

# 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 19, 2025Ten-Thirty in the Morning

### Gathering Music

Greeting and Our Life TogetherDr. Don Gordon, D.Min.

\*Passing of the PeaceCongregation

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship  
*Entrance of the Christ Candle – Mae Redding*

Call To WorshipRev. Lee Gray and Congregation

**Leader:** When the storms of life press in and the weight feels too great to bear—  
**People:** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
**Leader:** When our hearts are weary and our hope feels faint—  
**People:** God shelters us beneath His wings and renews our strength.  
**Leader:** When the world’s noise grows loud and fear takes hold—  
**People:** God’s voice speaks peace, reminding us we are not alone.  
**Leader:** In every trial, in every sorrow, in every uncertain tomorrow—  
**People:** We will trust in the steadfast love of God, our refuge and our fortress.  
**Leader:** Come, let us worship the One who holds us fast.  
**People:** Our hope is in the Lord, our rock and our salvation!

InvocationRev. Gray

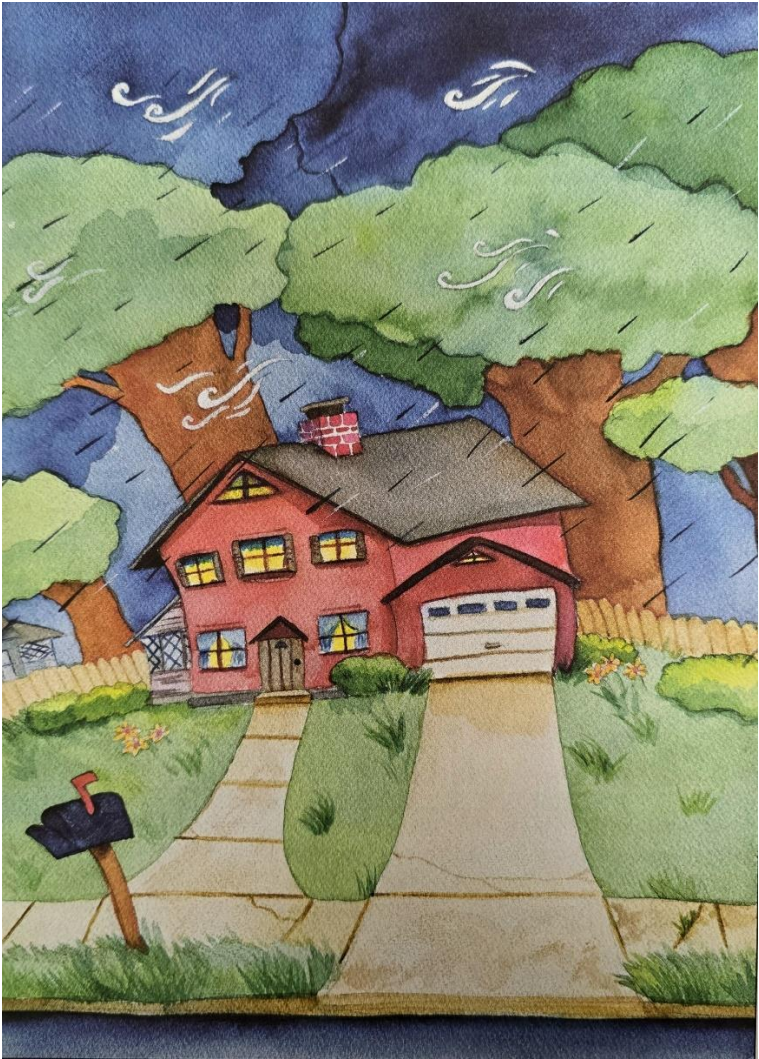
\*Hymn of Praise, No. 67O God, Our Help in Ages Past  
Chalice HymnalST. ANNE

Moments with the Younger ChurchRev. Kheresa Harmon



Responsive Scripture Reading, No. 742Karen Moegerle  
Chalice HymnalPsalm 46

(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 PrayerRev. Harmon

### Current Prayer Concerns

Mary Jo Breckenridge, Carol Drye, Anne Sutton, 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. 560Leaning on the Everlasting Arms  
Chalice HymnalSHOWALTER

Offertory PrayerKevin Benton and Minh Calloway

OffertoryChancel Choir  
*God Is Our Refuge*Allen Pote

God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble.  
Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,  
Though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.  
Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.  
He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth.  
He is the Word, we are his hands, He will lead us.  
He is the air, we are his song.  
We will celebrate his presence all the day long.  
He is the rain, we are the stones, He will cleanse us.  
He is the air, we are his song.  
We will celebrate his presence all the day long.

\*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.*

SermonWhen You’re WeakDr. Gordon

\*HymnThe Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

**Refrain:**  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand,  
All, other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide His face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev’ry high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil. - **Refrain.**

His oath, his covenant, His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. - **Refrain.**

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in his righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne. - **Refrain.**

\*CommissioningDr. Gordon

\*PostludeJ. Noel Lance



OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Charlotte NAMI Walks

St. John’s is a proud sponsor of Charlotte NAMI Walks on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Mint Museum. NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness. This year our goal is to raise \$1,000; so far, we have raised \$330. You can join the team to walk with us or give to support the St. John’s team by scanning the QR Code.



ONE THE WAY - St. John’s Retired Adults and Friends

We will go down the hill to eat at Hawthorne’s Pizza, Pasta, and Salad on Wednesday, October 22nd at 11:30am. They were vary generous in supporting St. John’s for our Rise Against Hunger event, providing us lunch before we packed the 15,000 meals. Please let Lee Gray LGray@sjcharlotte.org know if you would like to be part of our meal fellowship on that day.

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.



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!

St. John’s Baptist Church

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Charlotte, North Carolina 28204  
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The St. John’s Pulpit

Worship: October 26, 2025

Scripture: 1 Cor 9:24-27

Sermon Title: *Fiscally Fit*

Proclaimer: Dr. Don Gordon, D. Min.

This Week at St. John’s

Sun., Oct. 19	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
	1:00 pm	Charlotte CROP Hunger Walk (offsite)
Mon., Oct. 20	10:00 am	Adventures in Learning (Broach Hall)
	11:00 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)
Tues., Oct. 21	8:00 am	Finance Resource Team (Zoom)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room)
	7:00 pm	Young Adult Trivia Night (Petty Thieves)
Wed., Oct. 22	5:45 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Suite)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Suite)
Thurs., Oct. 23		
Fri., Oct. 24	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Sat., Oct. 25	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

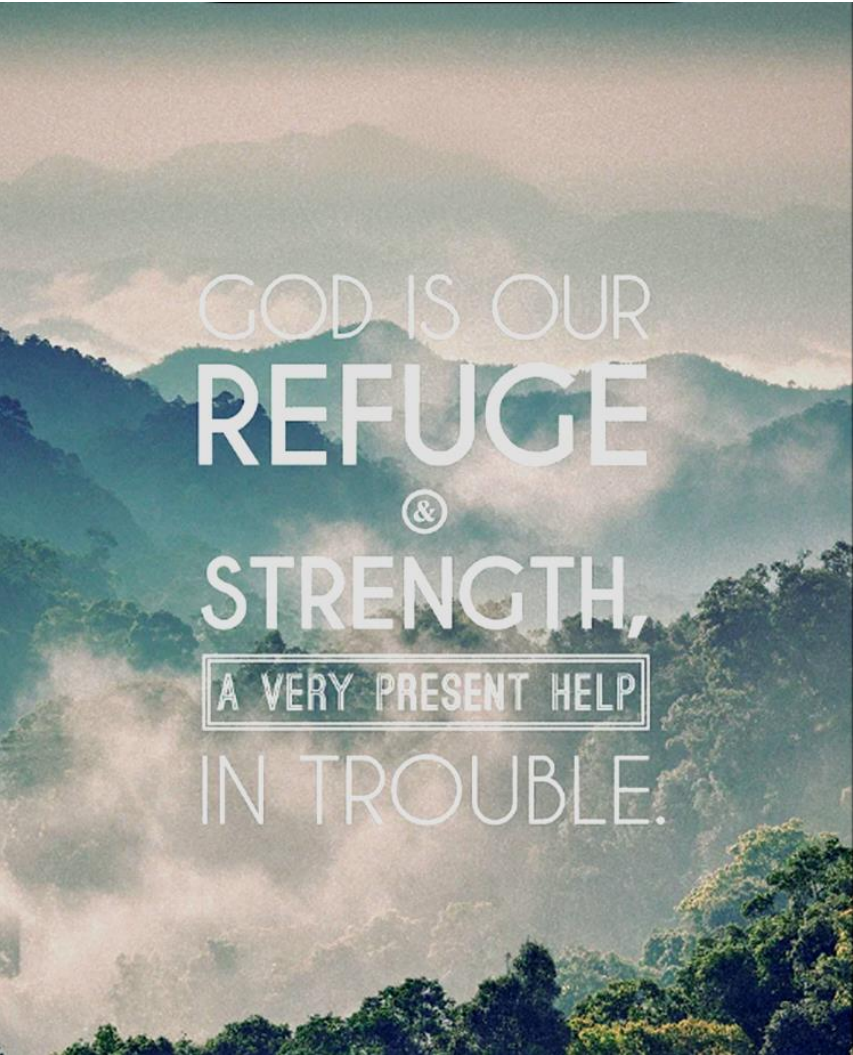
Every participant in God’s Servant Church

Equipping Ministers

Interim Senior Minister.....Dr. Don Gordon  
Minister for Congregational 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



Sunday, October 19, 2025  
10:30 AM Worship  
St. John’s Baptist Church