

Come and Worship the Living God

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GATHERING MUSIC J. Noel Lance

WORDS OF GREETING & A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP Congregation

PRAYER OF SUBMISSION Rev. Lee Gray

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Gray

CHOIR: Lord You are good and Your mercy endureth forever!

ONE: The Lord is good to all, and His compassion is over all that He has made. All Your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all Your faithful shall bless You.

ALL: They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, and tell of Your power,

ONE: To make known to all people Your mighty deeds and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.

ALL: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

CHOIR: Lord You are good and Your mercy endureth forever!

ONE: The Lord is faithful in all His words, and gracious in all His deeds.

ALL: The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due season.

ONE: You open Your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

ALL: Lord You are good and Your mercy endureth forever!

***HYMN OF PRAISE** The Church's One Foundation
Chalice Hymnal No. 272 AURELIA

We Will Observe the Covenant We Have Made

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Scott Kerley
Deuteronomy 26:16-19

This very day the LORD your God is commanding you to observe these statutes and ordinances; so, observe them diligently with all your heart and with all your soul. Today you have obtained the LORD's agreement: to be your God; and for you to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, and His ordinances, and to obey Him. Today the LORD has obtained your agreement: to be His treasured people, as He promised you, and to keep His commandments; for Him to set you high above all nations that He has made, in praise and in fame and in honor; and for you to be a people holy to the LORD your God, as He promised.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF UNITY
Verses 1, 2, & 3

We Are God's People
J. BRAHMS

We are God's peo - ple the cho - sen of the Lord, Born of God's spi - rit, e -
We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ, our Lord, for we have known it, the
We are the bo - dy of which the Lord is head, called to o - bey Christ, now
sta - blished by God's word. Our cor - nerstone is Christ a - lone and strong on him we
love of God outpoured. Now let us learn how to re - turn the gift of love once
ri - sen from the dead. Christ wills us be a fam - i - ly di - verse, yet tru - ly
stand; O let us live trans - par - ent - ly and
given; O let us share each joy and care and
one; O let us give our gifts to God and
walk heart to heart and hand in hand.
live with a zeal that plea - ses heav'n.
so shall the work on Earth be done.

OFFERTORY PRAYER Chuck Howard, Deacon

OFFERTORY J. Noel Lance

***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.

SILENT MEDITATION

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5-11

SUNG RESPONSE Congregation

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER Rev. Lee 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.

READING FROM THE GOSPEL Colleen Cardella
Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

LITANY Dr. Foust

ONE: United.

CHOIR: United in the faith - united.

ALL: United in the faith that Jesus Christ is the Son of God - united.

ONE: Revealed.

ALL: Jesus Christ is the Son of God revealed in history.

ONE: Disclosed.

ALL: Jesus Christ is the Son of God disclosed in the Scriptures.

ONE: Experienced.

ALL: Jesus Christ is the Son of God, experienced in human life.

CHOIR: United - we do.

ALL: We do solemnly and joyfully.

ONE: We do solemnly and joyfully make this Covenant together.

ALL: Together - united in the faith that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

ANTHEM Chancel Choir
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty arr. Robert Sterling

Make Us One

MESSAGE *Covenant: Something on Which We Can Agree* Dr. Foust

***HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP** When the Church of Jesus
WYE VALLEY

When the church of Jesus shuts its outer door, lest the roar of traffic drown the voice of prayer: May our prayers, Lord, make us ten times more aware that the world we banish is our Christian care.

If our hearts are lifted where devotion soars high above this hungry suffering world of ours: Lest our hymns should drag us to forget its needs, forge our Christian worship into Christian deeds.

Lest the gifts we offer, money, talents, time, serve to salve our conscience to our secret shame: Lord, reprove, inspire us by the way you give; teach us, dying Savior, how true Christians live.

Send Us Forth

CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY Dr. Foust

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

***POSTLUDE** J. Noel Lance

**Invites the congregation to stand*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brotherhood of the Biscuit

Brotherhood of the Biscuit will have its first meeting of this school year on Friday, September 20 at 6:30am in the Lounge. Todd Stillerman will be the speaker on this date. If you have never participated in Brotherhood of the Biscuit, this year is a great year to join in with this early morning crowd.

Join the Book Club!

The Terrific Tuesday Book Club is back in action and will meet on Tuesday, September 24 at 12pm in the Library. This month, they will discuss the book, *Where the Crawdads Sing*, by Delia Owens. This book has gained immense popularity as it was on the *New York Times* Fiction Bestsellers List for 20-consecutive weeks in a row. It is a must read. Join the discussion and bring a lunch to eat in the Lounge afterwards on September 24.

Craft & Bake Sale 2019

The Craft & Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, October 13 after worship from 11:30am-1:00pm in Lasater Hall. All proceeds will go to national CBF in their partnership with the Baptist World Alliance to provide hurricane relief. If you have crafts you would like to donate, please drop them off between 10:00am and 12:00pm on Friday, October 11 in Lasater Hall. If you have baked goods you would like to donate, please bring them on Sunday starting at 9:00am in Lasater Hall.

Save the Date for CROP Walk

Once again, we have the opportunity to participated and support CROP Walk. This year, it is back on a Sunday. More specifically, it is on Sunday, October 20 in the afternoon. If you want to sign up, please do so with this link: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/charlottenc/stjohnsbaptistchurch>. The first 20 people to sign up will get a free t-shirt! If you have questions, please ask Micah or Molly Belong.

Prayer Concerns

Judy Biber, Byron Bullard, Carol Drye, Gene Poole, Peg Russ, Henry Snyder, Elma Thomas, & Jeck Warren - home; Parker Jackson – military

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

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The St. John's Pulpit Next Sunday

Sunday, September 22

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Scriptures: 1 Chronicles 16:23-31 & Hebrews 10:19-25

Message: Worship: Welcome to the REAL World

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, Sept. 15	8:30 am	Listening Session (Lounge)	
	9:15 am	Sunday School & Worship 101 (Classrooms)	
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)	
	10:30 am	Godly Play (Room 221)	
	10:30 am	Together in Christ Int'l Ministries (Chapel)	
	11:30 am	WOC Luncheon (Broach Hall)	
Monday, Sept. 16	2:00 pm	South Sudanese Worship (Chapel)	
	5:00 pm	Sunday Night Live (Gym, Broach Hall, 3rd Floor)	
	11:45 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Room 114)	
	12:30 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)	
	5:45 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)	
	6:00 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Lounge)	
Tuesday, Sept. 17	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)	
	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)	
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)	
	11:00 am	Bible Workbench (Room 209)	
	1:00 pm	Safety & Security Task Force (Lounge)	
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)	
Wed., Sept 18	6:00 pm	Elizabeth Community Assoc. (Broach Hall)	
	6:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)	
	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)	
	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)	
	10:00 am	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)	
	5:30 pm	Temporary Sanctuary Group (Conference Room)	
Thursday, Sept. 19	6:00 pm	Handbells (Handbell Room)	
	6:00 pm	Membership Resource Team (Lounge)	
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)	
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)	
	12:30 pm	Novant Monthly Managers' Meeting (Broach Hall)	
	7:30 pm	CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)	
Friday, Sept. 20	6:30 am	Brotherhood of the Biscuit (Lounge)	
	5:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	
	5:30 pm	Volunteers Serve at Men's Shelter (Offsite)	
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)	
	Saturday, Sept 21	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
		5:00 pm	Wedding (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 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

COVENANT OF ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH

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 to 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.

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THE COVENANT-MAKING GOD

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA