

Welcome to the Worship of God

Please silence all electronic devices.

**Invites the congregation to stand*

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 3, 2024

The Gathering Music J. Noel Lance, Organist

The Words of Greeting Rev. Lee Gray

The Prayer of Submission Rev. Gray

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship J. Noel Lance

Entrance of the Christ Candle by Hailey McCombs

***The Call to Worship** Rev. Gray

ONE: We have come to affirm our historic faith.

ALL: To worship the God of our mothers and fathers.

ONE: We have come to remember God's benefits to us the living.

ALL: To respond in thanksgiving to the mighty works of God in our lives.

ONE: We have come to affirm our trust in the God of all futures,

ALL: To whose name be blessing and honor, glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

Written by Ruth Duck

***The Hymn of Praise, No. 637** *For All the Saints*
Chalice Hymnal SINE NOMINE

Moments with the Younger Church Rev. Kheresa Harmon

Moments for Reflection J. Noel Lance

Remembering St. John's Saints Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Foust

Members of St. John's Who Passed on Ahead of Us This Past Year

Barbara Holland, Marian Charles,
Helen Solitario, Becky Bullard,
Michael Starling, Dick Schafer,
Gail Sifford, Jane Winn, Pat Culp,
Jean Hutson, Johnnie Morcock,
Jack Crymes, Lanny Loftis,
Betty Herr, Charles Gordon

The Church at Prayer

Rev. Dr. Foust

Current Prayer Concerns

Shirley Ballard, Pauline Funderburk,

Arnold Philemon, Anne Sutton

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth and 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

***The Hymn of Witness, No. 643** *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*
Chalice Hymnal SWING LOW

The Offertory Prayer Ethel Harris

The Presentation of Tithes Plus Offerings Diaconate
& Congregation

The Chancel Choir Anthem Directed by Russell Nelson
Hymn of Promise Arr. John Ferguson

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning, in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

***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.

Reading of the New Testament

Dick Hester

Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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 Homily 'Death Will Be No More' Rev. Dr. Foust

***The Hymn of Discipleship, No. 611** *Rise Up, O Saints of God!*
Chalice Hymnal FESTAL SONG

The Commissioning Rev. Dr. Foust

The Postlude J. Noel Lance

DEATH
NO
MOURNING
CRYING
MORE
PAIN WILL BE

Revelation 21:4

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 Short-Term Projects of Clean-up and Chain Saws.
- 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.

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 10, 2024

Message: 'God's Work. Our Gifts.'

Scripture: Acts 4:32-5:11

Proclaimer: Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Foust

This Week at St. John's

Sun., Nov. 3	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
Mon., Nov. 4	10:00 am	Adventures in Learning (Broach Hall)
	11:00 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)
Tues., Nov. 5	6:30 am	ELECTION DAY!
	10:30 am	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
Wed., Nov. 6	6:00 pm	Personnel Resource Team (Conference Room)
	7:15 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs., Nov. 7		
Fri., Nov. 8	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Sat., Nov. 9	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

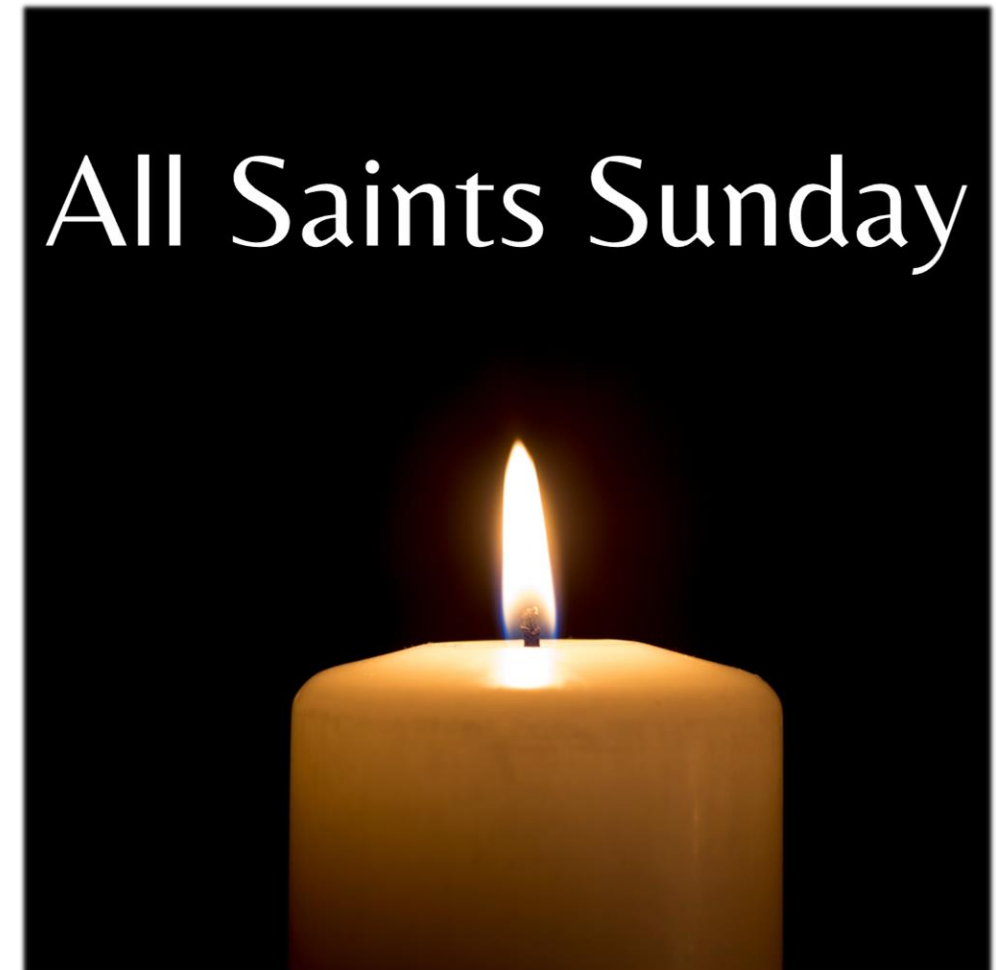
Every participant in God's Servant Church

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, November 3, 2024

10:30 AM Worship

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