

Welcome to the Worship of God

Please turn off all electronic devices

*denotes congregation to stand as you are able

June 29, 2025

Ten-Thirty in the Morning

Prelude J. Noel Lance, Organist

Greeting and Our Life Together Rev. Kheresa Harmon

Introduction of Patricia Shafer Anna Cushman
with *Mothering Across Continents*

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship J. Noel Lance
Entrance of the Christ Candle by Grace Harmon

Call to Worship Congregation and Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

One:
Come, beloved of God, and gather in the presence of the True Vine.
Jesus says, "I am the vine; you are the branches."
In Him, we find our source, our strength, our very life.

All:
We abide in You, Jesus.
Nourish us with Your Word and fill us with Your Spirit.

One:
Christ offers a vital vision for us at St. John's –
To remain in His love, to bear lasting fruit,
And to be His witnesses in the world.

All:
We are called to go into the world,
Rooted in Christ, growing in grace,
And reaching out with love.

One:
Let us worship the One who prunes, who nourishes,
Who abides with us still –
So that our joy may be full and our lives may glorify the Father.

Leader:
We renew our commitments to You, Jesus, for you are the True Vine.
Make us fruitful branches for Your kingdom.
Amen.

Prayer of Submission Rev. Foust

*Hymn Of Praise

Worthy of Worship
JUDSON

You are worthy... to receive glory and honor and power — Revelation 4:11 NIV

Moments with the Younger Church Rev. Harmon

Reading of the Scripture Jim Keesee
John 15:1-11

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by

itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

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.

*Hymn of Devotion *The Lord of Life, a Vine Is He*
TALLIS CANNON

The Lord of Life, a vine is He and grafted to Him we must be;
and this we yield abundantly sweet fruit for all to taste and see.

If we be joined to Him, we know His strength and power will help us grow.
His Spirit's grace through us will flow to prune and shape us as we go.

The vine is He, the branches we for now and to eternity.
His word sown deep in us will be both sun and rain sufficiency.

The Lord of Life, the Source Divine calls us to come, with Him entwine.
Will we, unhearing, dare decline the call of Christ, the one True Vine.

The Church at Prayer and the Prayer of Giving Rev. Gray

Current Prayer Concerns

Warren Lineberger, Richard Sealy, Anne Sutton, Syble Zeigler

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.

Offertory Anthem Chancel Choir
Go Into the World Natalie Sleeth

*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.

Homily 'Jesus Offers a Vital Viticulture Vision for St. John's' Rev. Foust

*Hymn of Witness, No.494 *They'll Know We Are Christians*
The Chalice Hymnal ST. BRENDAN'S

Called Church Conference Phillips Bragg

Commissioning Rev. Foust

Postlude J. Noel Lance

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

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.**

Upcoming Softball Games

No games the week of July 4th
Monday 7/7 @ 6:00 pm. Wednesday 7/9 @ 7:00 pm
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

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.

No Children's Sunday School on July 6th!

Children's Sunday School **will not meet** on Sunday, July 6th. We hope your family enjoys the holiday weekend! The Nursey **will** remain open and available as usual.

A Joyful Musical Celebration - July 13

We are thrilled to announce a truly special worship experience! On Sunday, July 13, we will be joined by members of the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, who will lead us in a powerful offering of worship through music
The woodwind quartet—featuring: Sam Sparrow (clarinet), Hollis Ulakey (oboe), Amy Orsinger (flute), Joshua Hood (bassoon) ,will grace our service with soul-stirring melodies as we gather, perform two exquisite solo pieces, and uplift our hymns with their artistry. This is more than just a musical performance—it's a sacred expression of praise and reverence. We warmly invite you to be present and allow your spirit to be lifted by this beautiful and moving musical worship offering to God. Come, listen, worship, and be inspired.

No Family News Next Week!

Please note: there will be no Family News next week. The church office will be closed July 3 and 4. Wishing you a safe, happy, and fireworks-filled Fourth of July weekend!

St. John's Baptist Church

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: July 6, 2025

Scripture: Gospel of Luke 20:20-26

Message Title: 'God Bless America'

Proclaimers: Rev. Delbridge Narron

This Week at St. John's

Sun., Jun. 29	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
Mon., Jun. 30	8:00 AM	Weekday School Summer Session Begins
Tues., Jul. 1	10:00 am	Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room)
Wed., Jul. 2	7:15 pm	Choir Practice (Choir Room)
	5:30 pm	Personnel Resource Team (Conference Room)
Thurs., Jul. 3		
Fri., Jul. 4	ALL DAY	Church Offices Closed for Independence Day
Sat., Jul. 5	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

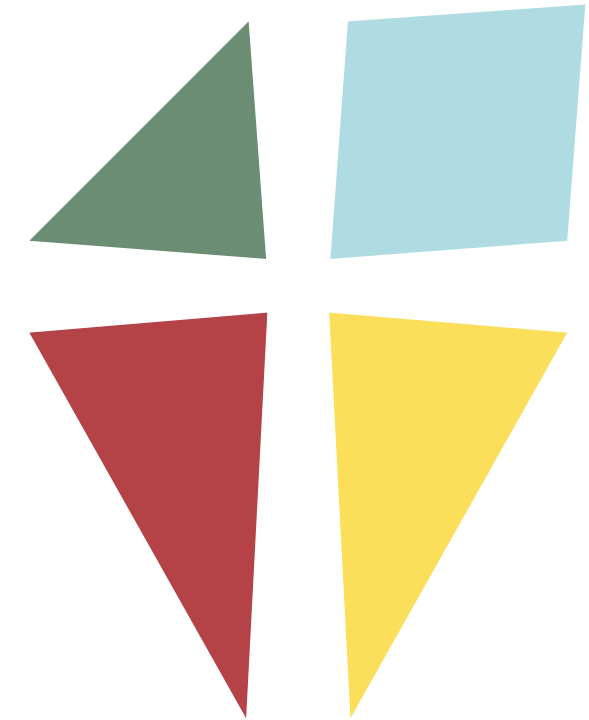
Every participant in God's Servant Church

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 29, 2025

10:30 AM Worship

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