

We Worship God in Word and Song!

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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 Rev. Lee Gray

ONE: Where two or three are gathered in God's name,

ALL: God is there.

ONE: Wherever the baptismal waters cover a sincere believer,

ALL: God is there.

ONE: Wherever preaching faithfully proclaims God's word,

ALL: God is there.

ONE: Whenever prayers rise from a trusting heart,

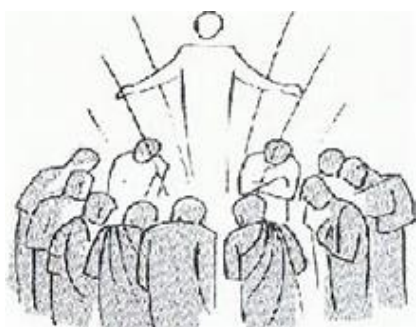
ALL: God is there. Wherever a faithful offering of praise is made, God is with us, weaving us together and nothing will separate us from the other.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Chalice Hymnal No. 16 NETTLETON

Our Lives Are Transformed Through Our Prayers

READING OF THE GOSPEL Rev. Dr. Amy Chilton
Matthew 6:5-15

“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial but rescue us from the evil one. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”



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.

PRAYERFUL HYMN

Congregation

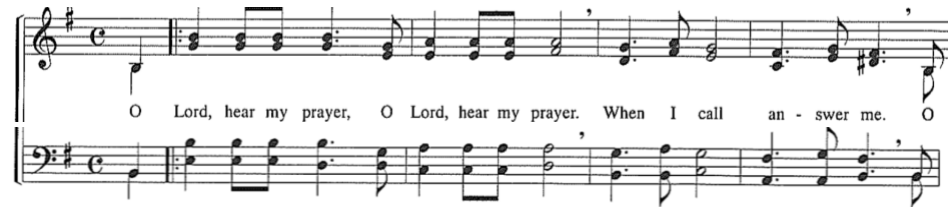


THE PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Rev. Gray

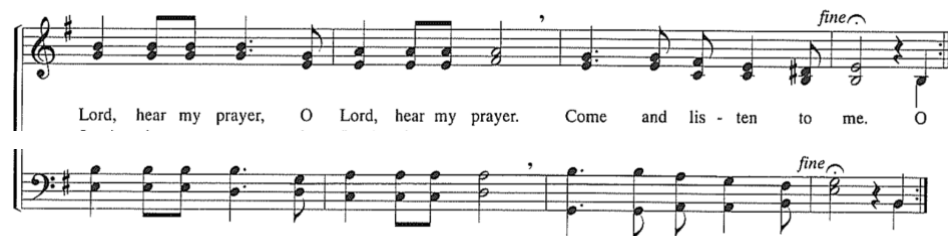
Prayer Concerns

Emily Batts, Judy Biber, RD Bond, Byron Bullard, Betty Curlin, Teri Franklin, Don Furr, Polly Hull, Johnnie Morcock, Esther Narron, Delbridge Narron, Carl Phillips, Gene Poole, Brad Sifford, Elma Thomas, Debora Thon, & Alison Zieglmeier (daughter of Ken and Donna Scott); Parker Jackson – military



THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

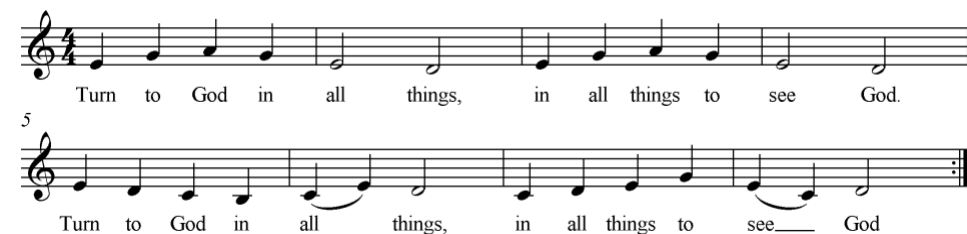
Dr. Foust



SUNG MEDITATION

Congregation
arr. David Glasgow

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



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Paula Foust, Deacon

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Chancel Choir
In This Very Room Ron and Carol Harris

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** The Lord's Prayer
Chalice Hymnal No. 307 Albert Malotte

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.

SILENT MEDITATION
Jesus said, "Your Father knows what you need before you ask."

***HYMN** Take Time to Be Holy
Chalice Hymnal No. 572 Verse 1&3 HOLINESS

May Our Lives Be Our Most Evident Prayer

MESSAGE *"Reweaving the Torn Tapestry of Prayer"* Dr. Foust



***HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP** Have Thine Own Way
Chalice Hymnal No. 588 ADELAIDE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Loaves and Fishes Food Drive

This February, we are hosting our annual food drive for Loaves and Fishes! Today, in your Sunday school class, you should have found shopping bags with lists of items to purchase for the food pantry. From now until the end of February, all are encouraged to bring in the following items that will be donated to Loaves and Fishes: canned meats, peanut butter, soups, powdered milk, dry breakfast cereals, canned pasta, corn muffin mix, 100% juices, canned fruits, diapers, baby food, baby wipes, paper goods, cleaning supplies, and laundry detergent. Do not bring anything packaged in glass jars. There will be areas at the Main Entrance for you to donate these goods. Thank you for your help!

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>

Elizabeth Communities of Faith Lenten Services: People of the Water

Beginning February 26, the Elizabeth Communities of Faith (ECoF) will have noontime (12PM) Lenten services each Wednesday in Lent (February 26-April 1) here at St. John's. The theme this year is "People of the Water." Each week, except for February 26, there will be a soup and sandwich lunch following the service in Broach Hall. A donation of \$5/person is suggested for lunch. All monies from lunch will go to Galilee Refugee Center and Refugee Support Services. Services will last approximately 30 minutes and 30 minutes for lunch. Invite your neighbors and co-workers to come and join!



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 in a dialogue with Dennis 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. 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 16, 2020 | Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
Worship Theme: The God Who Calls Us to Follow Jesus as Disciples
Message: *Reconstructing the Damaged Yoke of Discipleship*
Scriptures: Matthew 4:18-27; 11:28-30; 16:24-26; 28:18-20

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, February 9	9:00 am	Middle School Discipleship (Room 305)	
	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)	
	9:15 am	St. John's 101 (Lounge)	
	9:20 am	Financial Ministry Plan Listening Session (Conference Room)	
	10:30 am	Godly Play (Room 221)	
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)	
	10:30 am	Together in Christ Int'l Ministries (Chapel)	
	11:35 am	Financial Ministry Plan Listening Session (Conference Room)	
	5:00 pm	Sunday Night Live (Gym, Lounge, 3rd Floor)	
	11:45 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Room 114)	
Monday, February 10	5:45 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)	
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)	
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)	
Tuesday, February 11	11:00 am	Bible Study (Room 209)	
	12:00 pm	Sandwich Ministry (Lounge)	
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)	
	6:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)	
	6:30 pm	Nat'l Alliance on Mental Illness Support Groups (Rooms 114 & 116)	
	Wednesday, February 12	6:30 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
		9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
1:45 pm		Immigrant Support Study Group (Lounge)	
6:00 pm		Mission Resource Team (Conference Room)	
6:00 pm		AA (Room 114)	
6:00 pm		Handbells (Handbell Room)	
7:00 pm		Sherrill Basketball (Gym)	
Thursday, February 13	7:15 pm	Choir (Choir Room)	
	10:00 am	Craft & Needles Ministry (Lounge)	
	2:00 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)	
Friday, February 14	7:30 pm	CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)	
	5:00 pm	Room in the Inn (Lounge/Gym)	
	8:00 pm	AA (Room 114)	
Saturday, February 15	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)	
	9:00 am	Basketball Games (Gym/Lounge)	
	2:00 pm	St. Jude's Holiday Party (Broach Hall)	

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, FEBRUARY 9, 2020

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY
THE GOD WHO DESIRES TO
COMMUNICATE WITH HUMANITY

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA