

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## Celebrating God's Faithfulness and Dedicated Discipleship

*Please silence all electronic devices.*

\*Invites the congregation to stand

**Gathering Music** J. Noel Lance and String Quartet

**\*Musical Call to Celebration** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
Chalice Hymnal No. 25, verses 1, 2 & 5 LOBE DEN HERREN

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

**Prayer of Submission** Rev. Lee Gray

**\*Call to Worship** Rev. Gray  
*Psalms 100*

ONE: Break forth into exclamations of joy and gladness!

**ALL: God is not dead. God is ever our God.**

ONE: God made us, to God we belong; we are God's beloved servants.

**ALL: God's love for us never runs out; God's concern goes on forever.**

ONE: Let the world see our joy as we lift our voices in songs of praise,  
surrendering our lives as a perpetual offering of thanksgiving.

**ALL: With all we have and all we are, let us bless the name of God forever!**

**\*Hymn of Praise** *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*  
Chalice Hymnal No. 725, verses 1, 2 & 4 NATIONAL HYMN

God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before Thy  
throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past; in this free land with thee our lot is cast;  
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay, Thy word our law, thy paths our  
chosen way.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way; lead us from night to never ending  
day; fill all our lives with love and grace divine, all glory, laud, and praise be ever  
thine.

**Readings from Epistle** Chip Wilson  
*Ephesians 2:17-22*

So Jesus came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those  
who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the  
Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with  
the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation  
of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In  
him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the  
Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for  
God.

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.**

**Choral Anthem (premiere)** Chancel Choir

*If Ye Love, Keep My Commandments* James Kevin Gray

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another comforter that he may 'bide with you forever,  
E'en the spirit of truth.

**Centennial Recollections** Sally Young

**Hymn** *Sweet, Sweet, Spirit*  
Chalice Hymnal No. 261 SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the spirit of the  
Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know that it's the presence  
of the Lord. Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove, stay right here with us,  
filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts and praise;  
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this  
place.

**A Centennial Prayer of Thanksgiving** Sally Young

**\*Hymn** *O God Who Taught Us How Love*  
Written for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. John's by James Kevin Gray

O God, who taught us how to love through the words and deeds of Christ. The  
one who reached out to the weak and raised them into life. Teach us this same  
compassion Lord, let Your face shine full through ours. May we truly love and  
serve the world. May we live our lives like Christ.

There are many who are bound in chains, broken hearts  
that need to mend. Give us eyes that see and ears that hear the cries that rise  
from them. O God, who sent us Jesus Christ, help us set these captives free.  
Send us out with your anointing Lord, helping all who are in need.

When the day is done and night falls fast on our journey here below. May we  
hear You say, "my child, well done come receive your just reward." You've  
fought for right and loved so well, changing lives along the way. Welcome now  
to your eternal home, built by grace and those who prayed.

**Offertory Prayer** Bobbie Hinson

**Offertory** Chancel Choir  
*Behold My Servant* James Kevin Gray

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, mine elect in whom my soul delighted; I will  
place my spirit upon him, and he will bring justice to all nations. He will not cry  
out, nor cause his voice to be heard in the streets; a bruised reed he will not  
breaketh, and a burning wick he will not snuff out; he will bring justice; he will  
be their light. I, the Lord have called you to righteousness; I will take your hand  
and will keep you; I will make you as a light to all the nations. You shall open blind  
eyes and give them sight. You shall lead them from darkness into light. You shall  
set them free, in the name of the Lord!

**\*Doxology** OLD HUNDREDTH  
Text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

No longer strangers, those outside,  
with all God's saints we now abide.  
We're God's own household — yes, his own,  
with Christ himself the cornerstone. Amen.

**Message** Dr. Foust  
*Where God Lives*

**The Church Covenant**

1. 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:

2. 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.

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

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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:

8. *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.*

**Choral Proclamation** Chancel Choir  
*Fairest Lord Jesus* Derek Hakes

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and son of man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine! Amen.

**Commissioning the Scattered Church** Dr. Foust

**\*The Lord's Prayer** *The Lord's Prayer*  
Chalice Hymnal No. 307 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

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*The flowers in the sanctuary and narthex are given to the glory of God and  
in memory of and in honor of both the First Century and Second Century  
Congregations of St. John's Baptist Church. The vase in the narthex was made  
by long time member, John Gill*

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*Happy Centennial Sunday, St. John's!*

*After the postlude, please remain in the Sanctuary for a photograph of the  
congregation. Then, everyone is invited to Lasater Hall for a gathering time with  
light refreshments. We will also have some autograph boards in various places in  
the church for all those attending to sign as a keepsake.*

**Guest Musicians**  
 Samuel Sparrow - Clarinet  
 David Strassberg - Violin I  
 Diana Stone - Violin II  
 Elda Franklin - Viola  
 Liz Burns - Cello

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

A service to celebrate the life of Katherine Barr will be held on Monday, March 21 at 11am in the Sanctuary at St. John's with a reception to follow in Lasater Hall.



The rose at the lectern is in celebration of the birth of Miles Julian DeVane, son of Patrick and Maggie Carnes DeVane, and younger brother of Isaac DeVane, on March 11, 2022.

### Charlotte Knights – Sunday, May 22!

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. The cost per ticket is \$15 for game only (food and beverage at your own cost). Opportunity to ride the streetcar to the game, if group interested. Please join us for a casual time for fun and fellowship! You can purchase tickets via Realm today or contact Lee Gray for more information. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, April 20.



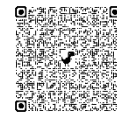
### 2022 Community & State Missions Offering

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!

