

# Welcome to the Worship of God

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October 20, 2024

Ten-Thirty in the Morning

Gathering Music J. Noel Lance, Organist

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

Prayer of Submission Rev. Dr. Foust

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship J. Noel Lance  
Entrance of the Christ Candle by Jack Whipple

\*The Call to Worship Rev. Kheresa Harmon

ONE: It is by God's grace that we gather for worship.

**ALL: And it is by God's grace that our lives are changed.**

ONE: We are counting on the active and amazing grace of God today.

**ALL: By your Holy Spirit, enliven our worship.**

ONE: Help us by our actions to be faithful followers of Jesus.

**ALL: For this, we give you thanks and praise.**

\*Hymn Of Praise, No. 15 Rejoice, You Pure in Heart  
The Chalice Hymnal MARION

Moments With the Younger Church Rev. Harmon

Reading of the Old Testament Joanne Compton  
Nehemiah 2:17-20

Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins with its gates burned. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, so that we may no longer suffer disgrace." I told them that the hand of my God had been gracious upon me, and also the words that the king had spoken to me. Then they said, "Let us start building!" So they committed themselves to the common good. But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they mocked and ridiculed us, saying, "What is this that you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king?" Then I replied to them, "The God of heaven is the one who will give us success, and we his servants are going to start building; but you have no share or claim or historic right in Jerusalem."

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.**

Handbell Selection Directed by Jacquelyn McAbee  
Introspection Jason W. Krug

The Church at Prayer

Rev. Lee Gray

## Current Prayer Concerns

Shirley Ballard, Pauline Funderburk, Arnold Philemon

## Sympathy

Charles Gordon passed on ahead of us on Tuesday, October 15, 2024. Please remember his children Tracy, Chuck, and Nicole, as well as his partner Judy Roberson in your prayers. A memorial service for Charles will be held on Thursday, October 24 at 2:00 in the Sanctuary.

## 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.**

\*Hymn of Discipleship, No. 595 Be Thou My Vision  
The Chalice Hymnal SLANE

The Offertory Prayer Selina Swofford

The Presentation of Tithes Plus Offerings Diaconate  
& Congregation

The Chancel Choir Anthem Directed by Russell Nelson  
With Songs of Rejoicing J. S. Bach/Arr. Hal Hopson

With songs of rejoicing sing praise to the Lord;

For He has done marvelous things!

Break forth into joy.

His praises the lyre and the trumpet employ.

The floods clap their hands, and the hills sing for joy.

The seas with their roaring speak praise to His name.

O praise Him.

Come make a joyful noise. Sing unto the Lord

Alleluia! Sing Alleluia!

\*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 'Beyond Budgets and Buildings' Rev. Dr. Foust

\*Hymn of Witness, No. 606 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending  
The Chalice Hymnal NETTLETON

The Commissioning Rev. Dr. Foust

The Postlude J. Noel Lance

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember to join us for the Craft & Bakes Sale in Lasater Hall immediately after worship today.

All proceeds will go to support the St. John's playground renovations.

## Supporting Hurricane Helene Disaster Victims

As we continue to support those affected by Hurricane Helene, we are asking you to add one or more of these actions to your prayers:

- Making Disaster-Relief Buckets. We will take our buckets to FBC of Asheville and FBC of Mars Hill as they serve others.
- Giving to Our Designated Fund for Hurricane Relief. Our designated funds for disaster relief will only be distributed when we are sure monies will be used to help legitimate needs.
- Connecting Volunteer Teams with Ashe County Short-Term Projects of Clean-up and Chain Saws.
- Provision of Necessary Supplies. (Ex.: current need for flat face shovels -like snow shovels to scoop mud.)

As we respond to the recovery in Western North Carolina, we will offer God's love in tangible ways. Even the buckets we provide express faithful servanthood as we continue Jesus' ministry through God's mission.

## Fall Festival with Trunk-Or-Treat: Need Volunteers!

We need volunteers for our Fall Festival Trunk or Treat community event on Sunday, October 27, 3-5pm at SJBC.

### How can you volunteer?

- Provide your vehicle that you can decorate.
- Candy, stickers, pencils, etc. as treats for your trunk.
- You in costume, too!

Sign up on Realm by October 20. Prizes will be given to the most festive trunk! Questions? Contact Liz Benton or Kheresa Harmon.

## How to End Christian Nationalism Book Release

At 6:30pm, on Tuesday, October 22 in Broach Hall, we will host the book release of Amanda Tyler's significant writing, *How to End Christian Nationalism*. This event is free, but registration is required. Register here by scanning QR code.



## NAMI Walks!

Come join your church family and one of our residential ministry partners, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), on Saturday, October 26 at 10:00 AM for a mental health awareness walk at The Mint Museum - Randolph. Contact Amanda Morrison with questions at [Amorrison@sjcharlotte.org](mailto:Amorrison@sjcharlotte.org). Scan the QR code to join the team or support us by donating!



## Thursdays on the Town: RESCHEDULED for November 7

Parents of children, ages birth - 5th grade, please join us on Thursday, November 7 (rescheduled date) at 6:00 p.m. at Catalina Kitchen and Bar (1942 East 7th St.). Free childcare will be provided. Please register and reserve childcare by November 1.



### On the Way for November

**Thursday, November 14** – We have reservations for 20 at Mama Ricotta’s Italian Restaurant (601 S. Kings Dr.) at 11:30 am. We will carpool from the church and depart at 11:15 am or you can meet us there. Please let LGray@sjcharlotte.org know if you plan to attend by Tuesday, November 12.

### Welcoming New Friends

We invite you to join us for “Welcoming New Friends” on Wednesday, November 13 from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM in Broach Hall. We will share a buffet meal, followed by a program that focuses on the work of Refugee Support Services and their Fruitful Friends program. Fruitful Friends pairs volunteers with RSS program participants to build friendships, share cultures, and provide support. Sharing experiences, information and insights with us will be Pamela Dellinger and Esther Schmidt from Refugee Support Services. Make dinner reservations by noon on Friday, November 8. \$15/person or \$36/household Must pay for dinner AT THE DOOR by cash or check.



### CBF NC Regional Meeting @ St. John’s

**Thursday, November 21 from 9:45 AM to 1:30 PM** - Gather with CBFNC coordinators and friends for a Regional Gathering at St. John’s. The gathering will consist of a morning workshop session followed by a fellowship lunch. All are invited to attend—pastors, staff ministers, divinity students, chaplains, lay leaders and anyone interested in learning more about CBFNC and networking with colleagues and friends. The cost is \$10 per person for lunch. Choose to attend an interactive workshop about Helping Churches Thrive before lunch. **Registration deadline is November 13.**



### Basketball Clinics & Registration

St. John’s members, participants, and visitors with children who could potentially play on the 6 & Under Co-Ed team - come to the upcoming basketball clinics for our younger children. The clinics are the Mondays of October 21 & 28 from 5-6pm in the St. John’s gym.



We also want to alert you to remember to use the code MEMBER if/when you register your child so that you will receive \$50 off of the cost to play. If you know that your child will play you can register them below. (We are currently receiving registrations from people with some connection to the life of the church and those players who have played before.

### Young Adults Head to the Renaissance Festival

We’re excited to invite the young adults of St. John’s to join us for a fun-filled trip to the Renaissance Festival on Saturday, November 16 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Let’s meet at the church around 9:30 AM. Tickets are \$34 for adults and \$20 for kids ages 5-12, and the easiest way to grab them is through the Renaissance Festival’s website (click below). Come dressed in your best Renaissance attire and make some memories together!

### Room in the Inn Volunteer Signups

For the 2024-25 season, St. John’s and our partners at Caldwell Presbyterian Church will again jointly host 8 homeless neighbors vetted by Roof Above within the Room in the Inn program on TEN Friday or Saturday nights. Caldwell volunteers (plus van drivers from St. John’s) will perform at Caldwell on the third Saturday night of December through March while St. John’s volunteers will host on the second and fourth Fridays of those months at St. John’s. **Overnight volunteers, drivers, and food prep volunteers are needed.** Use the QR code to sign up as a volunteer.



### St. John’s Baptist Church

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### The St. John’s Pulpit

**Worship:** October 27, 2024  
**Message:** “The Nexus of Church”  
**Scripture:** Acts 8:26-39; I Corinthians 13  
**Proclaimer:** Rev. Lee Gray

### This Week at St. John’s

Sun., Oct. 20	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Craft &amp; Bake Sale (Lasater Hall)</b>
Mon., Oct. 21	10:00 am	Adventures in Learning (Broach Hall)
	11:00 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)
Tues., Oct. 22	10:30 am	Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room)
	6:30 pm	NAMI Family Support (Lounge)
	6:30 pm	NAMI Peer Support (Room 114)
Wed., Oct. 23	7:15 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs., Oct. 24	2:00 pm	Memorial Service for Charles Gordon (Sanctuary)
Fri., Oct. 25	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Sat., Oct. 26	6:30 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>NAMI Walks Charlotte (Mint Museum Randolph)</b>
	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

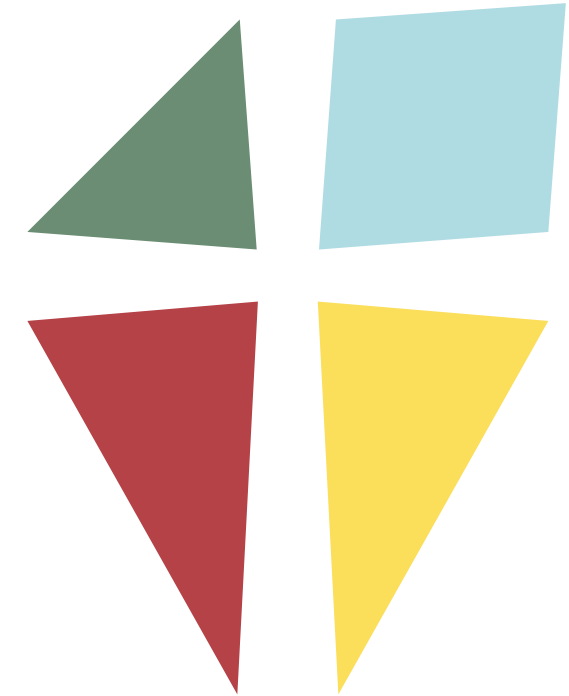
*Every participant in God’s Servant Church*

### Equipping Ministers

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

### Church Staff

Media Coordinator .....Mallory Brown  
Children’s Music Director .....Chloe Hall  
Weekday School Assistant Director.....Kristina Hartzell  
Organist .....J. Noel Lance  
Handbell Director.....Jacquelyn McAbee  
Church Administrator..... Amanda Morrison  
Custodian.....Chris Mullis  
Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted



# St. John’s

## BAPTIST

A SERVANT CHURCH

## Sunday, October 20, 2024

### 10:30 AM Worship

## St. John’s Baptist Church