

Praise

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GATHERING MUSIC	J. Noel Lance
WORDS OF GREETING	Emery Hinson
A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP	Rev. Allison Benfield
*EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP	Congregation
CALL TO WORSHIP	Wyatt Sweet

ONE: We gather as God's beloved children.

ALL: However glad we are, however out of sorts we are,

ONE: We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community.

ALL: So, this becomes a place where all are welcome.

ONE: We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing, and to be with each other.

ALL: Let us worship God!

-Beth Merrill Neel

*HYMN OF PRAISE	This Is the Day & Morning Has Broken
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ONE: This is the day,

ALL: This is the day,

ONE: That the Lord has made.

ALL: That the Lord has made.

ONE: We will rejoice,

ALL: We will rejoice,

ONE: And be glad in it.

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ALL: This is the day, that the Lord has made! We will rejoice and be glad in it!

ONE: This is the day,

ALL: This is the day,

ONE: That the Lord has made.

ALL: That the Lord has made.

HYMN	Morning Has Broken
Chalice Hymnal No. 53	BUNESSAN

Listen

READING OF THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES	Rev. Benfield
	Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-25

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. When your children ask you in time to come, "What is the meaning of the decrees and the statutes and the ordinances that the LORD our God has commanded you?" then you shall say to your children, "We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt, but

the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. The LORD displayed before our eyes great and awesome signs and wonders against Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his household. God brought us out from there in order to bring us in, to give us the land that God promised on oath to our ancestors. Then the LORD commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our lasting good, so as to keep us alive, as is now the case. If we diligently observe this entire commandment before the LORD our God, as God has commanded us, we will be in the right."

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.

SONG OF RESPONSE

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart.

You shall love the LORD your God with all your soul.

You shall love the LORD your God with all your might.

Yes heart, soul, and might.

You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (*Repeat 2 times*)

Yes, you shall love.

READING OF THE GOSPEL

Dylan Redding
Mark 9:33-37, 10:13-16

And so, they came to Capernaum. They soon settled into the house where they were to stay. Then Jesus asked them, "What were you talking about out on the road?" But they were ashamed to answer. For they had been arguing about which of them was the greatest! He sat down and called them around him. "Anyone wanting to be the greatest must be the least," he said. "The greatest must be the servant of all!" Then he brought a little child and took the child into his arms. He said to them, "Welcome the little children like this in my name. For in doing this, you will be welcoming me. And anyone who welcomes me is welcoming my Father who sent me!" One day, some parents brought their children to Jesus to bless them. But the disciples sent them away. They told the parents not to bother Jesus. But Jesus saw what was happening. And he was very much upset with his disciples. He said to them, "Let the children come to me. For the Kingdom of God belongs to such as they. Don't send them away! I tell you the truth. All people must come to God as little children. If they don't, they will never be allowed into God's Kingdom." Then he took the children into his arms. He put his hands on their heads and he blessed them.



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SONG	Christ You Teach Us of Your Kingdom
	Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, W ZLOBIE LEZY

Christ, You teach us of Your Kingdom and the common life we share. You remind us, "Be like children!" So, we offer You our prayer: Make us gentle, make us humble, may we cause no one to stumble, sheltered in Your church's care.

May we seek Your will together, bound together by rebirth. May we care for one another, knowing every person's worth. Two or three united praying; two or three Your love obeying, are Your voice and hands on earth.

Pray

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER	Rev. Benfield & Children
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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.

Give

OFFERTORY PRAYER	Tallon Cardella
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WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM	Chancel Choir
<i>I Am His Child</i>	Moses Hogan

*DOXOLOGY	OLD HUNDREDTH
Chalice Hymnal No. 46	

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

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION	Dr. Foust
Minister for Spiritual Growth	

Learn

ANTHEM	Grace Notes
<i>Come to Me</i>	Margaret Tucker

MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN	Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
<i>Will Our Children Have ACTIVE FAITH?</i>	

HYMN	Jesus Loves Me
Chalice Hymnal No. 113	JESUS LOVES ME

Go

COMMISSIONING THE WALKERS FOR CROP WALK	Dr. Foust
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CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY & ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE	Dr. Foust
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*POSTLUDE	J. Noel Lance
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**Invites the congregation to stand.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Terrific Tuesday Book Club

The Terrific Tuesday Book Club will meet on October 22 at 12PM in the Library to discuss Michelle Obama’s memoir, *Becoming*. Bring a lunch to share in the lounge after the discussion. Start reading today! Anyone is welcome to join the book club.

Undie Sundays in October!

We are collecting new underwear to be distributed to our Room in the Inn program, Hope Chapel and Charlotte Rescue Mission for all of October. Items needed are athletic socks, boxer shorts, and t-shirts. Sizes most needed are medium and large. Containers are at both the Main Entrance and Broach Hall entrance for you to place your donations inside.

A Riff of Love Concert Tonight!

Tonight, October 20, at 6:00pm at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Greg Jarrell will join Dawn Anthony and other professional musicians to bring to life the music and stories from his book, *A Riff of Love*. This 90-minute program features music, readings, singing, and visual art to inspire justice and belonging in the world.

Family Fellowship Event

On Sunday, November 10, all families of children are invited to come out to Olde Mecklenburg Brewing for a family fellowship event and to enjoy some time just for hanging out together. We will meet there right after the church service ends. Stay tuned for more specific information as we get closer to the day.

Jubilee Store

We are excited to have Charlotte Family Housing’s Jubilee Store happening at St. John’s again this year, which provides a way for their clients to shop for children’s Christmas gifts at discounted prices. Volunteers will be needed on the store afternoons (Saturday and Sunday) for hospitality (welcoming, directing and general support), shopper assistants, kitchen support and gift wrapping. Starting in November, you will be able to purchase requested gifts and assist with gift collection, inventory and pricing. Please contact the church office if you are interested in helping with this great event.

Christmas Gathering for Senior Adults

Save the date for the annual Christmas Gathering for Senior Adults on Wednesday, December 11 at 11:30am in Broach Hall. We are looking forward to this special event! Stay attentive for more details.

Prayer Concerns

Judy Biber, Byron Bullard, Betty Curlin, Gene Poole, Peg Russ, Brad Sifford, Henry Snyder, Elma Thomas, & Jeck Warren - home; Parker Jackson – military

Copies of worship bulletins and message manuscripts are available on the St. John’s website: www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org

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The St. John’s Pulpit

Sunday, October 27 | Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Worship Theme: The God Who Helps Us, Bestowing the Joy of Our Salvation

Message: *Joyful Witness: Beyond “God Help Us”*

Scripture: Psalm 51:1-13 & John 15:9-11

This Week at St. John’s

Sunday, Oct. 20	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ Int’l Ministries (Chapel)
	11:30 am	CROP Team (Lounge)
	11:30 am	WOC Spiritual Growth Team (Conference Room)
	2:00 pm	South Sudanese Worship (Chapel)
	2:30 pm	CROP Walk (Offsite)
Monday, Oct. 21	8:00 am	Novant Health Class (Broach Hall)
	11:45 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Room 114)
	12:30 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
	5:30 pm	SJ Basketball Clinic (Gym)
	5:45 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	6:00 pm	Joy Sunday School Class (Lounge)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, Oct. 22	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men’s Group (Lounge)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
	11:00 am	Bible Work Bench (Room 209)
	12:00 pm	Terrific Tuesday Book Club (Library & Lounge)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men’s Basketball (Gym)
	5:30 pm	Charlotte Family Housing Worship (Lasater Hall)
	5:30 pm	Right Moves for Youth (Broach Hall)
	6:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
Wed., Oct. 23	6:30 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
	5:00 pm	Stewardship Resource Team (Conference Room)
	5:50 pm	Open Table (Broach Hall)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	7:00 pm	Handbells (Handbell Room)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, Oct. 24	7:30 pm	CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)
Friday, Oct. 25	8:00 pm	AA (Lounge)
Saturday, Oct. 26	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 Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Church Staff

Administrative Assistant..... Mallory Brown
Church Administrator..... Jacquelyn McAbee
Custodians..... Chris Mullis, Sonny Ross, Debora Thon
Graded Choir Director..... Anna Ball
Organist J. Noel Lance
Weekday School Director Lydia Olmsted

The Worship of God



THE GOD WHO WELCOMES CHILDREN

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019
CHILDREN’S SUNDAY
10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY**

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