

Let There Be Light

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WORDS OF GREETING Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

A WORD ABOUT TODAY’S WORSHIP Dr. Foust

EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP Congregation

PRAYER OF SUBMISSION Rev. Allison Benfield

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Benfield

ONE: God is the source of all light, illuminating even the darkest corners of our lives.

A: Light of compassion.

B: Light of wisdom.

CHOIR: Light of hope.

C: Light that banishes the night.

ALL: Illuminated and warmed by this light, we proclaim the glory of the Lord who sends it forth!

***HYMN OF PRAISE** God Is Light
CWM RHONDDA

God is light. We share God’s glory as we live and love in Him.

We can walk in holy freedom as God lives and grows within.

Lay aside your deeds of darkness.

Let eternal day begin!

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God is light. Display God’s beauty!

Live a kindness all divine.

Prove God’s grace to all around you.

Love is still God’s seal and sign.

Share forgiveness. Show compassion.

Live God’s goodness! Let it shine!

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Let There Be Understanding

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES Judy Biber
Exodus 25:31-40

You shall make a lampstand of pure gold. The base and the shaft of the lampstand shall be made of hammered work; its cups, its calyxes, and its petals shall be of one piece with it; and there shall be six branches going out of its sides, three branches of the lampstand out of one side of it and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side of it; three cups shaped like almond blossoms, each with calyx and petals, on one branch, and three cups shaped like almond blossoms, each with calyx and petals, on the other branch—so for the six branches going out of the lampstand. On the lampstand itself there shall be four cups shaped like almond blossoms, each with its calyxes and petals. There shall be a calyx of one piece with it under the first pair of branches, a calyx of one piece with it under the next pair of branches, and a calyx of one piece with it under the last pair of branches—so for the six branches that go out of the lampstand. Their calyxes and their branches shall be of one piece with it, the whole of it one hammered piece of pure gold. You shall make the seven lamps for it;

and the lamps shall be set up so as to give light on the space in front of it. Its snuffers and trays shall be of pure gold. It, and all these utensils, shall be made from a talent of pure gold. And see that you make them according to the pattern for them, which is being shown you on the mountain.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

***SONG OF LIGHT** Let There Be Light

Let there be light; let there be understanding; let all the nations gather; let them be face to face.

Open our lips; open our minds to ponder; open the door of concord, opening into grace.

Let there be light; open our hearts to wonder; perish the way of terror; hallow the world God made.

OFFERTORY PRAYER James Laney, Deacon

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Chancel Choir
My Eternal King Jane Marshall

My God, I love You. Not because I hope for heav’n thereby, nor yet because who know You not must die eternally. O my Jesus, You embraced me upon the cross. For me did bear the nails, and spear, and manifold disgrace. Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love You well? Not for the hope of winning heav’n, or of escaping hell; not with the hope of something gained, not seeking a reward. But, as You have loved me, O ever loving Lord! E’en so I love You, and will love, and in Your praise will sing; solely because You are my God, and my Eternal King.

***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.

MOMENTS FOR MEDITATION

“A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle.” – James Keller, Catholic Priest



THE CHURCH AT PRAYER Dr. Foust

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, Melissa Nash, Gene Poole, Peg Russ, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson, Henry Snyder, Elma Thomas, & Jeck Warren - home; Parker Jackson – military; Construction Workers on 7th and Hawthorne

Let All the Nations Gather

READING FROM THE GOSPEL Joanne Compton
Matthew 5:14-16

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

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ALL: Thanks be to God!

***SONG OF JOYFUL WORSHIP** We Are Walking
Chalice Hymnal No. 442 SIYAHAMBA

1. We are walking in the light of God...
2. We are marching in the light of God...
3. We are singing in the light of God...

