

# Worship through Praise

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GATHERING MUSIC J. Noel Lance

WORDS OF GREETING Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

PRAYER OF SUBMISSION Dr. Foust

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Foust

ONE: We are a house of living stones,  
ALL: Built for God's own habitation.  
ONE: God fills our hearts, these humble thrones,  
ALL: Granting us life and salvation.  
ONE: God is calling the young and old from rest.  
ALL: God is calling us to give our very best.  
ONE: So, all the world will know they're blessed  
ALL: And part of God's own family. Let it be so!

\*HYMN OF PRAISE Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
Chalice Hymnal No. 25 verses 1, 2, & 5 LOBE DEN HERREN

## Hearing a Word

READING FROM THE GOSPEL Jordan Benton  
Matthew 16:13-20



Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has

not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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 OF CHRIST'S CHURCH I Love Your Church, O God  
Chalice Hymnal No. 274 ST. THOMAS

OFFERTORY PRAYER Ryan Crowder, Deacon

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Chancel Choir  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty Robert Sterling

\*DOXOLOGY Chalice Hymnal No. 46 OLD HUNDRETH

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.

Prayer Concerns  
Emily Batts, Judy Biber, Byron Bullard, Betty Curlin, Don Furr, Polly Hull, Johnnie Morcock, Esther Narron, Gene Poole, Brad Sifford, Margaret Snyder, Elma Thomas, & Alison Zieglmeier (daughter of Ken and Donna Scott); Parker Jackson – military

REFLECTION J. Kevin Gray & Mattie Kears

Diverse in culture, nation, race, we come together by Your grace. God, let us be a meeting ground where hope and healing love are found.

ONE: We are a house of living stones, built for God's own habitation.

Moment for Meditation: How is God at work in you?

ONE: We are a house of living stones, built to shelter the world.

Response: The church is invited to call out ministries which act as God's presence in the community and world.

ONE: Once you have experienced God's love you will want the world to know.

ALL: You will spread God's love to everyone. You will want to pass it on!



\*HYMN OF MISSION & WITNESS Pass It On

Chalice Hymnal No. 477 verses 1 & 3

PASS IT ON

## Renew Your Church, O Lord

MESSAGE "Renovating the Battered Church" Dr. Foust



\*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP The Church of Christ in Every Age  
Chalice Hymnal No. 475 WAREHAM

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

COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH Dr. Foust

\*POSTLUDE J. Noel Lance

\*Invites the congregation to stand.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Youth Sunday: February 2

Join us next Sunday, February 2 for Youth Sunday during morning worship. Our youth will lead all aspects of worship on this day. If you look at the words on the top of your St. John's car sticker they read "A Servant Community: Actively Faithful, Faithfully Active." Our youth proclaimers will share what it means for them to be active servants. This year, our Youth Sunday proclaimers are Sam Vavra, Elizabeth Rodden, and Claude Bragg. The youth choir will sing two songs. There will be solos by Tyler Benton & Emma Goodrich. Jackson Kinney, Jacob Callaway, and Phillip Fries will lead our time with children. Lilly Marie Sweet will begin worship with a warm welcome. Owen Hahn will read Scripture. Lily Wilkerson and Miller Ray will lead us in prayer. We hope that you can join us for the 74th Annual Youth Sunday!

## Opera Carolina Presents: The Ugly Duckling

On Saturday, February 8, children and families are invited to a free opera presentation of "The Ugly Duckling." This will be at 10:30am in Broach Hall at St. John's Baptist Church. This is a community-wide event sponsored by St. John's Baptist Church and Opera Carolina. This is a great event to bring children and grandchildren to!



## Charlotte Family Housing Meals

Volunteers are needed to provide dinners on February 4 and February 6 for the residents of Hawthorne Place (St. John's 2nd Floor Annex for Charlotte Family Housing). If you are interested, please contact Donna Scott at 919-280-9204 or Mallory in the church office.

## Open Table in February

Join us for the first Open Table of 2020 on Wednesday, February 19 in Broach Hall for a dinner of Brookscakes, grits, and bacon with LIVE music from Kevin Gray and friends. Dinner will be served starting at 5:50pm and the program will end at 7:00pm. Costs are \$6/child under 12, \$10/adult, and \$30/max per family. Sign up with Mallory in the office today or at this link: <https://forms.gle/Zsmu9DbdBkvwdyat5>

## The Gift of Forgiveness Book Launch & Presentation

On Sunday, March 15, we welcome Katherine Schwarzenegger Pratt to St. John's Baptist Church for a launch of her book, *The Gift of Forgiveness*, which will be released nationwide on March 10, 2020. Katherine will be a part of our regular worship service and will stay afterwards for book sales and signings. Overflow seating will be available. This event is free and open to all.



## Al Staggs as Dietrich Bonhoeffer

On Saturday, March 28, Al Staggs will present his one-person drama called "A View from the Underside" in the Sanctuary at 4PM. Tickets are \$10/person and are on sale now online here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-afternoon-with-al-staggs-tickets-90047306919> If you would like tickets but do not want to purchase them online, please contact Mallory in the office for assistance. Get your tickets now and invite neighbors and friends to this event. Al Staggs was a parish minister for over 20 years and began his career as a performing artist after that. He has performed all over the United States and abroad and his repertoire extends beyond Bonhoeffer to portrayals of Clarence Jordan, Walter Rauschenbusch, Martin Luther, and more. On Sunday, March 29, Staggs will join us in worship to offer his portrayal of Clarence Jordan.



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## The St. John's Pulpit

Sunday, February 2, 2020 | 74th Annual Youth Sunday  
Proclaimers: Sam Vavra, Elizabeth Rodden, & Claude Bragg  
Theme: *A Servant Community: Actively Faithful, Faithfully Active*

## This Week at St. John's

Sunday, January 26	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
	9:15 am	St. John's 101 (Heritage Room)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ Int'l Ministries (Chapel)
Monday, January 27	11:45 am	WOC Spiritual Growth Team (Lounge)
	11:45 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Room 114)
	5:45 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas
	7:00 pm	CrownsGate HOA (Lounge)
Tuesday, January 28	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
	11:00 am	Bible Study (Room 209)
	12:00 pm	Terrific Tuesday Book Club (Library & Lounge)
Wednesday, January 29	5:15 pm	SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
	6:00 pm	CROP Recognition Dinner (Broach Hall)
	6:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	6:30 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
Thursday, January 30	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
	6:00 pm	AA (Room 114)
	6:00 pm	Handbells (Handbell Room)
	7:15 pm	Choir (Choir Room)
Friday, January 31	5:30 pm	Right Moves for Youth (Broach Hall)
	7:30 pm	CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)
Saturday, February 1	5:00 pm	Room in the Inn (Lounge/Gym)
	8:00 pm	AA (Room 114)
Saturday, February 1	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	10:00 am	Basketball Games (Gym/Lounge)

## 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



SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

THE GOD WHO SETS APART CHRIST'S CHURCH

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH  
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA