Welcome to the Worship of God

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June 22, 2025 *Ten-Thirty in the Morning*

Prelude J. Noel Lance, Organ

Greeting Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Introduction of Dr. Mike Queen Rev. Foust

Passing of the Peace Congregation

ONE: This Is the day the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship J. Noel Lance

Entrance of the Christ Candle by Joy Follis

Choral Call to Worship Chancel Choir
Worthy of Worship Terry York and Mark Blankenship

Prayer of Submission Rev. Foust

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

Reading of the Scripture Jesse Roberts

Matthew 23:23-26

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint, dill, and cumin and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. It is these you ought to have practiced without neglecting the others. You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel!

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and of the plate, so that the outside also may become clean."

Micah 6:8

He has told you, O mortal, what is good and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

ONE: Through these written words of scripture, we listen for the Living Word of God.

PEOPLE: Those who have ears to hear, let them hear.

Moments with the Younger Church Rev. Kheresa Harmon

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

The Church at Prayer Rev. Lee Gray

Current Prayer Concerns

Guuk Awar, Warren Lineberger, Richard Sealy, Anne Sutton, Syble Zeigler

Sympathy

Evelyn Fortson passed on ahead of us on June 12 at the age of 94. We will celebrate her life tomorrow June 23 at 2:00 PM in the St. John's Sanctuary with a reception to follow in Lasater Hall. Please remember the Fortson family in your prayers.

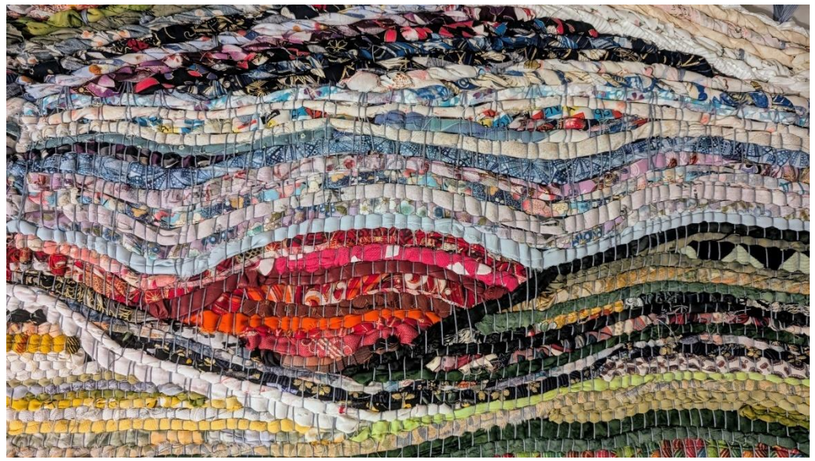
The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which 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 Binding** *Blessed Be the Tie That Binds*
Chalice Hymnal DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds,
our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

We weave with threads of grace,
Each heart and hand a part;
The Spirit binds in love's embrace One body, mind, and heart.



The Tapestry of St. John's Cindy Osborne

"As one body, we have many members, and the members do not have all the same function…so we, though many, are one in Christ." - *Romans 12: 4-5*

Today, we celebrate not just a work of art, but a sacred expression of our shared faith and fellowship with the finished weaving that you all helped create.

Each strip of cloth in this piece was given by a different hand. Longtime members, new friends, - each of you contributed a piece of cloth, a memory, a moment, a prayer. Woven together, these strands create an abstract landscape.

This simple weaving is made stronger, richer, and more beautiful because of our diversity-of gifts, voices, and lives. What was once many individual pieces of colorful strips of cloth is now one tapestry, filled with meaning and memory, shaped by our shared purpose.

As evidenced by the weaving, let it remind us that the church is not a building or a program—but a people. A people bound together by love, by service, and by God.

It is my hope that this weaving can hang in our church as a symbol of what God can do when we work together.

Offertory Prayer Nancy Wilson

Offertory Anthem Chancel Choir
Weave Me, Lord Linda A. Spencer

Lord, my life is like a weaving, and the weaver, Lord, is You.
And You choose the many colors, spinning bright and dark ones, too.
Carefully You weave the pattern, Lord, that You have planned.
And although I cannot see, I rest, Lord, in Your hand.
So weave me, Lord, weave my life closer to You.

Soon the work will be completed, and I'll see what You have done,
How You've woven all the colors in the image of Your Son.
And I'll understand the dark threads, Lord, that you have spun.
But for now, I'll trust You to complete what You've begun.
So, weave me, Lord, weave my life closer to You.

Not by chance, my circumstance is in Your hand.
You fulfill Your sovereign will, so I'll be still and let You
Weave me, Lord, weave my life closer to You.

***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.

Message 'Pew Cushions or Pancreatic Cancer' Rev. Dr. Mike Queen

***Hymn of Witness, No.463** *Renew Your Church*
The Chalice Hymnal ALL IS WELL

Our Life Together and Commissioning Rev. Foust

Postlude J. Noel Lance

We welcome The Rev. Mike Queen, PhD, into The St. John's Pulpit today.

Mike is a native of Huntington, West Virginia. His family was very active in Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, affiliated with American Baptist Churches, USA. He is a graduate of Wake Forest University and Southeastern Seminary. He was Owner/General Manager of Tradewell Supermarkets in West Virginia between his degrees at Wake Forest and seminary. From 1981-1986, he served as Associate Pastor of First Baptist Church of Greensboro, NC. He is currently Pastor Emeritus of First Baptist Church of Wilmington, NC where he served as Pastor from 1986-2011. In his retirement, he has served as Interim Pastor for First Baptist Church of Greensboro (2012-2013), First Baptist Church of Winston-Salem (2014), Winter Park Baptist Church of Wilmington (2015-2017), Ardmore Baptist Church of Winston-Salem (2018-2019), and has served as Coordinator for the Carolinas, Center for Healthy Churches since 2014.

Mike has been very active in service to Baptists and his community. He served as President of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (1996-1997), Trustee of Wake Forest University (1990-2013) and was named a Life Trustee for Wake Forest in 2015. He has also served as a Trustee of North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Biblical Recorder, and the Center for Urban Ministry. He has been a trusted leader among Cooperative Baptists in North Carolina. He has been a Board Member of Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity, Cape Fear Area Council of the Boy Scouts, and the Good Shepherd House. He has guided mission teams to Brazil, Mexico, South Africa, Honduras, and Guatemala. In 2014, he co-authored with Jayne Davis the helpful book, Hopeful Imagination: Traditional Churches Finding God's Way in a Changing World.

Mike is married to Bobbie. They have two adult children and four grandchildren. A couple of months ago, it became necessary for Mike and his children to provide more thorough and round-the-clock care for Bobbie, Mike's wife, who is living with dementia. One of their granddaughters, Emma Grace, needed to write a poem for her creative writing class. She chose to write about her grandmother (her Grammy). Although Bobbie's disease has been difficult for the entire family, this poem, while sad, made the family members feel God's blessings as they considered so many wonderful memories. Emma Grace's poem was shared with you in the Family News so you can pray for their family and to introduce you to Mike and the commitment and compassion he will bring to us as he steps into the St. John's Pulpit today.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Senior Adult Picnic June 29: Calling All Senior Adults (ages 75+)

Sunday, June 29th immediately following the worship service in Broach Hall. There is no cost for the picnic, however, **reservations are required.** You can sign up on Realm or by calling Amanda Morrison in the church office at 704-333-5428, ext. 0 or text her at 704-333-5428 with your name(s) and number attending. **The deadline for reservations is Sunday, June 22nd.**

Kid's Architecture Day Camp

Rising 1st-8th grade students are invited to learn about the art and craft of architecture! Led by artist and architect, John Komisin, campers will learn what an architect does, how to design a house and draw a floor plan and will create a 3-D model of their home.

Our day camp will meet on Thursday, July 10 from 9:00 to 4:00 in Broach Hall. The cost is $50 per camper. Snacks will be provided. Campers are to bring a lunch from home and a refillable water bottle. **Register by July 1st.**

Young Adults

Join us for Pub Trivia Night by Mindless Minutia on Tuesday, June 24 at 7 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., at Petty Thieves Brewing Company! If you can't make it on the 24th, join us on July 1st. We meet biweekly!
Questions? Reach out to Kheresa Harmon and/or Aidan Salmeron.

Upcoming Softball Games

Monday 6/23 @ 7:00 pm Tuesday 6/24 @ 7:00 pm
No games the week of July 4th.
All games are at Providence Baptist Church on Randolph Road.
The league is Co-Ed and fellowship first.
Please contact Dan Redding dpredding2@gmail.com if you are interested in playing. With summer travel schedules we need a large roster

Adventure in Your Own Backyard: Thursday, June 26

As a member of St. John's, you may pass through these halls every week—but when was the last time you paused to take in the rich history around you? Join us on Wednesday, June 26th at 10:00 AM for a special tour designed to help us see our beloved church with fresh eyes. We'll begin in our beautiful, 100-year-old sanctuary, where our church historian will share the fascinating history of St. John's Baptist Church—its people, its mission, and its role in shaping our community. Then, we'll walk through the rest of the building together, exploring the spaces that not only house worship, but also host the work of partners like Shepherd's Center. Come deepen your connection to the place we call home—and rediscover the sacred spaces where we gather, serve, and grow. Free to attend. To register, call (704) 365-1995

Dr. Steve Harmon saw white smoke in Rome!

On Sunday, June 29th from 9:30-10:15 in Lasater Hall, our own Steve Harmon will share his personal experience at the Vatican when Pope Leo XIV was installed last month. His presentation, "Baptist Reflections on a Catholic Conclave," is open to all Sunday school classes who would like to join in Lasater Hall that morning.

ON THE WAY

St. John's retired adults and friends are invited to gather for lunch at Red Rocks Café (4223 Providence Rd) at 11:00 am on Monday, July 14th. Please let Lee Gray LGray@sjcharlotte.org know if you plan to attend so our reservations can be adjusted for the right number of people.

Children & Families: Paint, Play, and Party Day will be here soon

Friday, June 27. We will meet at 1:00 p.m. at Little Bit of Art Studio in Belmont. The cost is $25 per artist, and payment will be made on site. If you have not signed up for this fun afternoon and would like to join us, please contact Rev. Kheresa Harmon immediately.

Fall Churchwide 2025 Save the Dates:

- Charlotte Pride Festival & Parade Saturday and Sunday, August 16-17
- Luncheon for Foust Family Sunday, August 24
- Rise Against Hunger Sunday, September 29
- Children's Sabbath and World Communion Sunday, October 5
- Fall Festival Sunday, October 26
- NAMI Walks Saturday, November 8

Fall Children & Their Families 2025 Save the Dates:

- Annual Back to School Breakfast for Children and Their Families on August 24
- Fall Kickoff Cookout for Children and Their Families on September 6

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The St. John's Pulpit
Worship: June 29, 2025
Scripture: Gospel of John 15:1-11
Message Title: *'Jesus Offers a Vital Viticulture Vision For St. John's'*
Proclaimers: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

This Week at St. John's

Sun., Jun. 22	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
Mon., Jun. 23	8:00 am	Weekday School Teacher Workday
Tues., Jun. 24	10:00 am	Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room)
	6:30 pm	NAMI Support Groups
Wed., Jun. 25	7:15 pm	Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Thurs., Jun. 26	10:00 am	Adventure in Your Own Backyard (Sanctuary)
Fri., Jun. 27	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Broach Hall)
Sat., Jun. 28	6:30 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	8:00 pm	Together We Rise NA (Lasater Hall)

Membership and Ministry

If you would like information about the church or 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. You can also scan the included QR code to fill out the guest card online. 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
Interim Minister for Worship and Music.....J. Noel Lance

Church Staff

Stratus Custodians.....Pray & Thomas Chanwal
Children's Music Director .....Chloe Hall
Weekday School Assistant Director.....Kristina Hartzell
Church Administrator..... Amanda Morrison
Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted
Sunday Custodian.....Joshua Overbay
Media Coordinator.....Liza Tindall
Summer Office Assistants.....Nora Frances Benton & Lilly Marie Sweet

St. John's
BAPTIST
A SERVANT CHURCH

Sunday, June 22, 2025
10:30 AM Worship
St. John's Baptist Church