### Welcoming Al Staggs to St. John's in April!

On the weekend of April 2-3, we welcome Al Staggs to St. John's! On Saturday, April 2 at 6PM in the Sanctuary at St. John's he will present his dramatic, one-person performance entitled *A View from the Underside: The Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer*. This performance brings the life of one of the great heroes of the twentieth century to the stage. The audience is brought into the prison cell where Bonhoeffer awaits execution and listens to his struggles with evil, injustice, and God.

Register and purchase your \$10 tickets for Saturday online with the QR code OR pay via check/cash in the office during the week.



On Sunday morning, April 3, Al will present a dramatic sermon representing Clarence Jordan, author of Cotton Patch Gospels and founder of Koinonia Farms, which was pivotal in the inspiration of Millard Fuller, founder of Habitat for Humanity.

## ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH

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### THE ST. JOHN'S PULPIT

March 27, 2022 | A Covenant Community Envisions  
 Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD  
 Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20  
 Message: *The Great Co-Mission*

### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, March 20	9:15 am	Sunday School/Learning Groups (Virtual & In-person)
	9:30 am	Membership Resource Team (Room 204)
	10:30 am	Worship/ Heritage Sunday (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ Int'l Ministries Worship (Chapel)
	11:30 am	Gathering Time (Lasater Hall)
	5:00 pm	Sunday Night Live (Lounge, Gym, 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor)
Mon, March 21	8:00 am	Finance Resource Team (Zoom)
	10:00 am	Shepherd's Center Tax Assistance Program (Main Entrance & Room 204)
	11:00 am	Memorial Service/ Katherine Barr
	11:30 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Zoom)
	12:00 pm	Reception (Lasater Hall)
	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Tues., March 22	9:30 am	Music Class/WDS (Laster Hall)
	10:00 am	Shepherd's Center Tax Assistance Program (Main Entrance & Room 204)
	11:00 am	Tuesday Bible Study (Zoom)
	1:00 pm	Soccer Shots/WDS (Gym)
Wed., March 23	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	6:00 pm	Mission Resource Team (Room 204/Zoom)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	7:30 pm	Sherrill basketball (Gym)
Thurs., March 24	5:30 pm	Handbells (Sanctuary)
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Friday, Mar. 25	5:00 pm	Room in the Inn (Lounge, Gym)
	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Sat., Mar. 26	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 Worship and Music.....J. Kevin Gray  
 Minister for Congregational Care ..... Rev. Lee Gray  
 Senior Minister ..... Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

### CHURCH STAFF

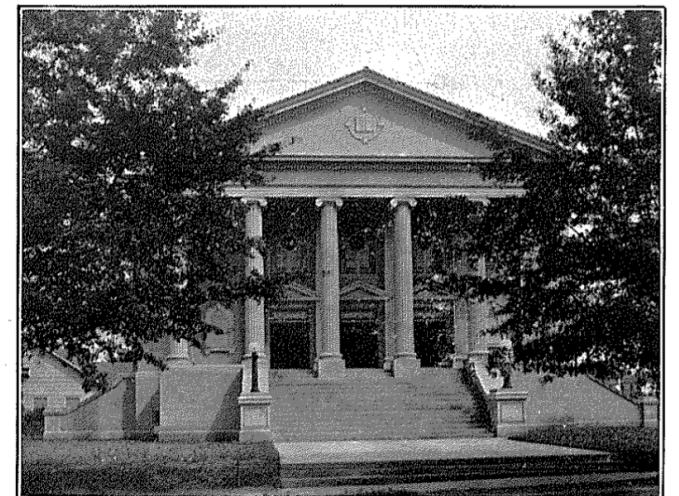
Administrative Assistant ..... Jenny Godfrey  
 Church Administrator ..... Jacquelyn McAbee  
 Custodians..... Chris Mullis, Debora Thon  
 Organist.....J. Noel Lance  
 Weekday School Director ..... Lydia Olmsted  
 Administrative & Communications Support ..... Mallory Brown

## St. John's Baptist Church

Corner Fifth Street and Hawthorne Lane  
 Charlotte, N. C.

JOSEPH A. GAINES, Pastor

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"Enter in at these gates to worship the Lord."—Jeremiah 7:2

REGULAR MEETINGS		
Sunday School	9:45 A. M.	each Sunday
Morning Worship	11:00 A. M.	each Sunday
B. Y. P. U. Junior, Intermediate and Senior	6:45 P. M.	each Sunday
Evening Worship	8:00 P. M.	each Sunday
Prayer Meeting	8:00 P. M.	each Wednesday
Deacons' Meeting	Monday after	First Sunday in each month
Woman's Auxiliary	Third Monday	in each month
W. A. Circles	First Monday	in each month
Y. W. A.	Fourth Monday	in each month
Men's League	Fourth Tuesday	in each month
Boy Scouts	Each Friday evening	
Choir Rehearsal	Thursday after last Sunday	in each month
S. S. Officers and Teachers		

### VISITORS ARE EVER WELCOME HERE

We think of our Church as a happy Christian family, and we wish every visitor to feel at home. The pastor and members of the Church would like to meet you. Tarry awhile and let us become acquainted.

### WE INVITE TO MEMBERSHIP

In our church all who believe on Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, who willingly confess Him before men, who will serve Him in loving obedience. The closing hymn after every sermon is a hymn of invitation. If you wish to join the church go forward at this time and give the pastor your hand.

Image of bulletin from the 1920's, notice the Community building to the left.

**Heritage Sunday**  
**Sunday, March 20, 2022, at 10:30AM**  
**ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA**