

# Welcome to the Worship of God

Please turn off all electronic devices

*\*Invites the congregation to stand*

November 24, 2024 *Ten-Thirty in the Morning*

**Gathering Music** J. Noel Lance, Organist

**Words of Greeting & Announcements of Church Life** Russell Nelson

**Prayer of Submission** Russell Nelson

**Preparing Our Hearts for Worship** J. Noel Lance

Entrance of the Christ Candle by The Benton Family

**\*The Call to Worship** Amanda Morrison

ONE: Give thanks.

**ALL: We give thanks for the harvest.**

ONE: Give thanks.

**ALL: We give thanks for the blessings of family and friends.**

ONE: Give thanks.

**ALL: We give thanks for the blessings of our faith.**

ONE: For the steadfast love of our Father in Heaven, for the faithfulness of the Son Jesus Christ, and the renewing of the Holy Spirit who can make us one people.

**ALL: Give thanks.**

**\*Hymn of Praise, No. 718** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*  
The Chalice Hymnal ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

**Moments With the Younger Church** Rev. Kheresa Harmon

**Reading of the Old Testament** Hannah Harmon  
Proverbs 16:1-3

The plans of the mind belong to mortals, but the answer of the tongue is from the LORD. All one's ways may be pure in one's own eyes, but the LORD weighs the spirit. Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established.

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. Dr. Dennis W. Foust

## Current Prayer Concerns

Shirley Ballard, Nancy Burgess, Pauline Funderburk,  
Arnold Philemon, Bill Roseman, Ken Sanford

## 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. 609** *Take My Life*  
The Chalice Hymnal HENDON

**The Offertory Prayer** Alice Wirz

**The Presentation of Tithes Plus Offerings** Diaconate  
& Congregation

**The Chancel Choir Anthem** Directed by Russell Nelson  
*Sing to the Lord of Harvest* Arr. Michael Larkin

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;  
With joyful hearts and voices you alleluias raise!  
By Him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;  
Sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love!

God makes the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring,  
The hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing!  
God fills us with His fullness, all things with large increase;  
He crowns the year with goodness, with plenty and with peace.

Bring to His sacred altar the gifts His goodness gave,  
The golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save.  
Your hearts lay down before Him when at His feet you fall,  
And with your lives adore Him who gave His life for all!

**\*The Doxology** OLD HUNDREDTH

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

**The Homily** 'Commitment Matters' Rev. Dr. Foust

**\*Hymn of Witness, No. 715** *Now Thank We All Our God*  
The Chalice Hymnal NUN DANKET

**Commitment Walk** Congregation

**The Commissioning** Rev. Dr. Foust

**The Postlude** J. Noel Lance

## 2024 Advent Season at St. John's

Join us this season for an inspiring Advent filled with the Word, music, and celebration! Here is a schedule of services and events:

Sunday, December 1 Advent 1  
Tuesday, December 3 Charlotte Lessons & Carols presented by WDAV, 7:00pm  
Sunday, December 8 Advent 2, Hanging of the Green  
Sunday, December 15 Advent 3, Joy Sunday—A celebration of music presented by the Chancel Choir  
Sunday, December 22 Advent 4  
Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve Service, 5:00pm

## 2024 Advent Devotional

Remember to grab your 2024 Advent Devotional at one of the entrances to the Sanctuary and follow along in December by reading devotionals written by 25 of our church members and ministers.

St. John's Baptist Church  
Advent Devotional  
2024



## St. John's Baptist Church - 2025 Budget

	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Giving - Pledges	884,000	884,000
Giving - Non-pledges	181,000	100,000
Giving - Global & Comm Missions	30,000	30,000
Other Income - rent, interest, etc	146,000	159,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,241,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,173,000</b>
Personnel	741,000	705,300
Building & Properties	286,700	323,500
Missions	92,000	86,700
Ministries & Administrative	121,300	117,500
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 1,241,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,233,000</b>
<b>Net Surplus(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (60,000)</b>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Winter Wear and Other Items for those affected by Helene

As we continue to support those affected by Hurricane Helene, we are asking you to: Please consider donating winter wear such as **coats, hoodies, gloves, hats, and scarves**. Please donate **self-rising flour and sugar**.

All items can be placed in the Giving Nook in the Main Entrance Lobby.

### 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.



### Join the usher and greeter team!

The church is seeking additional members to volunteer and serve as morning greeters and ushers for the upcoming 2025 year. The greeters serve from 10:05 am to 10:35 am at both the Broach Hall and Main (Gym) Entrances (1 person per entrance). The ushers serve from 10:05 am to 10:35 am inside the Narthex (2 persons) and inside the sanctuary entrance near the piano (1 person).

If interested, please contact Chip Wilson at [seatimewilson@gmail.com](mailto:seatimewilson@gmail.com) for more information.

### 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 alcove behind the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings (cash or check) and also on Realm in events section.



Please contact Fredda Kimball if you have any questions.

### Register for the 2024 Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon

All those 75+ are invited to join us on Thursday, December 5 from 11:30am-1:00pm in Broach Hall for the annual Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon! Please RSVP to Bobbie Hinson by **Friday, November 29th**. You can call/text Bobbie at 704-806-1947 or email her at [bobbie.hinson@providenceday.org](mailto:bobbie.hinson@providenceday.org)

### WDAV Lessons & Carols Live from St. John's

Celebrate the holiday season on **December 3 at 7pm** with the WDAV Lessons & Carols program with the Charlotte Master Chorale Chamber Singers. They will lead this annual program of carols and holiday music, illuminated by scripture readings. Tune in at home or join us in person as we welcome the season in song. The program will take place in the Sanctuary at St. John's. **This event is FREE and open to the public.**

### Lunch with Santa for Children and Families

Have lunch with Santa after worship on December 8 from 11:30am-1:00pm. Lunch is free. Monetary donations to our church's Designated Fund for Hurricane Relief will be accepted. Save your spot with Santa by **Wednesday, December 4th!**



### Parents' Night Out in December

Parents, drop your kids off at church from 6-8pm on Friday, December 20, where we will jump in bounce houses, play games, and watch *The Grinch!* Childcare for littles will be provided, as well. The cost of the event is \$10 per child, which will help cover the costs associated with dinner. **Register by December 16.**



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### The St. John's Pulpit

**Worship:** December 1, 2024 | **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** | HOPE

**Message:** 'When Advent Meets Easter'

**Scripture:** Gospel of Luke 21:25-38

**Proclaimer:** Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Foust

### This Week at St. John's

Sun., Nov. 24	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
	4:00 pm	Carolina Voices: Festival Singers (Sanctuary)
Mon., Nov. 25		
Tues., Nov. 26	10:30 am	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
	6:30 pm	NAMI Support Groups (Lounge & Room 114)
	7:15 pm	Choir Practice
Wed., Nov. 27	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Church Offices Closed</b>
Thurs., Nov. 28	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Day (Church Offices Closed)</b>
Fri., Nov. 29	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Church Offices Closed</b>
	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Sat., Nov. 30	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 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



**Commitment Sunday**  
**Sunday, November 24, 2024**  
**10:30 AM Worship**  
**St. John's Baptist Church**