amount you owe, and directions for leaving the payment in the envelope on my desk. All checks should be made out to St. John's Baptist Church as we have already purchased the tickets from the ballpark.

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. Rev. 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!

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.

Formation and Worship this Summer at St. John's from June 9 - August 4

• June 9, 16, & 23: Pentecost, Immigration, & Storytelling

Mike Warner from St. Peter's Catholic Church will lead sessions during Sunday School with art and media to help you understand immigration as the history of humanity, referencing stories in biblical literature.

One June 9, sisters and brothers from South Sudan and Sierra Leone will worship with us as we explore how God's Holy Spirit is continually writing stories today.

• June 30, July 7 & 14: The Global and Local Story of Hunger

During Sunday School, you will hear from Church World Service, CROP Walk, Men's Shelter, and Urban Ministries who will update us on the scope of hunger today, global and local.

• July 21, 28, & August 4: Poverty and Building a Sustainable Charlotte

Charlotte is the 3rd fastest growing population in the United States with a booming hospitality industry, growing skyline, and exploding population. However, the chances for folks living in poverty to rise out of poverty are decreasing. Leaders from Charlotte Family Housing, Foundation for the Carolinas and others will be with us these Sundays as we learn and choose which actions to take as we strengthen as God's actively faithful people.

• Summer Sermons:

Throughout the summer, Dennis will preach on 5 of the stained-glass windows. Additionally, we will welcome guest preachers Rev. Brickson Sam, Rev. Dr. Daynette Snead, Rev. Dr. Larry Hovis, and Mallory M. Brown.

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The St. John's Pulpit

June 9 – Pentecost Sunday

Proclaimer: Rev. Brickson Sam

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, June 2	8:00 am	Staffing Our Future Task Force (Conference Room)
	9:00 am	Senior Breakfast (Lounge)
	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship and Graduate Recognition (Sanctuary)
Monday, June 3	10:30 am	Together in Christ Int'l Ministries (Chapel)
	2:00 pm	South Sudanese Worship (Chapel)
	12:30 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
	6:15 pm	Church Council (Lounge)
Tuesday, June 4	6:30 pm	Leadership Task Force (Lounge)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
Wed., June 5	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)
	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
Thurs., June 6	7:00 am	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
	12:00 pm	Novant Health Nurse Res. Graduation (Broach Hall)
	6:00 pm	Personnel Resource Team (Conference Room)
Friday, June 7	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	7:30 pm	Sherrill Basketball (Gym)
	9:00 am	Unity Coalition (Lounge)
Saturday, June 8	10:00 am	HeadStart (Broach Hall)
	5:30 pm	Weekday School Board (Lounge)
	10:30 am	CBF of NC Reception (Lounge)
	10:30 am	Metrolina Assoc. for the Blind Yoga (Room 114)
	7:04 pm	Charlotte Knights Game (Offsite)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	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

The Worship of God



Ascension Sunday and Graduate Recognition Day

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA