

Welcome to the Worship of God

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*Invites the congregation to stand

November 10, 2024

Ten-Thirty in the Morning

Gathering Music Lee Northcutt, Guest Organist

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

Prayer of Submission Rev. Dr. Foust

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship Lee Northcutt
Entrance of the Christ Candle by Mabry Miller

***The Call to Worship** Russell Nelson

ONE: Just as the heavens burst forth in praise to God,

ALL: We celebrate God's abundant and powerful love.

ONE: Day by day, and night by night,

ALL: God watches over us, loving and healing us.

ONE: Come, celebrate with joy the love of God.

**ALL: Open our hearts and spirits, Lord, and teach us your ways.
Amen.**

Written by Nancy C. Townley

***Hymn Of Praise, No. 464** *God of Grace and God of Glory*
The Chalice Hymnal CWM RHONDDA

Moments With the Younger Church Rev. Kheresa Harmon



Caring and sharing, from Art in the Christian Tradition

Reading of the New Testament

Acts 4:32-5:11

Fredda Kimball

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet. But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. "Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him. After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price." And she said, "Yes, that was the price." Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

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

Shirley Ballard, Pauline Funderburk, Arnold Philemon

Congratulations!

Roses in the sanctuary are placed in honor of the following births.

We celebrate with Sarah and Chip Cromer as they welcomed Wyatt Louis into the world on Monday, November 4. Cooper is an excited big brother! Sarah is the daughter of Nancy Fuller.

We celebrate with Joanne and Kenn Compton, who welcomed grandson Cooper James Compton into their hearts and lives on Tuesday, November 5. Cooper is the son of Taylor and John Compton and the brother of Oliver Compton.

We celebrate with Kelli and Eric McCombs on the birth of their son, Grayson Eugene. He was born on Wednesday, November 6, 2024. Hailey is the proud big sister.

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. 453** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*
The Chalice Hymnal BEECHER

The Offertory Prayer Todd Stillerman

The Presentation of Tithes Plus Offerings Diaconate
& Congregation

The Chancel Choir Anthem Directed by Russell Nelson
God Is Our Refuge Allen Pote

God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble.
Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
Though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.
Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.
He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth.
He is the Word, we are his hands, He will lead us.
He is the air, we are his song.
We will celebrate his presence all the day long.
He is the rain, we are the stones, He will cleanse us.
He is the air, we are his song.
We will celebrate his presence all the day long.

***The Doxology** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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The Homily 'God's Work, Our Gifts' Rev. Dr. Foust

***Hymn of Witness, No. 337** *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*
The Chalice Hymnal GALILEE

The Commissioning Rev. Dr. Foust

The Postlude Lee Northcutt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

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.**



Friendsgiving Lunch & Thankful Art Party

All children and their families are invited to bring their favorite sweet or savory pie and artistic skills to Broach Hall immediately following worship on Sunday, November 17, where we will join Cindy Osborne for a Friendsgiving Lunch and Thankful Art Party. Our event is free, but registration is required. Please register on Realm by Thursday, November 14.

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



The St. John’s 100th Anniversary Book is ready to send to the printer!

Pre-order your copy today for \$20! The deadline date is December 1. Pre-orders can be made at a table in the Main Entrance on Sunday mornings (cash or check) and also on Realm in events section. Please contact Fredda Kimball if you have any questions. In addition to “Our Story” written by Sally Young, the 220-page book also includes articles about the Elizabeth Neighborhood in the early 20th Century, Women at St. John’s. St. John’s and Habitat for Humanity, and St. John’s and the Lost Boys and much more. It also includes remembrances and reflections from members and from our current and previous staff members. Great Christmas gift!



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 Short-Term Projects of Clean-up.
- Provision of Necessary Supplies. (Ex.: current need for coats, hoodies, gloves, hats, and scarves)

As we respond to the recovery in Western North Carolina, we will offer God’s love in tangible ways.

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The St. John’s Pulpit

Worship: November 17, 2024
Message: ‘What Did Jesus Say About Money?’
Scripture: Luke 12:13-21; 19:1-10
Proclaimer: Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Foust

This Week at St. John’s

Sun., Nov. 10	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
Mon., Nov. 11	10:00 am	Adventures in Learning (Broach Hall)
	11:00 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)
	6:30 pm	Administrative Deacon Panel (Conference Room)
	6:30 pm	Ministries Deacon Panel (Room 222)
	6:30 pm	Pastoral Deacon Panel (Lounge)
	7:30 pm	ALL Deacon Meeting (Broach Hall)
Tues., Nov. 12	10:30 am	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
Wed., Nov. 13	5:30 pm	Welcoming New Friends (Broach Hall)
	7:15 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs., Nov. 14	11:30 am	On the Way to Mama Ricotta’s
Fri., Nov. 15	6:00 am	Brotherhood of the Biscuit (Lounge)
	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Sat., Nov. 16	6:30 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	9:30 am	Young Adults go to the Renaissance Festival
	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
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OrganistJ. Noel Lance
Handbell Director.....Jacquelyn McAbee
Church Administrator..... Amanda Morrison
Custodian.....Chris Mullis
Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted



Sunday, November 10, 2024
10:30 AM Worship
St. John’s Baptist Church