

# We Lift Our Eyes and Voices unto the Lord

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**GATHERING MUSIC** Monty Bennett  
*Allegro Giocoso (From Sept. Improvisations)* Camille Saint-Saens

**WORDS OF GREETING** Rev. Dennis W. Foust PhD & J. Kevin Gray

**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.**

**A WORD ABOUT TODAY’S WORSHIP** Dr. Foust

**\*EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP** Congregation

**PRAYER OF SUBMISSION** Dr. Foust

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 121:1-18 Sam Vavra

ONE: I lift up my eyes to the mountains. From where does my help come?

**ALL: Help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. God will not let your foot stumble. Indeed, the One who watches over Israel will never slumber nor sleep.**

ONE: For God is your Protector; God is your shade at your right hand. The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

**ALL: God will protect you from all evil; and will watch over your life. The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in from now to eternity.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** To the Hills I Lift My Eyes/Hymn of Joy  
LAUDS/HYMN OF JOY

To the hills I lift my eyes; whence shall help for me arise?  
From the LORD comes all my aid, who the heavens and earth has made.

He will guard through dangers all, will not let you slip or fall.  
He who safe His people keeps never slumbers, never sleeps.

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before Thee, op’ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav’n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow’ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

## Create in Us a Clean Heart, O God

**READING OF THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES** Rev. Allison Benfield  
Psalm 51:1-13

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the

inward being; therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

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 SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION

*Congregation joins on repeat*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, let me be like You in all my ways. Give me Your strength, teach me Your song, shelter me in the shadow of Your wings. For we are Your righteousness. If we die to ourselves and live through Your death, then we shall be born again to be blessed in Your love.

## Our Help Comes from the Lord

### GOD IS OUR HELP

Isaiah 41:10, John Bragg

Psalm 23, Renee Hutchison

Read Hebrews 13:6b in Silence, Congregation

*So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?”*

John 14:26, Casey Perkins

**SONG** Tarsha Williams  
*His Eye Is on the Sparrow* C. Martin & C. Gabriel

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER** Rev. Lee Gray

**O Lord help us, your church, to be able to see and describe ourselves as a source of your freedom and power. Help us to communicate with the world and participate in changes that transform the kingdom of this world into the kingdom of your Christ. Teach us that joy comes from our involvement in your work, work that frees and loves all the people it involves.**

**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

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

**HYMN** I’ve Got Peace Like a River  
Chalice Hymnal No. 530 PEACE LIKE A RIVER

**READING OF THE GOSPEL** Dr. Foust  
John 15:9-11

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

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**SONG** Chancel Choir  
*If Ye Love Me* Thomas Tallis

## Knowing God Is with Us, Let Us Be Joyful Witnesses in the World

**MESSAGE** Dr. Foust  
*Joyful Witness: Beyond “God Help Us”*

**\*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP** Joy to the World  
Chalice Hymnal No. 143 ANTIOCH

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** Teri Franklin, Deacon

**WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** Chancel Choir  
*Fairest Lord Jesus* Derek Hakes

**\*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

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

**COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH**

**\*POSTLUDE** Monty Bennett  
*Toccata Brevis* Daniel Gawthrop

*\*Invites the congregation to stand.*

*The flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the celebration of the marriage of Noel Lance and Chris Lavender.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.

**Join the Men's Chorus**

On November 3, many of our female choir members will be away on the Women's Retreat. Therefore, Kevin would like to invite all the men in the congregation to join us in the choir loft for a men's chorus that Sunday. We will be singing an old time Gospel song entitled "What A Day that Will Be." The arrangement will be easy enough that if you arrive at 9:45 in the choir room you will be ready to sing by 10:30. Also, there will be rehearsal tracks you can listen to at home on your computer or phone. If you are planning on joining us and would like the rehearsal tracks Kevin sends out next week, please email him at [kgray@sjcharlotte.org](mailto:kgray@sjcharlotte.org).

**Host a Meal for Charlotte Family Housing!**

Volunteers are needed to provide dinners on Sunday, Nov. 17, Tuesday, Nov. 19, and Thursday, Nov. 21 for the residents of Hawthorne Place on the 2nd floor. You have to complete a background check for the safety of the families. Contact Donna Scott for information and to sign up: 919-280-9204.

Copies of worship bulletins and message manuscripts are available on the St. John's website: [www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org](http://www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org)

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**The St. John's Pulpit**

Sunday, November 3 | All Saints Sunday  
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD  
Worship Theme: The God Who Shows Us How to Offer Hospitality So "All Are Welcome"  
Message: *Servant Church: We Will Be a Missional Church*  
Scripture: Micah 6:6-8 and Luke 4:16-21

**This Week at St. John's**

Sunday, Oct. 27	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ Int'l Ministries (Chapel)
	11:45 am	Wedding (Sanctuary)
	12:30 pm	Wedding Reception (Broach Hall)
	6:00 pm	Youth to Scarowinds (Offsite)
Monday, Oct. 28	10:00 am	Communities in Schools Workshop (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)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, Oct. 29	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
	11:00 am	Bible Work Bench (Room 209)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
	6:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
Wed., Oct. 30	6:30 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	10:00 am	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	6:00 pm	Handbells (Handbell Room)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, Oct. 31	11:30 am	Weekday School Fall Festival (Lasater Hall)
	7:30 pm	CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)
Friday, Nov. 1	10:30 am	Metrolina Assoc. for the Blind Yoga (Room 114)
	6:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Sanctuary)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lounge)
Saturday, Nov. 2	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	5:00 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas Concert (Sanctuary)
	6:30 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas Dinner (Broach)

**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 Spiritual Growth..... 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 HELPS US & BESTOWING THE JOY OF OUR SALVATION**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019  
10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY**

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