

Welcome to the Worship of God

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October 27, 2024

Ten-Thirty in the Morning

Gathering Music J. Noel Lance, Organist

**Words of Greeting
& Announcements of Church Life** Rev. Lee Gray

Call to Service Welcoming New Friends Scott Hicks

Prayer of Submission Russell Nelson

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship J. Noel Lance

Entrance of the Christ Candle by Riley Cardella

***The Call to Worship** Russell Nelson

ONE: It is not difficult to be God's beloved child.

ALL: We are called to obey God's commandments and live in God's love.

ONE: The way which God ordains are ways of peace and hope.

ALL: The love of God shall conquer the world.

ONE: Rejoice, O people of God, for God is near.

ALL: Praise God for God's power and might, God's love and peace. Amen.

Written by Nancy C. Townley

***Hymn Of Praise, No. 90** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*
The Chalice Hymnal MADRID

Moments With the Younger Church Rev. Kheresa Harmon

Reading of the Epistle Riley Cardella
I Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as

I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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.

Song Trip Rogers
Though I May Speak By Hal Hopson

The Church at Prayer Rev. Harmon

Current Prayer Concerns

Shirley Ballard, Pauline Funderburk, Arnold Philemon, Anne Sutton

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.

Reading of the New Testament Jordan Benton
Acts 8:26-39

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

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Song of Reflection Trip Rogers
Hello In There By John Prine

The Message 'The Nexus of Church' Rev. Gray

***Hymn of Discipleship, No. 295** *In This Very Room*
The Chalice Hymnal IN THIS VERY ROOM

The Offertory Prayer Beverly Hester

The Presentation of Tithes Plus Offerings Diaconate
& Congregation

The Chancel Choir Anthem Directed by Russell Nelson
Sing Them Over Again to Me Arr. Gilbert Martin

Sing them over again to me,
wonderful words of life,
Let me more of their beauty see,
wonderful words of life;
Words of life and beauty
teach me faith and duty.

REFRAIN:
Beautiful words, wonderful words,
wonderful words of life,
Beautiful words, wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all
wonderful words of life;
Sinner, list to the loving call,
wonderful words of life;
All so freely given,
wooing us to heaven. (REFRAIN)

Sweetly echo the Gospel call,
wonderful words of life;
Offer pardon and peace to all,
wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior,
sanctify forever. (REFRAIN)

***The Doxology** 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.

The Commissioning Rev. Gray

The Postlude J. Noel Lance

Fall Festival TODAY!!

3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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:

- 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.

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. Let Lee at 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 hear about the work of Refugee Support Services and their Fruitful Friends program. 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. The cost is \$10 per person for lunch. **Registration deadline is November 13.**



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.

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. **Overnight volunteers, drivers, and food prep volunteers are needed.** Use the QR code to sign up as a volunteer.



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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: November 3, 2024 | **All Saints Sunday**

Message: 'Death Will Be No More'

Scripture: Revelation 21:1-6

Proclaimer: Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Foust

This Week at St. John's

Sun., Oct. 27	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
	3:00 pm	Fall Festival (Main Parking Lot)
Mon., Oct. 28	10:00 am	Adventures in Learning (Broach Hall)
	11:00 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)
Tues., Oct. 29	10:30 am	Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room)
	5:30 pm	Finance Resource Team 2025 Budget Review (Broach Hall)
Wed., Oct. 30	7:15 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs., Oct. 31		
Fri., Nov. 1		Women of the Church Retreat
	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Sat., Nov. 2		Women of the Church Retreat
	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

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
Weekday School Assistant Director.....Kristina Hartzell
OrganistJ. Noel Lance
Handbell Director.....Jacquelyn McAbee
Church Administrator..... Amanda Morrison
Custodian.....Chris Mullis
Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted



Sunday, October 27, 2024
10:30 AM Worship
St. John's Baptist Church