

As Your Gathered People, We Raise Our Voices in Praise

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GATHERING MUSIC J. Noel Lance

WORDS OF GREETING Rev. Allison Benfield

EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP Congregation

A PRAYERFUL CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Benfield

ONE: Lord, open our lips, and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

ALL: **Open our eyes and in our seeing we shall behold Your holiness.**

ONE: Open our lives through prayer, song, word, and deed.

ALL: **And, in our living we shall declare Your presence.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Chalice Hymnal No. 4 NICAEA

OFFERTORY PRAYER Jeff LeVie, Deacon

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY Chancel Choir
Be Thou My Vision arr. Carlton Young

***DOXOLOGY** OLD HUNDREDTH
Chalice Hymnal No. 46

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.

Teach Us to How to Pray, O Lord

HYMN OF PREPARATION Spirit of the Living God & Sweet, Sweet Spirit
Chalice Hymnal No. 259 & 261

Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.

There's a sweet sweet Spirit in this place and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know that it's the presence of the Lord.

Sweet, Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

MEDITATION

“One who has learned how to pray has learned the greatest secret of a holy life.”

-William Law

“I have not learned how to pray. I am trying to learn, even while I pray.”

-Robert T. Young

SONG OF RESPONSE

All to Jesus we surrender, all to Him we freely give. We will ever love and trust Him. In His presence daily live. We surrender all, we surrender all. All to Thee our blessed Savior, we surrender all.

SERENITY PRAYER Rev. Gray

ONE: God, grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change,
ALL: **Courage to change the things we can, and wisdom to know the difference.**

ONE: Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time.

ALL: **Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace, taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as we would have it.**

ONE: Trusting that God will make all things right if we surrender to God's will.

ALL: **That we may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with God forever in the next.**

SONG OF RESPONSE

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THE CHURCH AT PRAYER Rev. Gray

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

Andrew Adair, 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

***SINGING OF THE PSALM**
Chalice Hymnal No. 80

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need
RESIGNATION



MESSAGE Rev. Dr. Michelle A. Jones

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** Thank You, Lord
Chalice Hymnal No. 531 THANK YOU, LORD

CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY & ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE Rev. Gray

The Communion of the Holy Spirit Be with You

***COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH** Congregation

***POSTLUDE** J. Noel Lance

**Invites the congregation to stand*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcoming Rev. Dr. Michelle A. Jones Today!

We welcome the Rev. Dr. Michelle Antoinette Jones to the pulpit today. Rev. Jones was born in Rochester, NY and raised in Clinton, NC before relocating to Charlotte, NC with her family in her formative years. In her youth she flourished academically, artistically and civically as a student who participated in school choruses; the Latin Club; the Future Business Leaders of America; and the NAACP. Graduating in the top percentile of her class, she continued to pursue higher education and attended Hampton University and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics. At Hampton University, she was a member of the Hampton University Gospel Choir and the Student Christian Association. After graduating, she was offered a Financial Analyst position with Allstate Insurance Company. During her five-year employment with Allstate, she received the Good Hands Community Service Award. Sensing a vocational call to ordained ministry, she pursued theological education at Colgate Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, NY and earned a Master of Divinity. After this, Rev. Jones served as a Resident Chaplain at North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, NC in a two-year Clinical Pastoral Education residency program and received certification in Clinical Pastoral Studies. After completing residency, she dedicated herself to serving as an Associate Minister for Spiritual Guidance and Wellness at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church (FMBC) in Charlotte, NC where she has labored for the past 18 years. One of her responsibilities is working as the ministerial liaison for two support groups: Helping Each Other with the Acceptance of Loss through Spiritual Affirmation (HEALS) and the Finding Joy Ministry and Cancer Survivors Reaching Out Offering Sisterly Support (CROSS) Ministry. During her tenure at FMBC, she earned a Master of Counseling from the UNC Charlotte and a Doctor of Arts degree from Eastern University in May of 2019.

2019 Global Mission Offering

From now through August 31 we will be focusing on our 2019 Global Mission Offering. For this year the Mission Resource Team has set a goal of \$16,000, with \$1000 going to aid those impacted by the Sierra Leone fire in West Africa and \$15,000 going to the Nyarweng School in South Sudan. When the \$15,000 for the Nyarweng School is added to funds from our mission budget, and from the designated account for the school, the total contribution from St. John's for the school will exceed \$55,000 for this year. This amount will cover 100% of the school's normal operating expenses, including teacher salaries and supplies for an entire year! Later in the month we will hear an update from Phillips Bragg on the progress of the school.

Goal: \$16,000
Received to Date: \$519

Formation and Worship this Summer at St. John's Now through August 4

- Join us in Broach Hall each Sunday at 9:15am throughout the summer months.
 - *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.

The church offices will be closed July 4 & 5 all day.

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The St. John's Pulpit

Sunday, July 7, 2019
 Proclaimer: Mallory M. Brown
 Scripture: Luke 10:1-11

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, June 30	9:15 am	Sunday School (Broach Hall & Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ Int'l Ministries (Chapel)
Monday, July 1	8:00 am	Freedom School Continues
	8:00 am	Novant Health Class (Broach Hall)
	12:30 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, July 2	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
	7:00 pm	Team United/AAU Basketball (Gym)
Wed., July 3	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	7:00 am	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
	6:00 pm	Personnel Resource Team (Conference Room)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	7:30 pm	Sherrill Basketball (Gym)
Thurs., July 4	All Day	Church Offices Closed
Friday, July 5	All Day	Church Offices Closed
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, July 6	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	9:30 am	Kids' 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
 CustodiansChris Mullis, Sonny Ross, Debora Thon
 Graded Choirs Director.....Anna Ball
 OrganistJ. Noel Lance
 Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted

The Worship of God



WINDOW FROM THE ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2019

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA