

# Welcome to the Worship of God

We invite you to silence your electronic devices so we can fully share this time together.  
An asterisk (\*) invites the congregation to stand as you are able.

September 28, 2025  
Ten-Thirty in the Morning

Gathering Music Lenora Conway  
Greeting and Our Life Together Rev. Lee Gray  
Call To Service – Crop Walk Debbie Pittman

Entrance of the Christ Candle – Alex Norris

\*Medley Of Praise Worthy of Worship/How Majestic Is Your Name

Worthy of worship, worthy of praise,  
worthy of honor and glory;  
Worthy of all the glad songs we can sing,  
worthy of all of the offerings we bring.

Refrain

You are worthy, Father, Creator. You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer.  
You are worthy, worthy and wonderful, worthy of worship and praise.

Almighty Father, Master and Lord,  
King of all kings and Redeemer,  
Wonderful Counselor, Comforter, Friend,  
Savior and Source of our life without end. Refrain

------(Interlude)-----

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth (repeat).  
O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name:  
Prince of Peace, Mighty God; O Lord God Almighty.  
(Repeat)

Call to Worship Jeff LeVie and Congregation

Leader: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

People: You have set Your glory above the heavens.

Leader: When we look at the work of Your hands—the moon, the stars, and the skies—

People: We stand in awe of Your greatness and power.

Leader: Who are we that You are mindful of us?

People: Yet You crown us with glory and honor, giving us a place in Your creation.

Leader: From the lips of children to the prayers of the faithful, Your name is praised.

People: From the highest heavens to the depths of the sea, all creation proclaims:

All: O Lord, our Lord, how awesome is Your name in all the earth!  
Let us worship God with reverence and joy!

Responsive Scripture Reading, No. 728 Anne Hager  
Chalice Hymnal PSALM 8

(During the reading of Psalm 8, the congregation is invited to speak the words found in bold print and sing the Refrain as cued.)



The Church at Prayer Rev. Kheresa Harmon

Current Prayer Concerns

Mary Jo Breckenridge, Joe Trull

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.

\*Offertory Hymn No. 59 This Is My Fathers World  
Chalice Hymnal TERRA BEATA  
(Vs. 1 and 3)

Offertory Prayer Todd Stillerman  
Offertory Chancel Choir  
Come, Sing Unto The Lord Gilbert Martin

Come, sing unto the Lord, sing a song of joy,  
A grateful hymn of praise; and let His glory fill the earth,  
Let every voice be raised.  
O sing unto the Lord, let the earth respond,  
His awesome deeds proclaim.  
Declare His works to everyone and praise His holy name.  
All oceans, hills, and trees reply:  
“Let His praise be lifted high. Let the valleys now be raised  
And every mountain shout His awesome praise.”  
Come, sing unto the Lord, let the song go forth,  
All nations join as one.  
Ascribe to God, the Lord of hosts, the wonders He has done.  
Come, sing unto the Lord a song of joy,  
His love for endless days,  
And celebrate the one true God who’s worthy of our praise.

\*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.

Sermon God is Awesome Dr. Don Gordon, D. Min



Genesis 1:3 Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

\*Hymn of No. 22 All Creatures of Our God and King  
Chalice Hymnal LASST UNS ERFREUN  
\*Commissioning Dr. Gordon  
\*Postlude J. Noel Lance

# OUR LIFE TOGETHER

## Charlotte CROP Hunger Walk

October 19, 1:00 - 4:00 pm at Providence Baptist Church, 4921 Randolph Road 1:00 Registration and activities including bounce house, CWS Kit packing, and more! 2:00 Walk in the neighborhood or walk on the church track, followed by a treat!



Donate or sign up for your walk today!

## Children's Sabbath & World Communion Day NEXT SUNDAY

Our St. John's children will lead our worship for Children's Sabbath & World Communion Sunday on **October 5**. Please join us for this extra special Sunday.

## Global Mission Offering Update

St. John'sians, please let's keep the ministry strong at the Nyarweng School in South Sudan through generous giving by **September 30!** The children and teachers of Nyarweng need our support and Christ calls us to respond to their need and to be peacebuilders in the world.

Global Missions Offering Goal - **\$23,000**

Amount Received through August 27 - **\$18,325**

## Dr. Gordon's Sermon Series

Dr. Gordon will be preaching a series of sermons from the Psalms:

- **Sept 21** A Thankful Heart - Psalm 30
- **Sept 28** God is Awesome - Psalm 8
- **Oct 12** A Passion for Goodness - Psalm 1
- **Oct 19** When You're Weak - Psalm 46
- **Oct 26** When God Seems Far Away - Psalm 22

## Trunks for Trunk-or-Treat: Fall Festival

We need volunteers for our Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat community event on **Sunday, October 26, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.** at SJBC. How can you volunteer?



1. Provide your vehicle that you can decorate.
2. Candy, stickers, pencils, etc. as treats for your trunk.
3. You in costume, too!

**Only Register 1 person per vehicle.**

## Stewardship 2026: Rooted in Faith, Growing in Purpose

This fall, we invite you to join us in reflecting on how our generosity helps St. John's grow in purpose and deepen its impact. Commitment Sunday is November 9. Please prayerfully consider your pledge and plan to participate in this important season of stewardship.

## Basketball Registration Information

Registration for St. John's children and youth basketball teams will go live on September 30th. Look for the link in next week's Family News. Contact Lee Gray at [LGray@sjcharlotte.org](mailto:LGray@sjcharlotte.org) if you have any questions.

## St. John's Baptist Church

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## The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: October 5, 2025

Children's Sabbath & World Communion Day

Scripture: Mark 10:13-16

Proclaimer: Rev. Kheresa Harmon

## This Week at St. John's

Sun., Sept. 28	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
	<b>11:45 am</b>	<b>Rise Against Hunger (Broach Hall &amp; Gym)</b>
Mon., Sept. 29	11:00 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)
Tues., Sept. 30	10:00 am	Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room)
Wed., Oct. 1	5:30 pm	Personnel Resource Team (Conference Room)
	5:45 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Suite)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Suite)
Thurs., Oct. 2		
Fri., Oct. 3	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Sat., Oct. 4	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

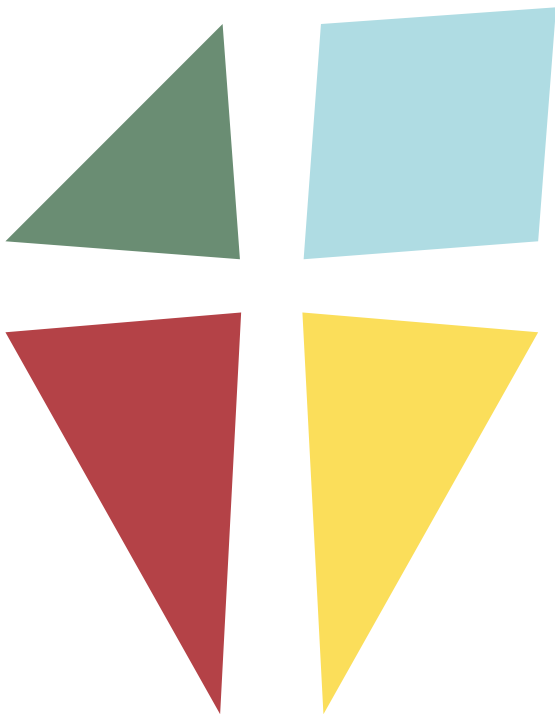
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## Equipping Ministers

Interim Senior Minister.....	Dr. Don Gordon
Minister for Congregational Care .....	Rev. Lee Gray
Minister for Children and Their Families.....	Rev. Kheresa Harmon
Minister for Worship and Music.....	J. Noel Lance

## Church Staff

Stratus Custodians.....	Pray & Thomas Chanwal
Office Assistant.....	Stephen Davis
Weekday School Assistant Director.....	Kristina Hartzell
Church Administrator.....	Amanda Morrison
Weekday School Director.....	Lydia Olmsted
Custodial/Maintenance Associate.....	Herb Parrott
Children's Music Director .....	Chloe Salmeron
Media Coordinator.....	Liza Wade



# St. John's

## BAPTIST

A SERVANT CHURCH

**Sunday, September 28, 2025**  
**10:30 AM Worship**  
**St. John's Baptist Church**