MESSAGE *Let There Be Light* Dr. Foust

***SONG OF RESPONSE** This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine let it shine

CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY & ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE Dr. Foust

CHURCH BUSINESS SESSION Todd Stillerman

***COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH** Dr. Foust

***POSTLUDE** J. Noel Lance

**Invites the congregation to stand*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Building Sabbath Weeks Begin

Our annual “building sabbath” is scheduled for the weeks of July 29-August 2 (1st floor), August 5-9 (2nd floor), and August 12-16 (3rd floor and outside). This is a time when our custodians are hard at work performing extra cleaning and maintenance tasks. Weekday and evening meetings at the church may be cancelled, rescheduled, or moved so that needed maintenance can be completed. Some entrances may be closed for a few hours or more. Please contact Jacquelyn if you have custodial or maintenance needs during these weeks. Thank you for being flexible during this time!

Charlotte Pride Interfaith Service

The Charlotte Pride Interfaith Service is on Sunday, August 11 at 4PM at Caldwell Presbyterian Church. There will be a reception afterwards. The theme for the service is centered around the 50th anniversary of Stonewall. We hope to see you there!

Charlotte Pride Festival & Parade 2019

The Charlotte Pride Festival & Parade is on Saturday, August 17 and Sunday, August 18. St. John’s will have a booth on Saturday and will walk on Sunday! Mark your calendars now and plan to join us! Contact Allison Benfield or Todd Stillerman with questions.

2019 Global Mission Offering

For this year, the Mission Resource Team has set a goal of \$16,000, with \$1000 going to assist 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. This amount will cover 100% of the Nyarweng school’s normal operating expenses, including teacher salaries and supplies for an entire year! This offering will be collected until August 31.

**Goal: \$16,000
Received: \$8,624**

Road Closures

The intersection of Hawthorne Lane and 7th Street will close now and re-open on Monday, August 12. This closure is necessary for track installation as part of CityLYNX Gold Line Phase 2 construction. During this construction, you are encouraged to support businesses affected by the construction such as Hawthorne’s Pizza. Hawthorne’s will offer a discount to any St. John’s members on Sundays if you present a church bulletin.

Terrific Tuesday Book Club

Join us Tuesday, August 6 at 12PM at the home of Betty Harkey at 2044 Ferncliff Road. Bring your favorite salad to share. At this meeting, we will make plans for the coming year regarding book choices and such. Bring a list of books you would like use to consider. If you have questions, please email Betty Harkey at harkeybg@gmail.com or call her at 704-366-5901. Invite a friend to join us!

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for the Annual Women of the Church Luncheon after worship on Sunday, September 15 in Broach Hall. If you already know you would like to come, call or email Mallory in the office to reserve your spot!

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The St. John’s Pulpit

Sunday, August 4
Proclaimer: Rev. Dr. Daynette Snead

This Week at St. John’s

Sunday, July 28	9:15 am	Sunday School (Broach Hall & Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship & Church Conference (Sanctuary)
	12:00 pm	Youth Resource Team (Conference Room)
	12:30 am	Together In Christ Int’l Ministries (Chapel)
Monday, July 29	All Week	Sabbath Weeks Begin
	8:00 am	Novant Health Class (Broach Hall)
	12:30 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, July 30	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men’s Group (Lounge)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men’s Basketball (Gym)
	6:00 pm	Men’s Softball (Providence Baptist)
	7:00 pm	Team United/AAU Basketball (Gym)
Wed., July 31	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	7:00 am	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
	11:30 am	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
	6:00 pm	Women of the Church Board Meeting (Lounge)
	6:00 pm	Men’s Softball (Providence Baptist)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	7:30 pm	Sherrill Basketball (Gym)
Thursday, August 1	9:00 am	Unity Coalition (Lounge)
Friday, August 2	10:30 am	Metrolina Assoc. for the Blind Yoga (Room 114)
	6:00 pm	Men’s Softball (Providence Baptist)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, August 3	7:00 am	Benton 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



SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2019

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

**ST. JOHN’S BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA**