

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Please silence all electronic devices.

*Invites the congregation to stand

Gathering Music J. Noel Lance

Musical Introit We Are People of God's Peace
TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

We are people of God's peace as a new creation.
Love unites and strengthens us at this celebration.
Sons and daughters of the Lord, serving one another,
a new covenant of peace binds us all together.

We are children of God's peace in this new creation,
spreading joy and happiness, through God's great salvation.
Hope we bring in spirit meek, in our daily living.
Peace with everyone we seek, good for evil giving.

We are servants of God's peace, of the new creation.
Choosing peace, we faithfully serve with heart's devotion.
Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, confidence will give us.
Christ the Lord is our defense; Christ will never leave us.

Greeting Rev. Lee Gray

***Prayerful Call to Worship** Rev. Gray

ONE: God of all, God of us, we have gathered this day to bear
witness to Your goodness.

ALL: We lift our eyes to You, for You are our wisdom,
strength, and truth.

ONE: We thank you for sending us Jesus who brought your
heart and will into clear view.

ALL: Help us as we follow him in our gathered and scattered
lives. Tune our hearts to sing Your praise in all we do.
Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Chalice Hymnal No. 16 NETTLETON

Family Dedication

Molly & Micah Belong present Walter Thomas Martin Belong

The Dedication Covenant Dr. Foust

MINISTER: Do you, Molly, and Micah, covenant together
to raise Walter in an environment of Christian love,
harmony, and peace?

PARENTS: We do.

MINISTER: Do you covenant together to grant Walter the benefits
communal fellowship by nurturing Walter 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 Walter can come to know and serve the Lord Jesus
Christ?

CHURCH: We do.

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

CHURCH: We do.

MINISTER: Then, recognizing the covenant accepted this day by Molly and
Micah and by the congregation, I offer Walter this certificate
acknowledging her formal introduction into this family of God.

Song of Blessing Congregation

Walter, God claims you;
God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.
We this day do all agree a child of God you will always be.
Walter, God claims you;
God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

Reading from the Epistle Ryan Crowder
Colossians 3:12-15

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with
compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one
another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each
other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above
all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in
perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to
which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

ONE: This is the written word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

***Hymn** Pass it On
Chalice Hymnal No. 477 vs. 1 & 3 PASS IT ON

The Church at Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Haley Blackwell

**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

Tarsha Williams, Arnold Philemon, Martha Brown,
Joyce Ehrenberger, Sierra Leone

Recognition of Church Leaders Rev. Dennis W. Foust PhD

Offertory Prayer Dr. Foust

Offertory Anthem Chancel Choir
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty Arr. Robert Sterling

***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.

Message Rev. Dennis W. Foust PhD
Could You Bake and Deliver Brownies

The Ordination of Deacons

Litany of Ordination Congregation

PASTOR: Living God, as You ordain us to be Your servant people,
we set apart these deacons in the life and ministries of St.
John's Baptist Church.

PEOPLE: Please bless them with clarity of vision, breadth of
wisdom, and pathways of servant leadership as they
guide us in the ways of Jesus.

DEACONS: As part of our commitment to God, we dedicate
ourselves to lead by example pursuing the spiritual health
and ministry vitality of St. John's.

PEOPLE: As the people of St. John's, we promise to pray for you,
co-labor with you, and support your servant leadership as
you invest yourselves in the mission of God.

ALL: We offer this prayer to God, through Jesus Christ, who is
the head of the Church. Amen.

Deacons Being Ordained
Matt Comer, Molly Belong, Anna Cushman

Prayer of Ordination M.C. Sorrell

***Hymn of Discipleship** Lord, You Give the Great Commission
Chalice Hymnal No. 459 vs. 5 ABBOT'S LEIGH

Lord, You bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as You intend.
And, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

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

Postlude J. Noel Lance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Kick-Off TONIGHT!

Tonight from 5-6 PM in Broach Hall, we are hosting our Fall Kick-Off Party to celebrate a new year in the life of our community. We will hear from several different ministries and areas of the church and learn about the events and emphases for this fall and Advent seasons. During this time together, Kevin will present a host of songs on our new baby grand piano, purchased in memory of Dee Turner and Don Swofford.



We hope you'll join us (all ages and stages) for some time together (snacks included) as we begin a new year together. At 6 PM, all youth will have their first Sunday Night Live gathering for the semester!

Women of the Church Luncheon

The Women of the Church luncheon will be held in Broach Hall on Sunday, September 18 at 11:45 AM. We are excited to gather again for food, fun, and fellowship, and to celebrate the history of the WMU in the life of Baptist women here at St. John's.

Reservations are REQUIRED. You may sign up via Realm (scan QR code) or by submitting the paper form and a check for \$12.00 to Amanda Morrison or Nancy Wilson by September 11. Reservations received after Sept. 11 are limited and will require a \$15 payment at the door. In the spirit of WMU, we will be collecting donations of feminine hygiene products, lotion, and deodorant at the door.



Craft Fair & Bake Sale on Sunday, October 16

The Needle and Craft ministry will be having a Craft Fair & Bake Sale this fall on October 16 after the worship service. Our proceeds will be donated to a worthy cause, not yet determined. We need your help with any craft items or baked goods you could donate to sell. We also need some help with sewing some items we would like to offer. We have some fabric and can cut the items out if you could help us with sewing them.

Please call Tricia Miller (704-562-4818) if you can help. Looking forward to having this annual event up and running in 2022.

Salt Shakers Is Back!

At St. John's we have few occasions to get together informally and meet new members or get better acquainted with people we pass in the hall or see in the Sanctuary. Salt Shakers is a church-wide effort to provide a setting for this fellowship...an opportunity to get to know one another a little better! Sponsored by the Ministry Panel, Salt Shakers is designed to provide four evenings of dinner and conversation for any adult who wants to participate. Each dinner is hosted in a different home and attended by a different group of seven or eight people.



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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship on Sept. 18
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust PhD
Sermon Theme: Jesus as Lord of Our Living Discipleship
Sermon Title: 'Is Jesus Christ for You?'
Scriptures: Matthew 16:13-20; John 18:33-38

This Week at St. John's

Sun., Sept. 11	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 International Ministries (Chapel)
	5:00 pm	St. John's Fall Kickoff (Broach Hall)
	6:00 pm	Youth SNL
Mon., Sept. 12	11:00 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)
	2:00 pm	Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room)
	6:00 pm	Lewis - Basketball (Gym)
	6:30 pm	Administrative Deacon Panel Meeting (Room 222)
	6:30 pm	Ministries Deacon Panel Meeting (Conference Room)
	6:30 pm	Pastoral Deacon Panel Meeting (Lounge)
	7:30 pm	All Deacons Meeting (Broach Hall)
Tuesday, Sept. 13	10:45 am	Immigration & Refugee Ministry Group (Room 204)
	6:30 pm	NAMI "Family to Family" Class (Room 105)
	7:00 pm	Sherrill Basketball (Gym)
Wed., Sept. 14	6:30 pm	Mission Resource Team (Room 204)
Thursday, Sept. 15	10:00 am	WOC Spiritual Growth Team (Prayer Room)
Friday, Sept. 16	6:30 am	Brotherhood of the Biscuit (Lounge)
	5:30 pm	Serving at the Men's Shelter
Saturday, Sept. 17	6:30 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	8:00 pm	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
Minister for Youth and Young Adults..... Haley Blackwell
Senior Minister.....Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Church Staff

Custodians.....Chris Mullis, Debora Thon
Media Coordinator Mallory Brown
Ministry Coordinator.....Amanda Morrison
Organist J. Noel Lance
Associate Organist..... Dr. Matthew Manwarren
Children's Music DirectorChloe Hall
Weekday School Director..... Lydia Olmsted



Sunday, September 11, 2022, at 10:30 AM
ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA