

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.

October 12, 2025Ten-Thirty in the Morning

Gathering Music

Greeting and Our Life TogetherRev. Lee Gray

*Passing of the PeaceCongregation

Preparing Our Hearts for WorshipHandbell Choir
A Trumpet ChoraleF. Thomas Simpson

Entrance of the Christ Candle – Joy Follis

Call To WorshipDr. Don Gordon, DMin and Congregation

Leader: Come, people of God, let us turn our hearts toward the light
- the light of goodness, mercy, and truth.

People: We come seeking what is right and turning from what is wrong.

Leader: When the world calls us to selfishness, may we choose service.
When we are tempted by comfort, may we choose compassion.

People: We will walk the path of love, doing good wherever we are sent.

Leader: For the Holy One calls us not to greatness, but to goodness
- not to power, but to peace.

People: We will act justly, love kindly, and walk humbly with our God.

Leader: Let us rise as people of light - to bless, to heal, to build, to serve.

People: Our hands are ready, our hearts are open, our lives are God's.
We choose the good, we seek the holy, we serve in love.

InvocationDr. Gordon

*Hymn of Praise, No. 2Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Chalice HymnalHYMN TO JOY

Moments with the Younger ChurchRev. Kheresa Harmon

Scripture Reading
Psalm 1 – The Two Ways

Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked
or take the path that sinners tread
or sit in the seat of scoffers,
but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,
for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Leader: 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 No. 634 - Vs. 1 and 3To Us All, to Every Nation
Chalice HymnalEBENEZER

The Church at PrayerJ. Noel Lance

Current Prayer Concerns

Mary Jo Breckenridge, Carol Drye, 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.

Rev. Gray

*Offertory Hymn

Called to Serve with Hearts of Gladness
NETTLETON

Called to serve with hearts of gladness,
Blessed to share what we receive;
Hands of mercy, sowing kindness,
Teach us, Lord, in love to weave.
Every gift Your grace has given,
Let it shine through all we do;
Make our work a hymn to heaven,
Offered up in thanks to You.

Freely giving, never counting,
All we have is Yours alone;
In the lives of others mounting,
Seeds of love by service sown.
Grant us strength for faithful living,
Keep us steadfast, pure, and true;
Every deed a prayer of giving,
Lord, we live our lives for You.

Offertory PrayerTodd Stillerman

OffertoryHandbell Choir and Jesse Roberts, piano
Faithfulnessarr. Bradley Anderson

*DoxologyOLD 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.*

SermonA Passion for GoodnessDr. Gordon



*Hymn No. 608I Would Be True
Chalice HymnalPEEK

*CommissioningDr. Gordon

*PostludeJ. 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!



Charlotte NAMI Walks



St. John's is a proud sponsor of Charlotte NAMI Walks on Saturday, November 8th at the Mint Museum. NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness. This year our goal is to raise \$1,000. You can join the team to walk with us or give to support the St. John's team by scanning the QR Code.

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. Scan the QR code to sign up to provide your trunk for the Trunk-or-Treat. **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.

Depression Support Group

Join the St. John's Depression Support Group! Contact Rev. Kathy Turner (919-225-2749) to learn more about a regular meeting to provide support for people coping with depression; to foster honest conversations in our daily lives with others who can relate; and to help us hold one another accountable so we feel supported and not judged.

The first meeting will be on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the church in room 104 (Cheers Classroom). Please note: This is intended to provide a support network. It is not a therapy session.

Basketball Registration Information

St. John's Basketball registration is now live for children and youth. We will have teams for boys and girls ages 4-12. Please scan the QR code to register and see all the details pertaining to the upcoming basketball season.



Brotherhood of the Biscuit

The Brotherhood of the Biscuit will begin their fall meetings. By hearing from our new interim pastor, Dr. Don Gordon, on Friday, October 17th at 6:30 am in the church lounge. Please let Lee Gray LGray@sjcharlotte.org know if you can join us for biscuits, coffee, and fellowship that morning.

SAVE THE DATE:

St. John's Senior Adults (75 and older)
Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend our annual Christmas Gathering on Thursday, December 4th in Broach Hall at 11:30 am. Details to follow soon!

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: October 19, 2025

Scripture: Psalm 46

Sermon Title: *When You're Weak*

Proclaimer: Dr. Don Gordon, D. Min.

This Week at St. John's

Sun., Oct. 12	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
Mon., Oct. 13	10:00 am	Adventures in Learning (Broach Hall)
	11:00 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)
	12:30 pm	Women of the Church Board Meeting (Lounge)
Tues., Oct. 14	10:00 am	Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room)
Wed., Oct. 15	5:45 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Suite)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Suite)
Thurs., Oct. 16	10:00 am	Women of the Church Spiritual Growth Team (Prayer Room)
Fri., Oct. 17	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Sat., Oct. 18	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

Interim Senior Minister.....Dr. Don Gordon
Minister for Congregational CareRev. 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 DirectorChloe Salmeron
Media Coordinator.....Liza Wade



Sunday, October 12, 2025
10:30 AM Worship
St. John's Baptist Church