# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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**Church Conference** 

M.C. Sorrell, Fredda Kimball, Kenn Compton

Greeting

Preparing our Hearts for Worship
Trumpet Tune on LOBE DEN HERREN

Rev. Dennis W. Foust PhD

Dr. Matthew Manwarren Walter Webber

Procession of the Christ Candle: Reitzel Alexander Augilera

\*Call to Worship

Rev. Lee Gray

ONE: We have gathered as the family of God.

All: Proclaiming our faith in the goodness of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ.

ONE: Through our faith and calling, may we be transformed into disciples of action

All: Feeding the hungry, clothing the naked,

ONE: Bringing justice to all in need!

All: Let us each be for the world a true reflection of the face of the Living God.

\*Prayer of Submission Rev. Gray

\*Hymn of Praise Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Chalice Hymnal #16 Nettleton

Reading from the Epistle Pauline Carter

James 2:14-18

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith.

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

Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Be doers of the word of God,
Not simply those who hear.
Be ones who look into God's word,
Obey, and persevere.
Be quick to listen, slow to speak,
And slow to anger, too.
Put wrath aside; instead, be meek
And let God work in you.

O Christ, you save us by God's grace From having to obey. Then freed to love, we can embrace A life that seeks your way. May we be doers of the word; May faith shine through our deeds; And as we seek to trust in God, May ethics follow creeds.

**Offertory Prayer** 

Offertory

Prelude on BEACH SPRING

\*Doxology

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.

Church at Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Kheresa Harmon

Lynn Bishop

Dr. Manwarren

Charles Callahan

**OLD HUNDREDTH** 

Martha Brown, Barbara McElwey, Nyandheng Mijak, Joseph Mabil Majak, Melanie Foust, Pat Engle, Beverly Hester

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.

**Choral Anthem** 

The Last Words of David Randall Thompson

He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.

And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds;

As the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain.

Alleluia. Amen



Be Doers of the Word of God ELLACOMBE 'A

Message
'A Church Vision – Baptist Style'

**Choral Anthem**God Be in My Head

Chancel Choir Victor Johnson

Dr. Foust

God be in my head and in my understanding.

God be in my eyes and in my looking.

God be in my mouth and in my speaking.

God be in my heart and in my thinking.

God be at my end and at my departing.

\*Hymn of Discipleship
Chalice Hymnal No. 658, Vs 1, 2 & 4

**Commissioning of the Scattered Church** 

Postlude Old 100th Restless Weaver BEACH SPRING

Dr. Manwarren

Johann Pachelbel

Dr. Foust

# Save the date for St. John's Baptist Church's Heritage Sunday!

Join us on Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate our second century here at St. John's. Following worship there will be a catered lunch in Broach Hall available, you can register for the lunch in Realm or by contacting the church office. There will also be a Mission Fair in the gym after worship, where you can explore all the ways to truly be a Servant Church.

# **Announcements**

# Fat Tuesday on Friday

Come join us for Fat Tuesday on Friday, February 24th @ 6:00 pm in Broach Hall. A George Brooks pancake dinner will be served and there will be games for the whole family to enjoy! Sign up on Realm by February 20. Donations will be accepted at the door, and all funds raised will be given to Habitat for Humanity.

## **Elizabeth Communities of Faith Lenten Services**

The Elizabeth Communities of Faith will begin the 2023 Lenten Services on Ash Wednesday, February 22 at St. Martin's Episcopal and continue each Wednesday in March in the Sanctuary at St. John's with lunch afterward in Lasater Hall. The theme for the services this year is "Journey to the Cross."

## **Snapshot Sundays**

Don't have a picture in Realm? No problem! Each Sunday in March before Sunday School OR after Worship, stop by the Main Entrance and we will take your picture and upload it for you. These pictures are used to help ministers and members put a face to the name. This way we can get to know one another better. So, come and have your picture taken each Sunday in March before Sunday School OR after worship at the Main Entrance.

For more information about any of the above opportunities and more, please subscribe to our Family News by scanning the QR code here. We send one newsletter per week throughout the year.



2023 SJBC Financial Ministry Plan					
	2	2023 Plan			
Income					
Pledges to budget	\$	852,000			
Non-pledges to budget		182,000			
Loose Offerings		8,000			
Fees from trust		15,000			
Facilities use		16,000			
Residential Partners		80,000			
Total Income	\$	1,153,000			
Expenses					
Personnel	\$	720,600			
House and Grounds		253,400			
Administration		57,000			
Missions		62,000			
Ministries		60,000			
Total Expenses	\$	1,153,000			

#### St. John's Baptist Church

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## The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: February 26

Worship Theme: Jesus' Attitude and Actions of Forgiveness Bring Redemption Scripture: John 1:19-34

Message: 'Do You Change the World through Forgiveness?'
Proclaimers: Rev. Dennis W. Foust PhD

#### This Week at St. John's

	•	1113 VVCCR at 3t. 3011113
Sun., Feb. 19	9:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 1:30 pm 2:30 pm 5:00 pm	Mark 8:31-33 Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person) Worship (Sanctuary) Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel) Memorial Service for Martha Bryson (Sanctuary) Reception for the Family of Martha Bryson (Lasater Hall) Youth SNL
Mon., Feb. 20	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 2:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Mark 8:34-9:1 Make & Grow Day Camp (Lasater Hall) Adventures in Learning: Shepherd's Center (Broach Hall) Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge) Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room) Endowment Resource Team (ZOOM) CFH Resident Advisor Staff Meeting (Lounge)
Tuesday, Feb. 21	8:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 6:00 pm 7:15 pm	Mark 9:2-13 Finance Resource Team (ZOOM) Sandwich Ministry (Lounge) Shepherd's Center: A Matter of Balance Class (Room 222) Girl Scouts Troop Formation Interest Night (Lounge) Sherrill Basketball (Gym)
Wed., Feb. 22	10:00 am 12:00 pm 7:15 pm	Mark 9:14-32 Shepherd's Center/AARP Tax Assistance Program (Parking Lot) Ash Wednesday Service @ St. Martins Episcopal Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Thursday, Feb. 23	10:00 am 6:30 pm	Mark 9:33-41 Shepherd's Center/AARP Tax Assistance Program (Parking Lot) NAMI Peer-to-Peer Class (Lounge)
Friday, Feb. 24	8:00 pm	Mark 9:42-50 Eastway AA
Saturday, Feb. 25	6:30 am 8:00 pm	Mark 10:1-12 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**

Haley Blackwell

Rev Dennis W Foust PhD

Minister for Youth and Young Adults..

Senior Minister

	Schol Millister				
	Minister for Worship and Music	J. Kevin Gray			
	Minister for Congregational Care	Rev. Lee Gray			
	Minister for Children and Their Families	Rev. Kheresa Harmon			
Church Staff					
	Media Coordinator	Mallory Brown			
	Children's Music Director	Chloe Hall			
	Organist	J. Noel Lance			
	Associate Organist	Dr. Matthew Manwarren			
	Custodians	Chris Mullis, Debora Thon			
	Ministry Coordinator	Amanda Morrison			
	Weekday School Director				
	Church Administrator				



St. John's as a Baptist Community of Faith

Sunday, February 19, 2023, at 10:30 AM

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA