

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

An iMessage on Spiritual Perseverance

Please silence all electronic devices.

*Invites the congregation to stand

Gathering Music J. Noel Lance

Greeting Rev. Dennis W. Foust PhD

***Call to Worship** Dr. Foust

ONE: Wonderful God, creator of all things, your transcendent magnificence is made manifest in all creation.

ALL: The whole earth declares Your greatness.

ONE: It is a song on the lips of the young and old alike.

ALL: We praise You, O Lord, for You are good; Your mercy endures forever.

***Prayer of Submission** Dr. Foust

***Hymn of Praise** *To God Be the Glory*
Chalice Hymnal No. 72, vs. 1&3 TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, thru Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

Family Dedication Blinn & Anna Cushman present:
Alexandra Lawrence & Julien McLeod Cushman

The Dedication Covenant Dr. Foust

MINISTER: Do you, Blinn & Anna, covenant together to raise Alexandra & Julien in an environment of Christian love, harmony, and peace?

PARENTS: We do.

MINISTER: Do you covenant together to grant Alexandra & Julien the benefits of communal fellowship by nurturing them within the church, the corporate body of Christ?

PARENTS: We do.

MINISTER: Do you, congregation, covenant together as the larger family of God to create an atmosphere of support and guidance whereby these children can come to know and serve the Lord Jesus Christ?

CONGREGATION: We do.

MINISTER: Do you pledge to make your witness of such quality as to instruct them in Christian discipleship?

CONGREGATION: We do.

MINISTER: Then, recognizing the covenant accepted this day by Blinn & Anna and by the congregation, I offer Alexandra & Julien this certificate acknowledging their formal introduction to this family of God.

Presentation of the Children Alexandra & Julien

Prayer of Dedication Dr. Foust

Reading from The Revelation to John Nancy Wilson
Revelation 2:8-11

“And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of the First and the Last, who was dead and came to life: “I know your affliction and your poverty, even though you are rich. I know the slander on the part of those who say that they are Jews and are not but are a synagogue of Satan. Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Beware, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison so that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have affliction. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. Whoever conquers will not be harmed by the second death.

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.

***Hymn** *Through it All*
Chalice Hymnal No. 555 THROUGH IT ALL

Through it all, through it all, I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God; through it all, through it all, I've learned to depend upon God's word.

The Church at Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Kathy Bragg

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
Kathleen Bumgardner, Tish Philemon, Tarsha Williams, Ethel Harris

Solo Anne Hager
How Can I Keep From Singing Robert Lowry

Reading from The Revelation to John Dr. Foust
Revelation 2:12-17

“And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword: “I know where you are living, where Satan's throne is. Yet you are holding fast to my name, and you did not deny your faith in me even in the days of Antipas my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan lives. But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the people of Israel, so that they would eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality. So you also have some who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. Repent, then. If not, I will come to you

soon and wage war against them with the sword of my mouth. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To everyone who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give a white stone, and on the white stone is written a new name that no one knows except the one who receives it.

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.

***Hymn** *How Firm a Foundation*
Chalice Hymnal No. 618 Vs. 1 & 2 FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
What more can be said than to you God has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

Message Dr. Foust
An iMessage on Spiritual Perseverance: Recalculating

***Hymn of Discipleship** *I Shall Not be Moved*
Chalice Hymnal No. 615, vs. 1 MESSAGE

I shall not be, I shall not be moved. I shall not be, I shall not be moved;
Like a tree planted by the water, I shall not be moved.

When my cross is heavy, I shall not be moved, when my cross is heavy,
I shall not be moved; like a tree planted by the water, I shall not be moved.

Offertory Prayer Jeff Almond

Offertory Anthem Chancel Choir & Congregation
All Hail the Power of Jesus Name Arr. Jay Althouse

***Congregation join in on verse 4 when cued to stand**

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
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***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.

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

***Postlude** J. Noel Lance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2022 Global Missions Offering

This year's Global Mission Offering goal is \$25,000.

So far, we have received \$1,460 towards this goal.

We will support our friends at the Nyarweng School, South Sudan, with \$20,000 and we will send \$5,000 to Project Ruth. You can give towards this goal today by donating online and specifying Global Missions, or by writing "Global Missions" in the memo line on your check.

Help us reach our \$25,000 goal!

Frozen In Time: What Girls Need Now

Community Cue on Sunday, June 26, 2022 at 2PM in Broach Hall

Community Cues are free events that are open to the public. In these settings, the community is open to explore themes and topics inspired by an upcoming show.

The upcoming Community Cue is based on the musical, Frozen, and is targeted towards girls and young women. It will include a panel discussion featuring licensed mental health professionals. This conversation is an opportunity to explore common themes causing stress in girls and young women in early elementary school and is designed to help them understand that they are not alone in battling stress, anxiety, depression, bullying and other issues. The day will end with breakout sessions that will help teach valuable stress-relieving tools that they can use every day.

It will take place in Broach Hall at 2PM on Sunday, June 26, 2022.



The event is free but requires advance sign-ups using the form linked on the QR code.

Carillon Installation

In July a digital carillon will be installed at St. John's. It will strike the hour throughout the day. At noon, it will play a selection of hymns for several minutes. **We need your help!** We would like to have the carillon play hymns that are favorites of YOU! If you have a favorite hymn, please email, mail, or drop a note to Kevin Gray with a list of your top five favorite hymns.

Prayers for Our Youth

Pray for our youth group and leaders as they depart today for Chicago on a mission trip. This week, they will be participating in Experience Mission's ministry in Chicago and partner with Sunshine Gospel Ministries (through the BridgeBuilders program) for an experiential service-learning opportunity. Their work will fluctuate day to day depending on the local partner's needs, but in each experience, they hope to be given opportunities to build relationships with local people and extend the work of the local church.

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship on June 26
Proclaimer: Dennis W. Foust, PhD
Worship Theme: An iMessage on Diligence
Sermon Title: Do/ Due Diligence
Scriptures: Revelation 2:18-29

This Week at St. John's

Sun., June 19	19 th -25 th 9:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Youth Mission Trip to Chicago Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person) Worship (Sanctuary) Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel) Cushman Lunch (Broach Hall)
Mon., June 20	2:00 pm 6:00 pm 8:00 pm	Staff meeting/Worship planning (Conference room) Team Hope (Gym) Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, June 21	10:00 am 7:00 am	Sandwich Ministry (Lounge) Sherrill basketball (Gym)
Wed., June 22	6:00 pm 7:15 pm	Team Hope (Gym) Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, June 23	6:00 pm	Team Hope (Gym)
Friday, June 24	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, June 25	6:30 am 8:00 pm	Benton Basketball (Gym) Together We Rise NA (Lasater Hall)

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 Worship and Music.....J. Kevin Gray
Minister for Congregational Care..... Rev. Lee Gray
Senior Minister.....Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Church Staff

Administrative and Communications Support.....Mallory Brown
Church Administrator.....Jacquelyn McAbee
Custodians.....Chris Mullis, Debora Thon
Ministry Coordinator..... Amanda Morrison
Organist..... J. Noel Lance
Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmstead



Sunday, June 19, 2022, at 10:30AM
ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA