

Welcome to the Worship of God

Please turn off all electronic devices

*Indicates for the congregation to stand as able

August 10, 2025 *Ten-Thirty in the Morning*

Gathering Music

Greeting Rev. Kheresa Harmon

*Passing of the Peace Congregation

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship J. Noel Lance

Entrance of the Christ Candle: Joy Follis

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

Leader:

Come, people of God, clothed in compassion, kindness, humility, and patience. Gather in the spirit of grace, as those who bear the name of Christ.

People:

We come as one body, chosen and beloved, seeking harmony in the name we share.

Leader:

As we sing and pray, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, For we are partners in the gospel and stewards of grace.

People:

We celebrate how God has woven our lives together-
Bound by love, built on trust, and joined in holy purpose.

Leader:

Though conflict and contradiction cloud today's world,
Let us be different; collaborators in hope and co-laborers in truth.

People:

Let the word of Christ dwell richly among us.
Let our songs rise, our prayers flow, and our hearts be tuned to heaven.

Leader:

Whatever we do, in word or deed;
Let us do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.

All:

We are believers all. We bear the name.
Let us worship God, together and in partnership.

*Prayer of Submission Rev. Foust

*Hymn Of Praise, No. 272 *The Church's One Foundation*
Chalice Hymnal AURELIA

Moments with the Younger Church Rev. Kheresa Harmon

Scripture Reading Sally Young
Colossians 3:12-17

Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Leader: Clothe yourselves with love, which binds us in perfect harmony.

People: In thankful partnership, we live and serve in the name of Christ.

*Offertory Hymn No. 453 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*
Chalice Hymnal BEECHER

Offertory Prayer Doug Hammond

Offertory J. Noel Lance and Jesse Roberts
Majestic Praise Dick Bolks

*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 Church at Prayer Ashley Hogewood

Current Prayer Concerns

Judy Kersey, Ken Sanford, Debbie Stillerman

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.

Choral Anthem Chancel Choir
We Will Be Your People Don Phillips
(Congregation is invited to stand and sing the final refrain)

We Will Be Your People

Congregational Part

Words and Music by DON PHILLIPS (ASCAP)



Message "Partnership" Rev. Foust

*Hymn *Believers All, We Bear the Name*
EDGE

Believers all, we bear the name Of Christ, our living Lord;
As Christians in the world today, We hold fast to the Word.
From simple trust to growing faith Our pilgrimage we trace
T'ward full maturity in Christ, Let there thro' God's good grace.

Believers all, our common task Is service in His name
As we, in word and song and deed, God's saving grace proclaim.
Yet, ministry has broader aims, So we pursue the goal
Of meeting persons' fuller needs Of body, mind, and soul.

Believers all, in unity We follow God's commands;
Diverse in gifts, but one in Christ, We offer our-stretched hands
To all within the bonds of faith, To those outside faith's call,
That thro' our love the world may know Our God as Lord of all.

*Our Life Together and Commissioning Rev. Foust

*Postlude J. Noel Lance

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Survey for St. John’s Baptist Church Pastoral Search Process

The St. John’s Pastor Search Team is tasked with identifying and recommending the next Senior Minister following Dr. Foust’s retirement in August, and your perspective on the type of candidate we should look for is important. We are asking for your participation in two ways:

- 1. Step 1 is completing a quick survey to capture your thoughts on the demographics, background, and characteristics of an ideal candidate.
- 2. Step 2 will come on September 21 when we gather as a church for a conversation based on the survey results, and to further refine any input on key priorities for the Search Team.

Details on what we are asking you to do now:

- Please take a few minutes now to complete the anonymous survey by scanning the QR code. Or request a paper copy of the survey by contacting the church office at 704-333-5428 ext.0



Retirement Luncheon for Rev. Dennis W. Foust

Please join us for a catered lunch in Broach Hall immediately following worship service on **Sunday, August 24**, to honor the ministry of Dennis and Paula Foust. There will be no charge for your meal, but **YOU MUST REGISTER IN ORDER TO ATTEND!**

There is a limited number of seats available, and we are almost full.

Please register as soon as possible to reserve your seat!

Only register children if they will be eating with you in Broach Hall. Otherwise, childcare will be available for free, starting at 11:30 AM, and includes a child-friendly lunch. YOU MUST answer YES to childcare and provide your child’s/children’s name(s) and age(s) when registering yourself.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

If you are unsure if you have registered, you can contact the church office at 704-333-5428 ext. 0 to confirm.

You are encouraged to write a note to the Fousts and either mail it to the church, leave it in the church office, or drop it in a basket provided at the luncheon.



St. John's @ Charlotte Pride 2025!

Charlotte Pride 2025 is NEXT Saturday and Sunday, August 16 & 17, at First Ward Park and surrounding streets in Uptown Charlotte. On Sunday, August 17th, join us to shout, "GOD LOVES EVERYONE!" along the Charlotte Pride parade route. Please register so we know how many walkers we will have. Can't walk, but want to still show your support, volunteers are needed to cover the booth both on Saturday and Sunday. If you have any questions please contact Amanda Morrison at amorrison@sjcharlotte.org



ON THE WAY

On The Way will be going to Las Margaritas for lunch on Thursday, August 21st at 11:30am. The address is 4426 E. Independence Blvd. Please email Lee Gray at LGray@sjcharlotte.org to let him know if plan to be there so we can adjust our reservation numbers with the restaurant.

Parents' Meeting and Breakfast on the 24th

Children and families are invited to our annual Back-to-School Breakfast on Sunday, August 24 at 9:15 a.m. in the SJBC Library Commons. Following a continental breakfast, parents will meet with Kheresa to discuss Children’s Sabbath, the Nativity Play, and the new Sunday school year.

Fall 2025 Cookout for Children & Families

Let’s "fall into Fall 2025" with a cookout at the home of Kelli, Eric, Hailey, and Grayson McCombs (6508 Calvert Commons Drive, Huntersville, NC 28078) at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 6! Please RSVP on Realm by September 1.



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The St. John’s Pulpit

Worship: August 17, 2025

Scripture: Philippians 3:12-16

Message Title: ‘Pressing on Holding Fast’

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

This Week at St. John’s

Sun., Aug. 10	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
	4:00 pm	American Guild of Organists Concert (Sanctuary)
Mon., Aug. 11	9:30 am	Adventures in Learning (Broach Hall)
	5:30 pm	Women of the Church Expanded Board Meeting (Lounge)
Tues., Aug. 12	10:00 am	Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room)
Wed., Aug. 13	5:30 pm	Personnel Resource Team (Conference Room)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Suite)
Thurs., Aug. 14	10:00 am	Needle Ministry (Lounge)
Fri., Aug. 15	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Broach Hall)
Sat., Aug. 16	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 CareRev. 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 DirectorChloe Hall
Weekday School Assistant Director.....Kristina Hartzell
Church Administrator..... Amanda Morrison
Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted
Sunday Custodian.....Joshua Overbay
Media Coordinator.....Liza Tindall



Sunday, August 10, 2025
10:30 AM Worship
St. John’s Baptist Church