

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## Remembering God's Faithfulness and Dedicated Discipleship

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\*Invites the congregation to stand

**Gathering Music** Ethan Uslan

**\*Musical Call to Celebration** Congregation  
Chalice Hymnal, No. 294 NETTLETON

Here we gather as God's people with our friends from far and near;  
let our voices sound with praises knowing Christ has called us here.  
Now we seek and greet each other, now in joy approach our friends.  
Here we mingle, bound together as to all our love extends.

**Greeting** Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

**Call to Service: Baby Bundles** Kim Allen

**Prayerful Call to Worship** Rev. Lee Gray  
*From Dr. Sharon Murray's Anniversary Hymn*

ONE: We Thank Thee, O God, for servants of old, whose courage was great,  
whose vision was bold,

**ALL: Who faithfully, joyfully answered Thy call, and challenge us now to respond with our all!**

ONE: As servants today, we pledge to renew our lives to the task we're called forth to do.

**ALL: To lovingly, willingly heed Thy command, to joyfully serve with our hearts and our hands. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise** *Servant Hymn* by Clarence Eden  
Chalice Hymnal, inside back cover ST. THEODULPH

The prophets word rings clear through the corridors of time, its echoes called the people from every race and every clime, tell kings and priest, tell rich and poor, tell simple folk and fine what does the Lord require of us? Hear now this truth sublime!

Do justice in the nations, to strangers, neighbors, kin. Be open to God's spirit, and from the fire within your fair regard will draw them all, though they have distant been, and you may lead them then to God who frees us from all sin.

Lord, we would be your people; Your body we would be, Your hands and feet to labor till all in You are free! We will not mute the prophet's call; Help us Your world to see. Lord, make of us a servant church in selfless ministry!

**Readings from the Hebrew Scriptures** Pauline Carter  
Genesis 26:12-22

Isaac sowed seed in that land, and in the same year reaped a hundredfold. The Lord blessed him, and the man became rich; he prospered more and more until he became very wealthy. He had possessions of flocks and herds, and a great household, so that the Philistines envied him. (Now the Philistines had stopped up and filled with earth all the wells that his father's servants had dug in the days of his father Abraham.) And Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go away from us; you have become too powerful for us." So Isaac departed from there and camped in the valley of Gerar and settled there. Isaac dug again the wells of water that had been dug in the days of his father Abraham; for the Philistines had stopped them up after the death of Abraham; and he gave them the names that his father had given them. But when Isaac's servants dug in the valley and found there a well of spring water, the herders of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's

herders, saying, "The water is ours." So he called the well Esek, because they contended with him. Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over that one also; so he called it Sitnah. He moved from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it; so he called it Rehoboth, saying, "Now the Lord has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land."

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.**

**Moment of Centering** J. Kevin Gray  
*O God, We Bear the Imprint of Your Face* RAMUTO BEACH

Cantor: O God, we bear the imprint of Your face: the colors of our skin are Your design, and what we have of beauty in our race as man or woman, you alone define, who stretched a living fabric on our frame and gave to each a language and a name.

*Moment to Reflect: God, help us to remember that You love all people with your great love. Help us to recognize You in words of truth, the things of beauty, the actions of love about us.*

**The Church at Prayer and the Lord's 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 & Celebrations**  
Shirley Ballard, Katherine Barr, Martha Brown, Stan Brown, Tamara Edwards, Caroline Godsey, Tish Philemon, Jerry Stephens, Don Swofford, Elma Thomas, Dee Turner

Sympathy to the family and friends of Carole Ann Simpson in her passing on March 7. A service will be held in Locust, NC at a later date.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Katherine Barr in her passing on March 10. A service time will be announced soon.

**\*Hymn** *Standing on the Promises of God*  
Chalice Hymnal No. 552, verses 1 & 4 PROMISES

Standing on the promises of Christ my king, through eternal ages let His praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God. Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

**Centennial Recollections** Fredda Kimball

Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call, resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

**Offertory Prayer** Becky Skidmore

**Offertory** Chancel Choir  
*God of Grace and God of Glory* Paul Langston  
*Written by Dr. Paul Langston, who was Minister of Music, 1954-1960. This anthem was composed in 1957 to celebrate the thirty-fifth anniversary of St. John's.*

God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power.  
Crown Thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour!

Lo! the hosts of evil 'round us, scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways.  
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,

Set our feet on lofty places, gird our lives that they may be,  
Armored with all Christ-like graces, in the fight to set men free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not man nor Thee,

**\*Doxology** 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.

**\*Hymn** The Church of Christ in Every Age  
Chalice Hymnal No. 475, verses 1 & 5 WAREHAM

The Church of Christ in every age, beset by change but spirit led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord: to care for all, without reserve, and spread Christ's liberating word.

**Message** Dr. Foust  
*Ain't It Good to Know*

**\*Song of Unity** *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

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

This glorious hope revives our courage by the way;  
while each in expectation lives, and longs to see the day

**\*Affirming & Commissioning of Rev. Allison Benfield to Providence Church, Charleston, SC** Dr. Foust

**\*Commissioning the Scattered Church** Dr. Foust

**\*Choral Benediction** Congregation  
*The Irish Blessing* Andre Lash

May the road rise to meet you the wind be at your back, may the sun shine warm-ly on your face. May the rain fall soft - ly soft - ly on your fields and may God hold you in the palm of his hand, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

**\*Postlude** J. Noel Lance

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## REMEMBER, CELEBRATE, ENVISION

We cannot fully tell our story of one century in one worship service. Therefore, we will treat Sundays, March 13, 20 and 27 as a trilogy. On Sunday, March 13, we will REMEMBER how God has been faithful to us throughout our first century. On Sunday, March 20, we will CELEBRATE our centennial. On Sunday, March 27, we will ENVISION our future. Please make plans to be present in person or on livestream for this trilogy of Sundays. If you would like to join the choir for these three special Sundays, please let Kevin know at [kgray@sjcharlotte.org](mailto:kgray@sjcharlotte.org) OR 803-524-0287.

## Charlotte Knights – SAVE THE DATE!

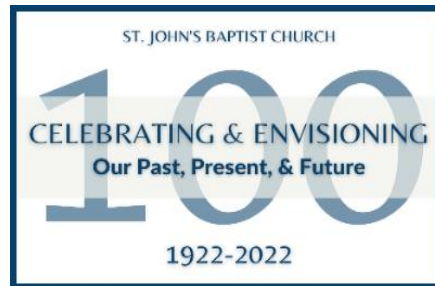
St. John's Baptist members and guests will be going to see the Charlotte Knights play the Norfolk Tides on Sunday, May 22, at 1:00 pm. More details to come.

## 2022 Community & State Missions Offering

The Mission Resource Team has set a goal of \$5,000 for the 2022 Community & State Missions Offering, collected in February and March. This year, the offering will be divided evenly with 50% going to the Wake Forest University School of Divinity (state group recipient) and 50% going to Refugee Support Services (community group recipient). Help us reach the \$5,000 goal by giving today during the service, mailing your offering, text to give (text SJGIVE to 73256) or online!


## Celebrating & Envisioning

**100th Anniversary Service**  
**March 20, 2022 @ 10:30 am**  
 Please invite friends and former members to join us.



## LAST CALL TO ORDER EASTER LILIES!

Today is the LAST DAY to order your Easter calla lily! The cost is \$18.50 each. All orders must be placed by TODAY Sunday, March 13. You can order via Realm OR fill out and tear off the form below to put it the offering plate with payment.

<b>Calla Lily Order Form 2022</b> 	
I will give _____ (number) lilies at \$18.50 each. _____ in memory of _____ _____ in honor of _____	Donor name and telephone: _____ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> I wish to pick up my lilies. <input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to pick up my lilies.
The deadline to place your order is Sunday, March 13, 2022 with Jenny in the office.	
Please enclose or send cash/check with this order form with checks being made payable to St. John's Baptist Church with "Easter Lilies" in the memo line.	

## ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH

300 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, North Carolina 28204  
 704.333.5428 - [www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org](http://www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org)

### THE ST. JOHN'S PULPIT

March 20, 2022 | Celebrating God's Faithfulness and Dedicated Discipleship  
 Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD  
 Celebrating and Envisioning: Celebrating 100 Years!  
 Scripture: Ephesians 2:17-22  
 Message: *Where God Lives*

### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, March 13	9:15 am	Sunday School/Learning Groups (Virtual & In-person)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ Int'l Ministries Worship (Chapel)
Monday, Mar 14	10:00 am	Shepherd's Center Tax Assistance Program (Main Entrance & Room 204)
	11:30 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)
	2:00 pm	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
	6:30 pm	Administrative Deacon Panel (Room 220/ Zoom)
	6:30 pm	Ministries Deacon Panel (Room 204/ Zoom)
	8:00 pm	Eastway AA- Lasater Hall
Tuesday, Mar 15	10:00 am	Sandwich Ministry- Lounge
	10:00 am	Shepherd's Center Tax Assistance Program (Main Entrance & Room 204)
	1:00 pm	Soccer Shots (Gym)
Wed., March 16	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	7:30 pm	Sherrill basketball (Gym)
Thurs., March 17	10:45 am	Immigrant & Refugee Ministry Group (Lounge)
	5:30 pm	Handbells (Room 225)
Friday, March 18	6:30 am	Brotherhood of the Biscuit (Lounge)
	5:00 pm	Room in the Inn (Lounge, Gym)
	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Sat., March 19	6:30 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	8:00 pm	Together We Rise NA (Lasater Hall)

### GUEST CONNECTION

If you would like information on how you can become a part of St. John's, please fill out one of the "For Our Guests" cards found on the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate. Our church staff 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.

### MOBILE GIVING AT ST. JOHN'S

You can text your contributions and offerings to St. John's! Text SJGIVE (not case sensitive) and the amount you would like to give (i.e. 10=\$10) to 73256 to give using your mobile device. When you receive a message, click on the link provided and follow the instructions. You will then receive a receipt to confirm your gift was received.

### 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 Congregational Care ..... Rev. Lee Gray  
 Senior Minister ..... Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

### CHURCH STAFF

Administrative Assistant ..... Jenny Godfrey  
 Church Administrator..... Jacquelyn McAbee  
 Custodians..... Chris Mullis, Debora Thon  
 Organist..... J. Noel Lance  
 Weekday School Director ..... Lydia Olmsted  
 Administrative & Communications Support ..... Mallory Brown



The true history of St. John's has been written by the hundreds of persons who have served tirelessly as Sunday School teachers, as children's workers, as choir members, as meal servers at many dinner functions, as contributors of time and money. St. John's has been blessed by these faithful members and favored by God.

~ From *Fifty Favored Years*; Written by Richard L. Young

# HERITAGE SUNDAY

**Sunday, March 13, 2022, at 10:30AM**  
**ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA**