

Take Our Lives, and Let Them Be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee

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GATHERING MUSIC	J. Noel Lance
WORDS OF GREETING	Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP	Dr. Foust
EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP	
PRAYER OF SUBMISSION	Rev. Allison Benfield
CALL TO WORSHIP	J. Kevin Gray

ONE: Take our lives, and let them be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

ALL: Take our moments and our days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

ONE: Take our hands and let them move at the impulse of Your love.

ALL: Take our lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.

ONE: Take our hearts, they are Thine own; they shall be Thy royal throne.

ALL: Take our silver and our gold, not a mite would we withhold. Take our lives, and let them be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

*HYMN OF PRAISE	Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
Chalice Hymnal No. 718	ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

READING OF THE GOSPEL	Deb Black
	Mark 12:41-44



He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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 CONSECRATION	Congregation
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CHOIR: Take our lives, and let them be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take our moments and our days; let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

ALL: Take our silver and our gold, not a mite would we withhold. Take our lives, and let them be consecrated, Lord, to Thee; consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

OFFERTORY PRAYER	Paula Foust, Deacon
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WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY	J. Noel Lance
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*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, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

ANTHEM	Chancel Choir
<i>Come, Peace of God</i>	Eugene Butler

Come, peace of God, and dwell again on earth. Come with the calm that hailed Thy Prince's birth. Come with the healing of Thy gentle touch. Come, peace of God, that this world needs so much. Break every weapon forged in fires of hate. Turn back the foe that would assail Thy gate; where fields of strife lie desolate and bare take Thy sweet flow'rs of peace and plant them there. Bring selfish lives from shadow lands for loss into the radiance of the Saviors' cross, where in that gift so precious, yet so lone, life finds its brotherhood and love its throne. Come, blessed peace as when in hush of eve, God's benediction falls on souls in who grieve; as shines a star when weary day departs, come, peace of God, and rule within our hearts.

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER	Rev. Lee Gray
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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.

Prayer Concerns

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



Take Our Silver and Our Gold, Not a Mite Would We Withhold

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT	My People, What Do I Require?
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Micah 6:1-8	LAND OF REST
Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., 1923-2007	American



1. "My peo - ple, what do I re - quire? At -
2. "Love mer - cy: let your hand be swift to
3. "Do jus - tice: be my voice for those the
4. "Walk hum - bly: test your ways by mine and
5. "Be - yond all cost - ly of - fer - ings or



tend my proph - et's word: 'Be mer - ci - ful and
serve a neigh - bor's need. Let good in - tent and
strong ex - ploit, op - press, and be my feet to
live by my clear Word. Re - mem - ber you are
thank - ful hymns you raise, I ask a faith - ful



just to all; walk hum - bly with the Lord."
gra - cious word be matched by lov - ing deed."
walk be - side the poor and pow - er - less."
child of dust and I Cre - a - tor, Lord."
heart and will, a life that sings my praise."

MESSAGE	<i>Reaching Out with Commitment</i>	Dr. Foust
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COMMITMENT WALK	Congregation
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*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING	Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service
Chalice Hymnal No. 461 verses 1, 3, & 4	BEACH SPRING

Take Us Lord, and We Will Be Ever, Only, All for Thee

*CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY	Dr. Foust
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*SONG OF THANKSGIVING	My Tribute Crouch
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To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory for the things You have done. With Your love, You have saved us. With Your power, You have raised us; to God be the glory for the things You have done.

*COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH	
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*POSTLUDE	J. Noel Lance
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*Invites the congregation to stand

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www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commitment Sunday Today

Today is Commitment Sunday at St. John’s! If you have not already filled out your financial commitment card for 2020, there are cards with envelopes in the pews today that you can fill out and bring to the front during the commitment walk in today’s service or mail in. These can be turned in anytime, but we would like them as soon as possible. If you mail your card, please write “Attn. Jacquelyn McAbee” on the front of the envelope.

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.

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 assist with gift collection, inventory and pricing. Please contact Donna Scott if you are interested in helping with this great event or have questions.

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.

Christmas Cards for Neighbors

Our mailboxes for Christmas cards for our neighbors will be up in the Main Entrance from December 1-15. During this time, all are invited to write a note to one of our members on the list at the mailboxes. Please have your cards in by December 15 so that deacons have adequate time to deliver them.

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The St. John’s Pulpit

Sunday, December 1 | First Sunday in Advent

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Worship Theme: God Inspires Visions of Hope

Message: *Can You See Hope from Here?*

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5 & Romans 13:11-14

This Week at St. John’s

Sunday, Nov. 24	9:15 am	Sunday School/Missions 101 (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship/Commitment Sunday (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ Int’l Ministries (Chapel)
	11:30 am	Youth Resource Team (Conference Room)
	5:00 pm	Sunday Night Live (Gym, Lounge, 3rd Floor)
Monday, Nov. 25	12:30 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Romo 305)
	5:45 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, Nov. 26	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
	12:00 pm	Terrific Tuesday Book Club (Library/Lounge)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men’s Basketball (Gym)
	6:00 pm	Handbells (Handbell Room)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Wed., Nov. 27	6:30 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
	10:00 am	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Thursday, Nov. 28	All Day	Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
Friday, Nov. 29	All Day	Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, Nov. 30	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



GOD CALLS US TO COMMITMENT

We will be faithful stewards, as God has prospered us, contributing our financial support for the Church and its ministries and offering ourselves for God’s work in the world.
~ Covenant of St. John’s Baptist Church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

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