Welcome to the Worship of God

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June 8, 2025 — *Ten-Thirty in the Morning*

Prelude — J. Noel Lance, Organist

Greeting and Our Life Together — Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

***Entrance of the High School Graduates** — *Pomp & Circumstance* Edward Elgar

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship — J. Noel Lance

Entrance of the Christ Candle by Amelia and Greer Benton

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

Prayer of Submission — Rev. Foust

***Hymn Of Praise, No. 67** — *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*
The Chalice Hymnal — ST. ANNE

Scripture Reading — Meredith Sorrell
2 Corinthians 5:16-20

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to 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.

The Church at Prayer — Rev. Lee Gray

Current Prayer Concerns

Pauline Funderburk, Warren Lineberger, Richard Sealy, Anne Sutton

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.

Moments with the Younger Church — Rev. Kheresa Harmon

Homily — *'My Traditional-Untraditional Church'* — Kenna Benton, Senior

***Hymn of Discipleship, No. 614** — *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*
The Chalice Hymnal — I'M GONNA LIVE

Offertory Prayer — Jason Benton

Offertory — J. Noel Lance
Here I Am, Lord — arr. Hal Hopson

***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.

Words for Your Journey — Joanne Compton
When Roads Diverge: Continue Your Calling

Choral Anthem — Chancel Choir
The Road Not Taken — Ruth Elaine Schram

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, and sorry I could not travel both and be one traveler, long I stood and looked down on as far as I could to where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair, and having perhaps the better claim, because it was grassy and wanted wear; Though as for that the passing there had worn them really about the same.

And both that morning equally lay in leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day! Yet knowing how way leads on to way, I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I, I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.

Homily — *'Begindings'* — Rev. Foust

***Hymn of Witness** — *Believers All, We Bear the Name*
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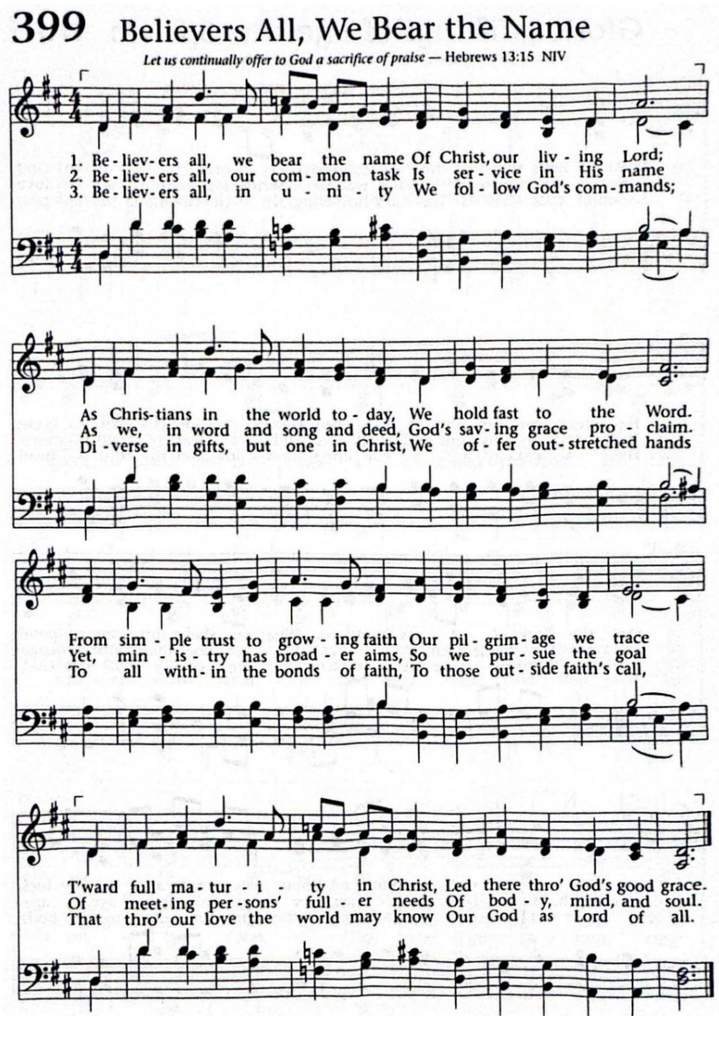
Recognition of the Graduates — Rev. Foust & Rev. Gray

Kenna Benton, Lucy Priest, Brooks Sorrell, Laura Sorrell

Blessings of the Graduates — Chancel Choir and Congregation
May The Road Rise to Meet You — André Lash

May the road rise to meet you, the wind be at your back, May the sun shine warmly on your face, may the rain fall softly, softly on your fields, and may God hold you in the palm of his hand; may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Commissioning — Rev. Foust

Postlude — J. Noel Lance

2025 Graduating Seniors

Kenna Benton

Lucy Priest

Brooks Sorrell

Laura Sorrell

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Softball Season is Coming Up!

Upcoming Softball Games
Tuesday 6/10 @ 6:00 pm
Wednesday 6/11 @ 7:10 pm
Tuesday 6/17 @ 6:00 pm
Wednesday 6/18 @ 6:00 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

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YART Trivia Night!

Join the Young Adult Resource Team for Pub Trivia Night by Mindless Minutia on Tuesday, June 10 at 7 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., at Petty Thieves Brewing Company! The Lord's Chicken is the team to beat, so meet us then and there!
Questions? Reach out to Kheresa Harmon and/or Aidan Salmeron.

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

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.

Learn to Knit and Crochet

Rising 2nds graders and up are invited to join Kheresa and the ladies of our Needle Ministry to learn the basics of knitting and crocheting on Thursday, June 12, from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. If your child would like to learn a new craft and make friendships that will last a lifetime, contact Kheresa ASAP.

Work at the Charlotte Diaper Bank

Children, ages 5+, are invited to work with Kheresa at the Charlotte Diaper Bank on June 19, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. If your child would like to serve, please contact Kheresa by June 8.

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: June 15, 2025
Scripture: Luke 4:16-21; John 15:11; and Philippians 4:4
Message Title: *'Jubilation'*
Proclaimers: Dr. Steve Shoemaker

This Week at St. John's

Sun., Jun. 8	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
Mon., Jun. 9		
Tues., Jun. 10	10:00 am	Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room)
	10:00 am	Eastover Elemenary Graduation (Broach Hall)
Wed., Jun. 11	7:15 pm	Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Thurs., Jun. 12	10:00 am	Needle Ministry (Lounge)
Fri., Jun. 13	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Broach Hall)
Sat., Jun. 14	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

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
Stratus Custodians.....Pray & Thomas Chanwal

St. John's
BAPTIST
A SERVANT CHURCH
Graduate Recognition Sunday

Sunday, June 8, 2025
10:30 AM Worship
St. John's Baptist Church