

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

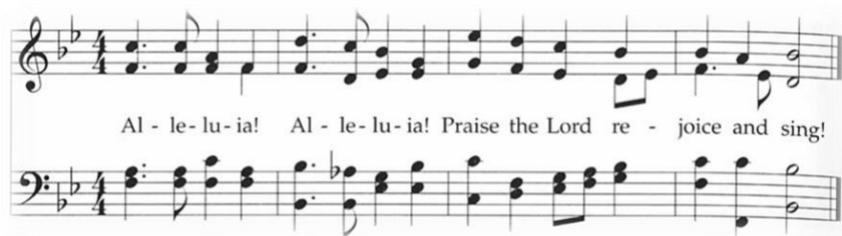
A WORD OF GRATITUDE Greg Jarrell

EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP Congregation

PRAYER OF SUBMISSION Rev. Lee Gray

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Gray

Response:



ONE: Praise God! Praise God in the sanctuary.

ALL: Praise God in the mighty firmament!

ONE: Praise God for mighty deeds.

ALL: Praise God for exceeding greatness!

ONE: Praise God with trumpet sound.

ALL: Praise God with lute and harp!

ONE: Praise God with tambourine and dance.

ALL: Praise God with strings and pipe!

ONE: Praise God with clanging cymbals.

ALL: Praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

ONE: Let everything that breathes praise God!

ALL: Praise God!

Response

***HYMN OF PRAISE** Come, Christians, Join to Sing
Chalice Hymnal No. 90 MADRID

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Ed Turner
1 Chronicles 16:23-31

Sing to the LORD, all the earth. Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples. For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Honor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place. Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him. Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth. The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The LORD is king!"

ONE: Through these written words of scripture, we listen for the Living Word of God

ALL: Those who have ears to hear, let them hear.

HYMN All Creatures of Our God and King
Chalice Hymnal No. 22, verses 1 & 2 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

OFFERTORY PRAYER Keith Towery, Deacon

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Chancel Choir
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross arr. Gilbert Martin

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host: Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER Rev. Allison Benfield

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 EPISTLE Stacey Norris
Hebrews 10:19-25

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

ONE: Through these written words of scripture, we listen for the Living Word of God

ALL: Those who have ears to hear, let them hear.

HYMN Give Thanks
Chalice Hymnal No. 528 GIVE THANKS

Teach Us, O Lord, the Meaning of True Worship

TIME FOR REFLECTION Rev. Gray

"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."

Worship: _____

Sanctuary: _____

Gathered Church: _____

Scattered Church: _____

SOLO J. Kevin Gray
Matt Redman, adapted by J. Kevin Gray

When the music fades and all is stripped away, and we simply come; longing just to bring something of worth that's reflecting God's heart. We'll bring much more than a song, for a song in itself is not what our Lord requires. God searches deeper within, through the way things appear. God's looking into our hearts. We're coming back to the heart of worship, cause it's all about God and who God's called us to be. We're sorry for the thing we've made it, when it's all about You, and who You've called us to be.

MESSAGE *Welcome to the Real World* Dr. Foust

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** Come, All Christians, Be Committed
BEACH SPRING

Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord; make your lives for God more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord. Come into God's courts with gladness, each their sacred vows renew, turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew.

Of your time and talents give ye, they are gifts from God above; to be used by Christians freely to proclaim God's wondrous love. Come again to serve the Savior, tithes and offerings with you bring. In your work, with God find favor, and with joy God's praises sing.

God's command to love each other is required of everyone; showing mercy to one another mirrors God's redemptive plan. In compassion God has given of God's love that is divine; on the cross sins were forgiven; joy and peace are fully thine.

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

Join the Book Club!

The Terrific Tuesday Book Club is back in action and will meet this 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 participate in 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.

A Message from Music and Worship Ministries

Summer is almost over and Fall is on the way. The hallways at St. John's are coming alive with the sounds of choir and bells rehearsing. Do you enjoy music? What about being part of a community? If these are important to you then the Chancel or Handbell Choir at St. John's might be a good way for you to be part of a ministry team. Our choirs not only love to sing and play, but they love a variety of different styles of music. It is not uncommon for us to lead worship using classical, folk, as well as spirituals and gospel music. We would love for you to choose to be part of what we are doing for the kingdom through the gift of song. Our rehearsals are on Wednesday nights. Handbells is from 6:00-7:00pm in the Handbell Room and Chancel Choir is from 7:15-8:45pm in the Choir Room. If you have any questions please feel free to call or email Kevin. James Kevin Gray, kgray@sjcharlotte.org, 803-524-0287

Prayer Concerns

Judy Biber, Byron Bullard, Betty Curlin, 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 29
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
Scriptures: Ephesians 4:1-3, 11-16
Message: *Vocational Discipleship: Beyond Being Useless*

This Week at St. John's

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| Sunday, Sept. 22 | 9:15 am | Sunday School (Classrooms) |
| | 10:30 am | Worship (Sanctuary) |
| | 10:30 am | Together in Christ Int'l Ministries (Chapel) |
| | 11:45 am | WOC Spiritual Growth Team (Lounge) |
| | 5:00 pm | Sunday Night Live (Gym, Broach Hall, 3rd Floor) |
| Monday, Sept. 23 | 8:00 am | Finance Resource Team (Conference Room) |
| | 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 | Search Task Force (Lounge) |
| Tuesday, Sept. 24 | 8:00 pm | AA (Lasater Hall) |
| | 7:00 am | Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge) |
| | 11:00 am | Bible Workbench (Room 209) |
| | 1:30 pm | Staff Meeting (Conference Room) |
| | 5:00 pm | CROP (Lounge) |
| Wed., Sept. 25 | 5:15 pm | SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym) |
| | 6:15 pm | Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room) |
| | 6:30 am | Benton Basketball Group (Gym) |
| | 7:00 am | Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305) |
| | 9:30 am | Yoga (Room 114) |
| Thursday, Sept. 26 | 1:00 pm | Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305) |
| | 5:50 pm | Open Table Trivia Night (Broach Hall) |
| | 6:00 pm | AA (Lasater Hall) |
| | 7:00 pm | Handbells (Handbell Room) |
| | 7:15 pm | Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) |
| Friday, Sept. 27 | 11:00 am | Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305) |
| | 7:30 pm | CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge) |
| Saturday, Sept. 28 | 8:00 pm | AA (Lasater Hall) |
| | 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



GOD IS WORTHY OF OUR WORSHIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

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