

Worship in Praise

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GATHERING MUSIC	J. Noel Lance
WORDS OF GREETING	Rev. Dennis W. Foust
A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP	Dr. Foust
*EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP	Congregation
PRAYER OF SUBMISSION	Dr. Foust
CALL TO WORSHIP	

ONE: God calls us to build a church, which reaches beyond wood and stone.

ALL: A church that heals, teaches, and serves, living the word we've known. All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this sacred space!

*HYMN OF PRAISE	O God of Vision
Chalice Hymnal No. 288, verses 1, 2, 3, & 5	LOBE DEN HEREN

Hearing the Word

READING FROM THE GOSPEL	Matthew 14:13-21	Amy Chilton
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Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for

themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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 SHARING

Text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Congregation
ELLACOMBE

Far from the town, the crowds pressed in on Jesus' prayer retreat. He healed their sick, then told His own, "You give them food to eat!" Five loaves of bread and two small fish were all they found to share, Yet thousands ate the meal He blessed, with baskets left to spare.

Seeking the Lord

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.

Prayer Concerns

Harry Barr, Judy Biber, Tom Bryson, Byron Bullard, Betty Curlin, Joyce Ehrenberger, Polly Hull (Asbury), Gene Poole, Peg Russ, Brad Sifford, Henry Snyder, Bryan Thorn, & Elma Thomas; Parker Jackson – military

SUNG MEDITATION

Turn to God in All Things

Congregation

arr. David Glasgow

1. Choir
2. Congregation and Choir
3. All repeat



Presenting Our Tithes & Offerings

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Marc Cardella, Deacon

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Believe

Chancel Choir

Mark Miller

I believe in the sun, even when it is not shining.
I believe in love, even when I don't feel it.
I believe in God, even when He is silent.

*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.

A MESSAGE ABOUT STEWARDSHIP

Russell Norris

HYMN OF VISION

Chalice Hymnal No. 595

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

The Vision of God

MESSAGE

"Reaching Out with Vision"

Dr. Foust

*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

Chalice Hymnal No. 357, verses 1, 4, & 5

We Call Ourselves Disciples

LANCASHIRE

During this hymn, anyone desiring to make a commitment to become a member of St. John's or make a profession of faith to follow Jesus Christ as a disciple is invited to come to the front of the sanctuary and pray with the minister.

CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY

& ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE

Dr. Foust

COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH

*POSTLUDE

J. Noel Lance

**Invites the congregation to stand.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Terrific Tuesday Book Club

The Terrific Tuesday Book Club will meet again on November 26 at 12PM in the Library to discuss the book *The Rent Collector* by Camron Wright. Bring a lunch to share in the lounge after the discussion. Start reading today! Anyone is welcome to join the book club.

Stewardship and Commitment Cards

You should have received your stewardship letter and Commitment Card for the 2020 financial year in the mail. Commitment Sunday is November 24. On this day, bring in your commitment card to offer during worship. If you would rather mail your card in ahead of time or after this date, please do so.

Jubilee Store

We are excited to have Charlotte Family Housing’s Jubilee Store happening at St. John’s again this year on December 7-8, which provides an empowering way for their clients to shop for their children’s Christmas gifts. 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 now, you will be able to purchase requested gifts and assist with gift collection, inventory and pricing. If you purchase a gift, please **do not wrap it**. Please contact Donna Scott if you are interested in helping with this great event or have questions.

Deacons Meetings this Monday

All three deacon panels will meet Monday, November 18 at 6:30PM. The Pastoral Panel will meet in the Lounge. The Ministries Panel will meet in the conference room. The Administrative Panel will meet in Broach Hall. After the panel meetings, all deacons will convene in Broach Hall for the All Deacons’ meeting at 7:30PM.

WDAV Lessons & Carols

Mark your calendars for this year’s broadcast from St. John’s of the WDAV Service of Lessons and Carols. This will be held on Tuesday, December 3 at 7PM in the Sanctuary with a reception following in Broach Hall.

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, November 24 | Commitment Sunday
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
Worship Theme: God’s Mission Calls Us to Commitment
Message: *Reaching Out with Commitment*
Scripture: Gospel of Mark 12:41-44

This Week at St. John’s

Sunday, Nov. 17	8:00 am	Church Council (Conference Room)	
	9:00 am	Middle School Discipleship Starts	
	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)	
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)	
	10:30 am	Together in Christ Int’l Ministries (Chapel)	
	12:00 pm	Together in Christ’s Women’s Event (Lasater Hall)	
	2:00 pm	South Sudanese Worship (Chapel)	
	5:00 pm	Sunday Night Live (Gym, Lounge, 3rd Floor)	
	Monday, Nov. 18	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)	
6:30 pm		Administrative Deacon Panel (Broach Hall)	
6:30 pm		Ministries Deacon Panel (Conference Room)	
6:30 pm		Pastoral Deacon Panel (Lounge)	
7:30 pm		All Deacons’ Meeting (Broach Hall)	
8:00 pm		AA (Lasater Hall)	
Tuesday, Nov. 19		10:00 am	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
		5:00 pm	CROP (Lounge)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men’s Basketball (Gym)	
	6:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)	
	Wed., Nov. 20	6:30 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
		9:30 am	Yoga (Rom 114)
		5:30 pm	WOC Board Meeting (Conference Room)
		6:00 pm	Membership Resource Team (Conference Room)
		6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
		6:00 pm	Handbells (Handbell Room)
7:15 pm		Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)	
Thursday, Nov. 21		12:30 pm	Novant Managers’ Meeting (Broach Hall)
		7:30 pm	CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)
Friday, Nov. 22		8:00 pm	AA (Lounge)
Saturday, Nov. 23	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 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



A VISION FOR ST. JOHN’S AS A MISSIONAL CHURCH

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2019
10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY**

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