

Worship the Lord, Creator of All

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GATHERING MUSIC J. Noel Lance

A WORD TO PONDER Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

“If we are to pray aright, perhaps it is quite necessary that we pray contrary to our own heart. Not what we want to pray is important, but what God wants us to pray.”
-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

SONG FOR CENTERING Come and Find the Quiet Center
BEACH SPRING

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead.
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed.
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see,
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

A WORD OF GATHERING AND WELCOME Dr. Foust

PRAYER OF SUBMISSION Dr. Foust

LITANY FOR A PEOPLE ON A JOURNEY Dr. Foust

IN THE WAY OF JESUS

ONE: People of God, on your journey in the wilderness, what will nourish you?

ALL: The Living Word of God is our daily bread.

ONE: People of God, during seasons of temptation, how will you live?

ALL: Our faith is in the faithfulness of The Living God.

ONE: People of God, when you come to crossroads, which direction will you take?

ALL: We will follow the way of Jesus who guides us in the path of salvation.

***HYMN OF WORSHIP** How Great Thou Art
Chalice Hymnal No. 33 O STORE GUD

Speak to Us, O Lord

SINGING THE PSALM Psalm 85:7-13 J. Kevin Gray

Lord, show us Your love, show us Your love and mercy. Let me hear what the Lord has to say; they are words of peace to all. Words of peace to all the people, to the saints who hope in the Lord. Help is near to all who fear the Lord; God’s peace will come to our land. Love and faithfulness shall meet; justice and peace will embrace. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth. Justice will look down from heaven. The Lord will give what is good, and the earth shall yield its increase. Justice will go before our God, and peace will be the footsteps of the Lord.

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 RESPONSE You Are the Source
LAND OF REST

You are the Source of grace and life, the Root of all that’s true. You join us to this mystery as we abide in You.

Accept Our Gifts and Prayers, O Lord

OFFERTORY PRAYER Gail Sifford, Deacon

OFFERTORY Chancel Choir
To Love Our God Mark Hayes

***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.

READING FROM THE GOSPEL Luke 11:1-4 Anna Cushman

He was praying in a certain place, and after He had finished, one of His disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

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 FOR CENTERING** Come and Find the Quiet Center
Chalice Hymnal No. 575 verses 2 & 3 BEACH SPRING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Allison Benfield

Holy God, hear our prayer: for the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness; for the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us; for the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist; for the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us; we pray for the courage to admit our fault, the strength to amend our actions, and the hope that Your grace awaits us, through Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Rev. Benfield

SONG OF RESPONSE AND PREPARATION Blest Be the Tie that Binds
DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne, we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one; our comforts and our cares.

Communion

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE Dr. Foust

CHRIST’S CHURCH IS SERVED COMMUNION

SERVING THE BREAD Rev. Benfield
1 Corinthians 11:23-24

SERVING THE CUP Rev. Benfield
1 Corinthians 11:25-26

MESSAGE WHEN You Pray – Not IF Dr. Foust

SONG OF VISION Be Thou My Vision
Chalice Hymnal No. 595 verses 1 & 2 SLANE

Covenant

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS Jason Benton
Anna McLeod Cushman

READING OF THE ST. JOHN’S BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

United in the faith that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, revealed in history, disclosed in the Scriptures, and experienced in human life, we do solemnly and joyfully make this Covenant together:

We will be faithful to the public worship of God, gathering with the family of the church to celebrate His glory and remember His grace.

We will take seriously the responsibility and privilege of personal Christian growth, diligently seeking to establish and maintain a Christian atmosphere in our homes.

We will love and encourage each other in the family of the Church and admonish each other as occasion may require. Our differences will not separate us but rather increase our understanding and strengthen the bonds of Christian love.

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.

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.

We will be a servant Church, recognizing the infinite worth of every person and believing that Christ has called us to active involvement in behalf of human brotherhood. In the spirit of this covenant, we pray together:

Almighty God, Father of us all, witness this Covenant which we make with each other and with Thee. Guide us as we try to do that which pleases Thee, to the glory of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***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.

