

<div>THE WORSHIP OF GOD</div> <div>First Sunday in Lent</div> <div>Please silence all electronic devices.</div> <div>*Invites the congregation to stand</div>	
Gathering Music	J. Noel Lance
Greeting	Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
Prayer of Submission	Rev. Allison Benfield
*Call to Worship	Rev. Benfield
<div>ONE: The Lord, has been our dwelling place in all generations.</div> <div>ALL: Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and sea formed, God was present.</div> <div>ONE: Let that same power that ushered in creation be manifest in us your servant people, and may we share the bounties of God’s love and power with the whole world.</div> <div>ALL: Let us worship the Living God, who dwells within us!</div>	
*Hymn of Praise	Rejoice, You Pure in Heart Chalice Hymnal No. 15, verses 1, 2 & 3 MARION
<div>Rejoice, you pure in heart; lift praises to the sky;</div> <div>your festive banner wave with joy, the cross of Christ raise high!</div> <div>Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!</div>	
<div>Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong souls and spirits meek,</div> <div>raise high your free, exulting song, God's wondrous praises speak.</div> <div>Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!</div>	
<div>With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise,</div> <div>send forth the hymns the saints have loved, the psalms of ancient days.</div> <div>Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!</div>	
Readings from Hebrew and Christian Scriptures	Kimberly Follis & Cindy McIntyre
<div>Proverbs 9:1-6</div> <div>Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars.</div> <div>She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,</div> <div>she has also set her table.</div> <div>She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town,</div> <div>“You that are simple, turn here! “To those without sense she says,</div> <div>“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.</div> <div>Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.”</div>	
<div>Matthew 25 :1-3</div> <div>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them;</div>	
<div>ONE: Through these written words of scripture, we listen for the Living Word of God.</div> <div>ALL: Those who have ears to hear, let them hear.</div>	

Moment of Centering	J. Kevin Gray
Here As in Heaven	Brown, Furtick, Joye & Brock
<div>During this song, quiet your mind and spend time simply existing in the presence of God.</div>	
<div>The atmosphere is changing now, for the Spirit of the Lord is here.</div> <div>The evidence is all around, that the Spirit of the Lord is here.</div> <div>Overflow in this place, fill our hearts with your love.</div> <div>Your love surrounds us. You’re the reason we came,</div> <div>to encounter your love. Your love, surrounds us</div> <div>Spirit of God fall fresh on us; we need your presence.</div> <div>Your kingdom come, your will be done, here as in heaven.</div>	
The Church at Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer	Rev. Lee Gray
<div>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.</div>	
<div>Prayer Concerns &amp; Celebrations</div> <div>Shirley Ballard, Katherine Barr, Martha Brown, Stan Brown,</div> <div>Tamara Edwards, Caroline Godsey, Tish Philemon,</div> <div>Carole Ann Simpson, Don Swofford, Dee Turner</div>	
<div>Sympathy to the family and friends of Amelia Kaylor in her passing on February 21, 2022. Amelia was a long-time member of St. John’s.</div>	
*Hymn	In the Name of the Lord IN THE NAME OF THE LORD
<div>There is strength in the name of the Lord; there is power in the name of the Lord; there is hope in the name of the Lord! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!</div>	
<div>There is strength in the name of the Lord; there is power in the name of the Lord; there is hope in the name of the Lord! Blessed is she who comes in the name of the Lord!</div>	
<div>There is strength in the name of the Lord; there is power in the name of the Lord; there is hope in the name of the Lord! Blessed are they who come, blessed are they who come, blessed are they who come, in the name of the Lord!</div>	
Offertory Prayer	Phillips Bragg
Offertory	Chancel Choir
Praise His Holy Name	Keith Hampton
<div>Sing to the power of the Lord come down. Shout Hallelujah! Praise his holy name! Sing to the power of the Lord come down. Shout Hallelujah! Praise his holy name!</div>	
<div>Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free? No there's a cross for everyone and there's a cross for me.</div>	
<div>Jesus, Jesus how I love thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise his holy name!</div>	

*Doxology	OLD HUNDREDTH
<div>Praise God from whom all blessings flow;</div> <div>praise God all creatures here below;</div> <div>praise God above ye heavenly host:</div> <div>Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.</div>	
Narration & Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures	Sara Vavra
<div>Genesis 1:31</div> <div>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.</div>	
<div>Song of Response</div> <div>I see your true colors shining through. I see your true colors and that's why I love you. So don't be afraid to let them show. Your true colors are beautiful like a rainbow.</div>	
Message	Rev. Martha D. Kearse
<div>Ya'll, What If We're Fine</div>	
*Hymn of Discipleship	It Only Takes a Spark
Chalice Hymnal No. 477, verse 1	PASS IT ON
<div>It only takes a spark to get a fire going,</div> <div>and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.</div> <div>That's how it is with God's love Once you've experienced it</div> <div>You spread God’s love to everyone you want to pass it on.</div>	
*Commissioning the Scattered Church	Dr. Foust
*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 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.



Easter Lilies

This year, we are offering assorted Calla Lilies to reduce the pollen and help everyone enjoy this glorious Sunday of worship. The cost is \$18.50 each. All orders must be placed by Sunday, March 13. You can order via Realm OR fill out and tear off the form below to turn into Jenny in the office with your payment.

Calla Lily Order Form 2022



I will give \_\_\_\_\_ (number) lilies at \$18.50 each.  
\_\_\_\_\_ in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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.

Donor name and telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to pick up my lilies.  
\_\_\_\_\_ 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.

ST. JOHN’S BAPTIST CHURCH

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THE ST. JOHN’S PULPIT

March 13, 2022 | Second Sunday in Lent  
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD  
Celebrating and Envisioning: Celebrating 100 Years!  
Message: *A Covenant Community of Faith Remembers*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S

Sunday, March 6	8:00 am	Church Council (Conference Room)
	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, March 7	4:00 pm	Basketball Celebration (Lounge & Gym)
	10:00 am	Shepherd’s Center Tax Assistance Program (Main Entrance & Room 204)
	11:30 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Zoom)
	2:00 pm	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
Tuesday, March 8	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
	9:30 am	Weekday School Music Class (Laster Hall)
	10:00 am	Shepherd’s Center Tax Assistance Program (Main Entrance & Room 204)
	11:00 am	Tuesday Bible Study (Zoom)
Wed., March 9	1:00 pm	Soccer Shots (Gym)
	6:00 pm	Mission Resource Team (Room 204/Zoom)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	7:30 pm	Sherrill basketball (Gym)
Thurs., March 10	10:00 am	Craft & Needles Ministry (Lounge)
	5:30 pm	Handbells (Sanctuary)
Friday, Mar. 11	5:00 pm	Room in the Inn (Lounge, Gym)
	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Sat., Mar. 12	6:30 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	9:00 am	Basketball Games (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

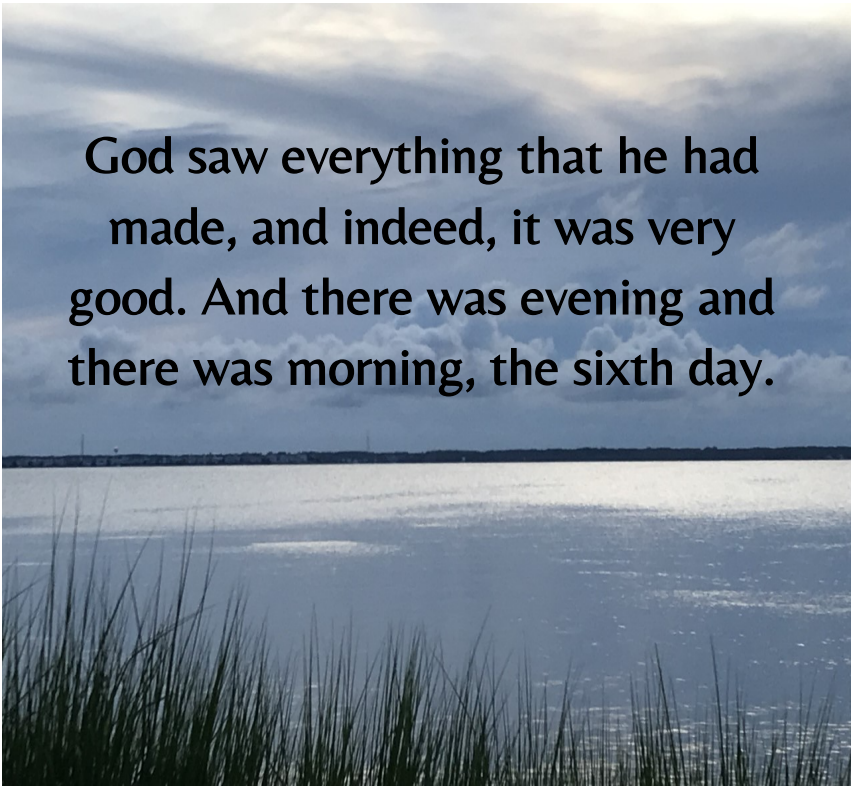
*Every participant in God’s Servant Church*

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



God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Sunday, March 6, 2022, at 10:30AM  
ST. JOHN’S BAPTIST CHURCH  
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA