

Welcome to the Worship of God

Please turn off all electronic devices

September 29, 2024

Ten-Thirty in the Morning

Gathering Music J. Noel Lance, Organist & Jeremy Lamb, Cello

**Words of Greeting
& Announcements of Church Life** Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Foust

Prayer of Submission Rev. Dr. Foust

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship J. Noel Lance & Jeremy Lamb
Arioso By J. S. Bach

Entrance of the Christ Candle by Jan Benjamin Sam

The Call to Worship Rev. Kheresa Harmon

ONE: Blessed are you Creator and Sustainer of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth. You have given us your peace and set a hunger in our hearts. Restore our strength. Give new energy to tired limbs, new though to weary minds.

ALL: This is your mission, Lord. We're in this together!

ONE: Lord, we are honored that you call us your friends. Call us afresh to know and experience your love;

ALL: For this is your mission, Lord. We're in this together!

ONE: Fill us afresh with your Holy Spirit that we may use the gifts you have given each one of us with courage and compassion;

ALL: For this is your mission, Lord. We're in this together!

ONE: Open our eyes Lord, to see your grace at work beyond our church buildings and institutions;

ALL: For this is your mission, Lord. We're in this together!

ONE: Help us Lord, to work with you in building communities of faith allowing your Gospel to be expressed in our hurting world;

ALL: For this is your mission, Lord. We're in this together!

ONE: May we proclaim afresh your faithfulness and constant love in a changing and uncertain world;

ALL: For this is your mission, Lord. We're in this together!

ONE: Let us see with eyes of faith;

ALL: For mission is seeing what You, God, are doing and joining in. For the building of Your kingdom and to the glory of Your name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Versicles retrieved & adapted from 'Mission Shaped Intro Course,' *Fresh Expressions UK*.
<http://www.freshexpressions.org.uk/msi>

***Hymn Of Praise, No. 280**

The Chalice Hymnal

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Reading of the Epistle

Hebrews 10:23-25

Rev. Alvin Wallace, St. Luke Baptist Church

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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.

The Church at Prayer

Rev. Lee Gray

Current Prayer Concerns

Pauline Funderburk, Charles Gordon, Betty Herr,
Arnold Philemon, Jeck Warren

The Lord's Prayer

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 Selections by Youth 4 Christ

Directed by DJ Boyd

The Youth Choir of St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church

My God

As recorded by Nashville Life Music

Revelation 19:1 (Hallelujah Salvation and Glory)

By Jeffrey Lavalley

***Hymn of Discipleship, No. 274**

I Love Your Church, O God

The Chalice Hymnal

ST. THOMAS

The Offertory Prayer

Minh Callaway

The Presentation of Tithes Plus Offerings

Diaconate
& Congregation

The Chancel Choir Anthem

Directed by Russell Nelson

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

Arr. James Koerts

With Jeremy Lamb, Cello

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer
There is no more for Heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Savior, He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley, He will lead
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future's sure, the price, it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus, now and ever is my plea
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day, I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
"Yet not I, but through Christ in me"

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***The Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Homily

Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Foust
'And Bring Your Stir Stick'

***Hymn of Witness, No. 346**

The Chalice Hymnal

Where He Leads Me

NORRIS

The Commissioning

Rev. Dr. Foust

The Postlude

J. Noel Lance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Musicians Today

As we re-enter our beloved Sanctuary this Sunday, September 29, we celebrate with good music. We are joined by Youth 4 Christ, the youth choir of St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church. This group is comprised of youth ages 5-16 and they are an intricate part of the worship experience at St. Luke, singing bi-monthly and for special services. They are directed by DJ Boyd, St. Luke's Minister of Worship and Arts. In addition, we have a guest cellist, Jeremy Lamb. Jeremy joined the Charlotte Symphony in 2017. After receiving his bachelor's from the Peabody Conservatory, he performed with orchestras including Pittsburgh Symphony, Singapore Symphony, Sapporo Symphony, New Haven Symphony, Northeast Pennsylvania Philharmonic and on Broadway's Aladdin. Our Chancel Choir looks forward to performing this week's Choral Anthem with him. Welcome Jeremy!

September Food Drive for Nourish Up

During the month of September, St. John's will have a Nourish Up Drive collecting food items (see list below) for the approved folks.

Especially needed:

- Beans, canned or dried (Not green beans), canned corn, peas, cereal, canned peaches, flour, sugar, salt, pepper, preserves (any kind), peanut butter, oatmeal

Food can be left in the grocery cart in the Giving Nook at the Main Entrance.

God's Tapestry: Woven Together in Power and Purpose

Registration extended to Oct. 7

Women of the Church, you are invited to attend our 2024 Women's Retreat **November 1-3** at the Blowing Rock Conference Center. Sabrina Gilchrist will be our facilitator for the weekend.

We hope you can join us! The cost for the whole weekend - including room, food, all sessions, and activities - will be \$185 and must be prepaid. Register on Realm or scan QR code.



Children's Sabbath

Please join us for worship on Sunday, October 6, World Communion Sunday, as our children lead us in all aspects of worship - from singing and reading Scripture to leading in prayer and taking communion. This is a special Sunday, and we hope you will plan to join us at 10:30am, our regular worship time.

Churchwide Potluck Lunch & Converge Report October 6

On Sunday, October 6, we will gather in Broach Hall for a potluck lunch between worship and CROP Walk. The program for lunch will include a report from the Church Council on the CONVERGE information gathered last spring.

Here is how the potluck works.

- The church budget will pay for the meat.
- If your last name begins with A - L, you bring a vegetable/side dish.
- If your last name begins with M - Z, you bring a dessert.

Charlotte CROP Hunger Walk on October 6

We are excited to let you know that we have a generous SJBC member who is offering to match up to \$1000 any additional CROP Hunger Walk funds raised within the next week. To this point, SJBC walkers and supporters have raised \$4890 (82% of our 2024 goal). Through this matching gift, all donations received between Wednesday, 9/24 and Wednesday, 10/2 can be increased and ensure that St. John's exceeds our 2024 goal of \$5000. In the coming week let's work together to raise as much as possible in order to take advantage of a very generous offer! Walkers, please be sure to let Debbie Pittman or James Laney know if you have received checks or cash separate from online giving so they can be counted. Let's do this! Walk Day, October 6, is quickly approaching.



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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: October 6, 2024

Children's Sabbath

Worship will be led by the Children of St. John's

This Week at St. John's

Sun., Sept. 29	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship (Broach Hall)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
	11:30 am	Rise Against Hunger (Broach Hall)
Mon., Sept. 30	11:00 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)
Tues., Oct. 1	10:30 am	Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room)
Wed., Oct. 2	5:30 pm	Personnel Resource Team (Conference Room)
	7:15 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs., Oct. 3	5:00 pm	Church World Service Open House (Lasater)
Friday, Oct. 4	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Sat., Oct. 5	6:30 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	8:00 pm	Together We Rise NA (Lasater Hall)
Sun., Oct. 6	10:30 am	Children's Sabbath
	11:30 am	Churchwide Potluck & Converge Report!
	1:30 pm	CROP Hunger Walk

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

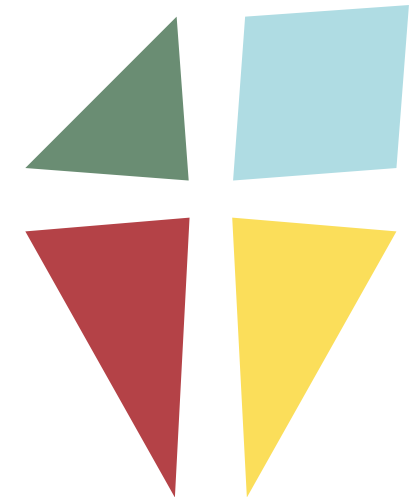
Senior Minister.....Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
Minister for Congregational CareRev. Lee Gray
Minister for Children and Their Families..... Rev. Kheresa Harmon
Minister for Worship and Music.....Russell Nelson

Church Staff

Media CoordinatorMallory Brown
Children's Music DirectorChloe Hall
OrganistJ. Noel Lance
Church Administrator..... Amanda Morrison
Custodian.....Chris Mullis
Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted
Weekday School Assistant Director.....Kristina Hartzell



Sunday, September 29, 2024
10:30 AM Worship



St. John's
BAPTIST

A SERVANT CHURCH