***POSTLUDE** J. Noel Lance

As you depart the sanctuary, our deacons will be at the exits to receive your gifts to the Fellowship Fund. These funds are used to assist with crisis ministry needs among our church family. If you know of someone who is experiencing a crisis, please contact a ministry staff member.

**Invites the congregation to stand.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elizabeth Communities of Faith Lenten Services: People of the Water

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 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.

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 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, sponsored by the McLeod-Brown fund. 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.

Order Easter Calla Lilies by March 8!

Fill out the form below and turn in to Mallory in the office to order your Easter Calla Lilies by **Sunday, March 8**. Checks are made out to St. John’s Baptist Church with “Easter Lily” in the memo line. Lilies are \$18 a piece.

Calla Lily Order Form 2020

I will give _____ lilies at \$18 each.

_____ in memory of _____.

_____ in honor of _____.

Donor name and telephone: _____

_____ I will pick up my lilies.

_____ I will NOT pick up my lilies.

Prayer Concerns

Virginia Allen, Emily Batts, Judy Biber, RD Bond, Byron Bullard, Carol Drye, Teri Franklin, Don Furr, Camille Green, Carolyn Hall, Carolyn Hicks, Polly Hull, Paul Lloyd, Johnnie Morcock, Carl Phillips, Gene Poole, Elma Thomas, Debora Thon, Joe Trull, Alison Zieglmeier (daughter of Ken and Donna Scott); Parker Jackson, military

Frances Wilson Justice, long-time member of St. John’s, passed on February 19, 2020.

Copies of worship bulletins and sermon manuscripts are available on the St. John’s website: www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org.

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The St. John’s Pulpit

Sunday, March 8 | Second Sunday in Lent
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
Worship Theme: The God Who Hears Us In Our Distress
Message: *Prayer and Your Distress Cup*
Scripture: Philippians 2:5-11 and Luke 22:39-46

This Week at St. John’s

Sunday, March 1	8:00 am	Church Council (Conference Room)
	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship Service with Communion (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
	2:00 pm	South Sudanese Worship (Chapel)
	4:30 pm	Basketball Banquet (Gym & Lounge)
Monday, March 2	11:45 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Room 114)
	5:45 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	6:00 pm	Elizabeth Village HOA (Lounge)
	6:00 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, March 3	6:30 am	Primary Election (Broach Hall)
	9:00 am	Staff Planning Day (Room 222)
	11:00 am	Bible Study (Room 209)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men’s Basketball (Gym)
	1:45 pm	Immigrant Support Study Group (Lounge)
	6:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	6:30 pm	Search Task Force (Lounge)
Wed., March 4	6:30 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
	12:00 pm	ECoF Lenten Service (Sanctuary)
	12:30 pm	ECoF Lunch (Broach Hall)
	6:00 pm	Personnel Resource Team (Conference Room)
	6:00 pm	Belmont AA (Lasater Hall)
	6:00 pm	Handbells (Handbell Room)
	7:00 pm	Sherrill Basketball (Gym)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, March 5	8:00 am	HeadStart (Lounge)
	6:30 pm	Elizabeth Community Assoc. Board (Room 222)
	7:30 pm	CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)
Friday, March 6	5:00 pm	Room in the Inn (Gym/Lounge)
	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lounge)
Saturday, March 7	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)

Have you included St. John’s in your estate planning?

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
Administrative Assistant..... Derek Henson
Church Administrator..... Jacquelyn McAbee
Custodians..... Chris Mullis, Debora Thon
Graded Choir Director..... Anna Ball
Organist..... J. Noel Lance
Weekday School Director Lydia Olmsted

The Worship of God



**SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020
10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY**

THE GOD WHO EXPECTS US TO PRAY

**ST. JOHN’S BAPTIST CHURCH
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