

<h1>THE WORSHIP OF GOD</h1> <h2>Envisioning God's Faithfulness and Dedicated Discipleship</h2> <p><i>Please silence all electronic devices.</i></p> <p>*Invites the congregation to stand</p>	
Gathering Music	J. Noel Lance
Introit	Handbell Choir
<i>Fanfare and Alleluia</i>	Douglas E. Wagner
Musical Call to Celebration	Congregation
	BUNESSAN
<p>Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning. Praise for them springing fresh from the word.</p> <p>Ours is the sunlight. Ours is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!</p>	
Greeting	Hutch Benton
Prayer of Submission	Hutch Benton
Call to Worship	Nora Benton
<p>ONE: People of God, open your eyes! Look around!</p> <p>ALL: The presence of our Lord Jesus Christ is here among us and within us.</p> <p>ONE: God's salvation is close at hand, nearer than we know.</p> <p>ALL: So, let's open our hearts and minds to the Spirit that was in Jesus and worship God together!</p> <p><i>-By Christine Longhurst</i></p>	
Hymn of Praise	Creator God, Creating Still
	CORONATION
<p>Creator God, creating still, by will and word and deed, create a new humanity to meet the present need, create a new humanity to meet the present need.</p> <p>Redeemer God, redeeming still, with overflowing grace, pour out your love on us, through us, make this a holy place, pour out your love on us, through us, make this a holy place.</p> <p>Great Trinity, for this new day we need your presence still. Create, redeem, sustain us now to do your work and will, Create, redeem, sustain us now to do your work and will.</p>	
Readings from the Gospel	
Matthew 28	Dick Hester
<p>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."</p> <p>ONE: Through these written words of scripture, we listen for the Living Word of God.</p> <p>ALL: Those who have ears to hear, let them hear.</p>	
Handbell Anthem	Handbell Choir
<i>Holy Manna</i>	Arr. Karen Thompson

J. Noel Lance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 \$15.50 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!

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

April 3, 2022
Proclaimer: Rev. Al Staggs
The Kingdom (Vision, Mission) of God
Message: *The God Movement*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S

Sunday, March 27	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)
	5:00 pm	Sunday Night Live (Lounge, Gym, 3 rd floor)
	11:30 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)
	2:00 pm	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
	6:00 pm	Team Hope (Gym)
Tuesday, Mar 29	8:00 pm	Eastway AA- Lasater Hall
	10:00 am	Sandwich Ministry- Lounge
	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 (Gym)
	7:00 pm	Sherrill basketball (Gym)
	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thurs., March 31	7:30 pm	Sherrill basketball (Gym)
	6:00 pm	Team Hope (Gym)
	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
	Fri, April 1	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	Sat., April 2	6:00 pm
	6:00 pm	An Evening with Al Staggs (Sanctuary)
	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



“Church is always being renewed, refashioned, and re-imagined. For some people, this is painful and frightening. Yet, for St. John’s, this is exciting, empowering, and energizing. As the charter members of St. John’s second century, we pray for God to empower us with discernment and active faith as we renew our commitments to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly by continuing the ministry of Jesus in the world from the center city of Charlotte, North Carolina.”

(From the sermon, ‘*The Great Co-Mission,*’ by Dennis Foust on the first Sunday of our second century, March 27, 2022.)

Centennial Celebration

Envisioning God’s Faithfulness and Dedicated Discipleship

Sunday, March 27, 2022, at 10:30AM
ST. JOHN’S BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA