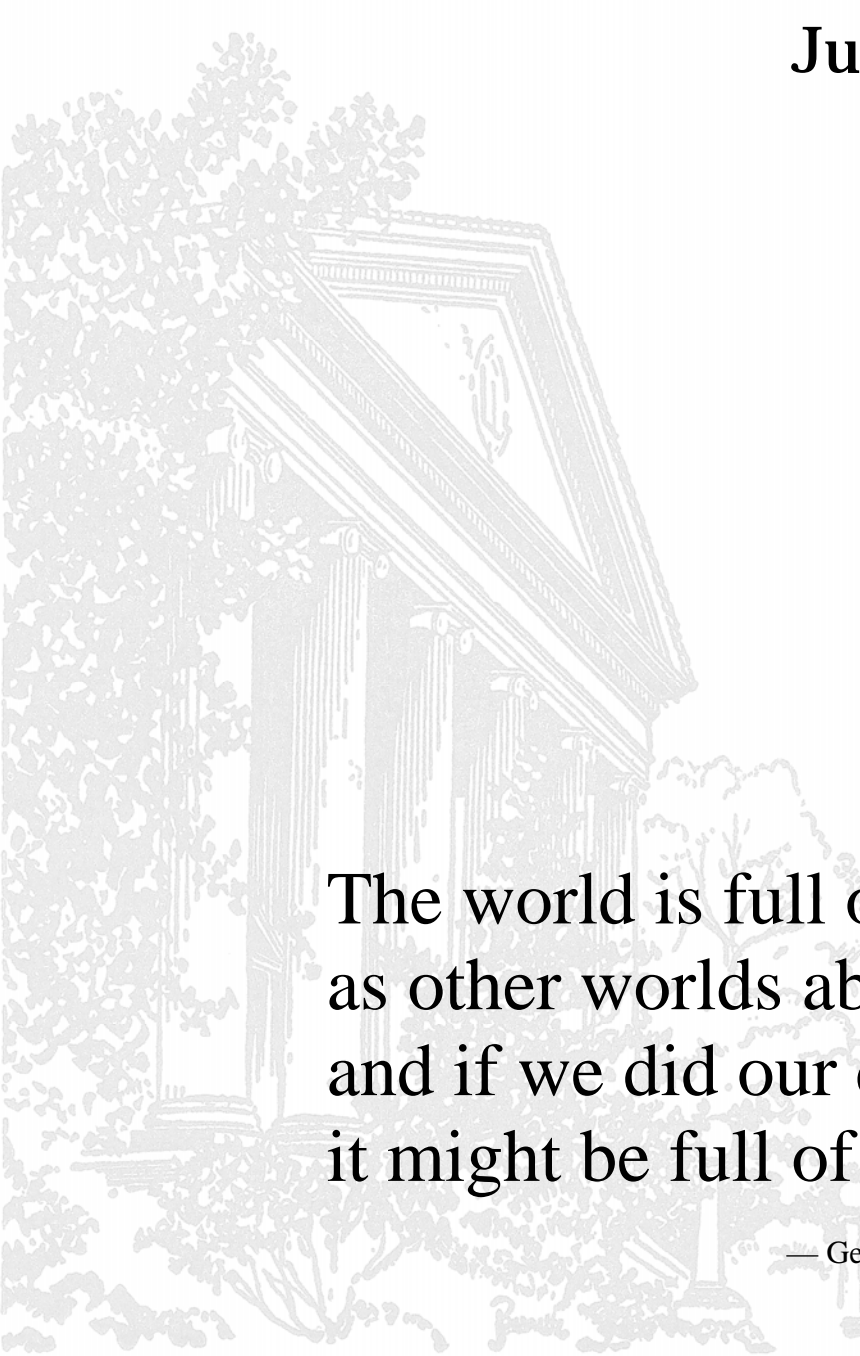


# St. John's Baptist Church

June 27, 2010



The world is full of beauty,  
as other worlds above;  
and if we did our duty,  
it might be full of love.

— Gerald Massey (1828-1907)

**JUNE 27, 2010**  
**10:30 A.M.**  
*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

**PRELUDE**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
*Maureen Howell, organist*

Lamont Kennaway

**WORDS OF GREETING**

Layne Smith

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE**

*We encourage all worshipers to complete the Friendship Register located at the end of each pew.*

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me:  
People: **Let us go into the house of the Lord!**

**PRAISE . . .**

**CALL TO PRAISE**

O Sing Unto the Lord

Noel Rawsthorne

O sing unto the Lord a new song. Let the congregation of saints praise him. Let them praise his name in the dance. Let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp. Let the saints be joyful in glory: O sing unto the Lord a new song. (Psalm 149)

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE 25**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*LOBE DEN HERREN*

**PSALM 46:1-7**

Randy Brantley

**G**od is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear . . .

# PRAYER . . .

## CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: Be still and know that I am God. Be still and

All: Be still and know that I am God.

know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am God.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of two staves each. The first system is for the Leader, the second for All, and the third for a continuation of the All part. The lyrics are: 'Leader: Be still and know that I am God. Be still and', 'All: Be still and know that I am God.', 'know that I am God.', and 'Be still and know that I am God.' The music features a simple, contemplative melody with some rests and a final cadence.

— John L. Bell, b. 1949  
Psalm 46:10

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND DISCIPLES' PRAYER

Lee Gray

**O**ur 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.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We have not always lived as those forgiven, set free, and united in Christ.

People: **O God, Source of life and grace, we are aware that we are, at times, prisoners of fear and habit.**

Leader: Remind us, God: through the healing touch of Christ, we are set free to live and love —

People: — **that we will be the people you have created us to be. Amen.**

## HEARING . . .

### READING FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE

**Isaiah 42:1-7**

**H**ere is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

### EPISTLE READING

**Colossians 1:15-23**

**H**e is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.



1. We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the Lord,  
 2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,  
 3. We are the Bod - y of which the Lord is Head,  
 4. We are a Tem - ple, the Spir - it's dwell - ing place,



Born of His Spir - it, es - tab-lished by His Word; Our  
 For we have known it, the love of God out - poured; Now  
 Called to o - bey Him, now ris - en from the dead; He  
 Formed in great weak - ness, a cup to hold God's grace; We



cor - ner - stone is Christ a - lone, And strong in Him we  
 let us learn how to re - turn The gift of love once  
 wills us be a fam - i - ly Di - verse yet tru - ly  
 die a - lone, for on its own Each em - ber los - es



stand: O let us live trans - par - ent - ly, And  
 giv'n: O let us share each joy and care, And  
 one: O let us give our gifts to God, And  
 fire: Yet, joined in one, the flame burns on To



walk heart to heart and hand in hand.  
 live with a zeal that pleas - es heav'n.  
 so shall His work on earth be done.  
 give warmth and light, and to in - spire.

words: Bryan Jeffery Leech, b. 1939  
 music: Johannes Brahms, 1833-1897

## RESPONDING . . .

### INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

#### \*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP 452

Here I Am, Lord

*HERE I AM, LORD*

#### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

How Lovely Are the Messengers (from *St. Paul*)

Felix Mendelssohn

*How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace. To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings.*

-- Romans 10:15,18

#### \*PRESENTATION

*OLD HUNDREDTH*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him, above, ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## DEPARTING . . .

### STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

### PRAYER AND PASTORAL BLESSING

### POSTLUDE

Fanfare

William Mathias

## Worship Notes

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Welcome!

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Rob Nash to the St. John's pulpit today! He is the Coordinator for Global Missions with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

### Vacation Bible School Begins Monday!

Hours: 9:00 am - 12:00 Noon - Registration information is available on the church website ([www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org](http://www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org)) on the Children's page.

### Next Sunday, July 4th

On Sunday, July 4th, the morning worship service will be at 10:00 am (no Sunday School). After morning worship we will gather in Broach Hall for lunch! Please bring a large side dish or dessert to share - fried chicken will be provided. We'll enjoy a day of worship, good fellowship and good food!

### Habitat Mission Trip

High School youth and adults leave for John's Island, SC next Sunday, July 4, after morning worship and the church lunch. They will return on Saturday, July 10, about 3:00 pm.

### It's Farmer's Market Time

Our St. John's "Farmers' Market" is scheduled for **Sunday, July 18**. Please bring your backyard produce, home-baked goodies, pickles and other canned goods, and plants to Lasater Hall that morning. The sale will be at 11:45 am after morning worship. Proceeds will go to local hunger projects - last year we collected \$600!

### Men's Softball Schedule

Monday, June 28 - 7:15; Friday, July 9 - 6:00 pm; Monday, July 12 - 6:00 pm.  
All games are at Providence Baptist Church.

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## This Week's Events

### Sunday, June 27

8:30 .....Choir Rehearsal & Breakfast  
9:00 ..... Holy Grounds  
9:15 .....Sunday School  
10:30 ..... Worship  
11:45 .....Pathfinders' Class Lunch

### Monday, June 28

9:00 ..... Vacation Bible School  
7:00 .....Interim Steering Team Meeting

### Tuesday, June 29

9:00 ..... Vacation Bible School

### Wednesday, June 30

9:00 ..... Vacation Bible School  
11:00 .....Women's Bible Study

### Thursday, July 1

9:00 ..... Vacation Bible School  
7:30 ..... Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, July 2

9:00 ..... Vacation Bible School

### Saturday, July 3

### Sunday, July 4

10:00 ..... Worship  
11:00 ..... Lunch in Broach Hall  
..... Youth leave on Habitat Mission Trip  
..... to John's Island, SC

## Recent Illnesses

Asbury/Aldersgate: Marie Wright

## The St. John's Pulpit - July 4

Proclaimer: Layne Smith

Sermon: "The Politics of Jesus"

1 Peter 2:16-17

Matthew 22:15-22

## Becoming a Member

Towards the end of the worship service this morning, we will sing a *Hymn of Discipleship*. During the singing of this hymn, we invite those who wish to join SJBC to come to the front and speak to the Pastor. We receive members in the following three ways:

- Profession of faith in Jesus Christ (followed by baptism at a later time)
- Transfer of membership from another church
- Statement of previous church membership

Copies of the church covenant are available through the church office. If you have questions, one of the ministers is available during the week to visit with you regarding membership. Call the church office (704-333-5428) or fill out an *I Wish* card found in the backs of the pews and place it in the offering plate.

## Church Staff

*Intentional Interim Pastor* ..... Layne Smith  
*Minister of Youth and Young Singles* ..... Lee Gray  
*Minister of Music* ..... Warren Howell  
*Minister of Children and Family Life* ..... Martha Kears  
*Organist* ..... Maureen Howell  
*Business Manager* ..... Carolyn Richards  
*Support Staff* ..... Peggy Harrison, Charlene Fry  
*Building Superintendent* ..... Steve Taylor  
*Custodial Staff* ..... Floarea Secere, Willie Nash  
*Weekday School Director* ..... Lydia Olmsted