

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.*

November 16, 2025

Ten-Thirty in the Morning

Gathering Music

Greeting and Our Life Together	J. Noel Lance
2026 Preliminary Budget Presentation	Marc Cardella
Preparing Our Hearts for Worship	J. Noel Lance

Entrance of the Christ Candle – Mabry Anne Miller

Call to Worship Rev. Lee Gray and Congregation

- Leader:** We gather in this sacred place, our hearts restless and searching for the living God.
- People:** Our souls long for the presence of the Lord, for only God can satisfy our deepest thirst.
- Leader:** Like travelers in a dry land, we come seeking the water that gives life.
- People:** In the presence of God, we find refreshment for our spirits and renewal for our strength.
- Leader:** Blessed are those who draw near to dwell with God, whose hearts are set on the way of worship.

- People:** We come with open hearts, ready to drink deeply from the well of God’s grace.
- Leader:** Let us worship the One who is our dwelling place, our strength, and our joy.
- People:** With longing and gratitude, we lift our voices to the living God, the source of life and love.

Invocation	Rev. Gray
*Hymn of Praise, No. 2 Chalice Hymnal	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee HYMN TO JOY
Moments with the Younger Church	Rev. Kheresa Harmon
Responsive Scripture Reading, No. 728 Chalice Hymnal	Steven Follis Psalm 84

(During the reading of Psalm 84, the congregation is invited to speak the words found in bold print and sing the Refrain as cued.)

The Church at Prayer Rev. Harmon

Current Prayer Concerns

Mary Jo Breckenridge, Carol Drye, Norman Fortson,
Dale Johnson, Fredda Kimball, Anne Sutton

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. 285 How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely
Chalice Hymnal MERLE’S TUNE

Offertory Prayer Jeff Almond

Offertory Chancel Choir
Peace Like a River arr. Mack Wilburg

*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 My Soul Pants for God Rev. Dr. Don Gordon



Song of Reflection J. Noel Lance
Living Waters Kristyn Getty and Ed Cash

(Congregation is invited to join on the 2nd and 3rd refrains)

*Are you thirsty, are you empty? Come and drink these living waters.
Tired and broken, peace unspoken, rest beside these living waters.*

*Christ is calling to find refreshing at the cross of living waters.
Lay your life down, all the old gone, rise up in these living waters.*

Refrain

There's a riv-er that flows with mer-cy and love bring-ing joy to the ci-ty of ourGod. There our hope is se-cure do not fear an-y-more praise the Lord of liv-ing wa-ters

*Spirit moving, mercy washing, healing in these living waters.
Lead your children to the shoreline, life is in these living waters.*

Refrain

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*Are you thirsty, are you empty? Come and drink these living waters.
Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless, Christ, He is our living waters.*

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*Commissioning Rev. Gordon

*Postlude J. Noel Lance

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Coat Drive Collection in November

Nourish Up at the Galilee Center is having a Coat Drive for all ages, Children through Adults for the month of November. If you have any gently used or new coats you would like to donate to help our neighbors, please leave them in the Giving Nook at the main entrance. You can also give hats, scarves and gloves. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause. - MRT Team

Canned Food Drive for Nourish Up

The Mission Resource Team is responding to an urgent call for assistance from Nourish Up. We will be sponsoring a canned food drive through November. Please bring your donations to the Giving Nook and place them in the designated bins. We will also send \$2,500 to help with this emergency.

On the Way Nov. 19

St. John's retired adults will be ON THE WAY to Trio Restaurant - 10709 McMullen Creek Pkwy - on Wednesday, November 19th. Please note that we will be meeting there at 11:00 am that day. Please email Lee Gray at LGray@sjcharlotte.org if you would like to attend.

Brotherhood of the Biscuit

On Friday, November 21st, at 6:30 am in the church lounge, our guest speaker will be Park Rd Baptist co-pastor Russ Dean. He will share a little about himself, and about the importance of putting faith in action through house building projects. Our interim pastor Don Gordon will serve homemade buttermilk biscuits with ham that morning, so be sure to email Lee Gray LGray@sjcharlotte.org if you plan to attend so we can have enough biscuits for everyone.

Room In the Inn 2025-2026

Join us for the Room In The Inn 2025 season where we'll be hosting our unhoused neighbors for 8 nights between December - March. We are in need of volunteers for a variety of positions such as bag lunch prep, van drivers, and overnight hosts. Please scan the QR code to sign up and access more details. We hope to see you there!



WDAV Lesson & Carols

Mark your calendars for the annual WDAV Lessons & Carols concert, featuring the Charlotte Master Chorale Chamber Singers, on Tuesday, December 2nd at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. This event is free and open to the public.

Senior Adult Christmas Gathering!

St. John's Senior Adults (75 and older) please plan to attend our annual Christmas Gathering on Thursday, December 4th in Broach Hall at 11:30 am. Be on the lookout for your invitation in the mail! Questions should be directed to Bobbie Hinson at Bobbie.hinson@providenceday.org or 704-806-1947

Nativity Play & Churchwide Lunch

Join us on Sunday, December 7, immediately following worship, in Broach Hall for lunch and for our Children's Nativity Play. The cost is \$10.00 per person.



Depression Support Group

Topic this week: Holiday Blues followed by Grief

Join the St. John's Depression Support Group! Contact Rev. Kathy Turner (919-225-2749) to learn more about this regular meeting to provide support for people coping with depression. The group will meet each Tuesday, at 6:00 p.m. at the church in room 104 (Cheers Classroom under the Sanctuary). Please note: This is intended to provide a support network. It is not a therapy session.

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: November 23, 2025

Scripture: Phil 4:10-20

Sermon Title: A Thank You Note

Proclaimer: Rev. Dr. Don Gordon

This Week at St. John's

Sun., Nov. 16	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
	11:30 am	Friendsgiving (Broach Hall)
Mon., Nov. 17	11:00 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)
Tues., Nov. 18	8:00 am	Finance Resource Team (Zoom)
	10:00 am	Sandwich Ministry (Lounge)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room)
	6:00 pm	Depression Support Group (Room 104)
	7:00 pm	Young Adult Trivia Night (Petty Thieves)
Wed., Nov. 19	5:45 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Suite)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Suite)
Thurs., Nov. 20	10:00 am	Women of the Church Spiritual Growth Team (Prayer Room)
Fri., Nov. 21	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Sat., Nov. 22	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

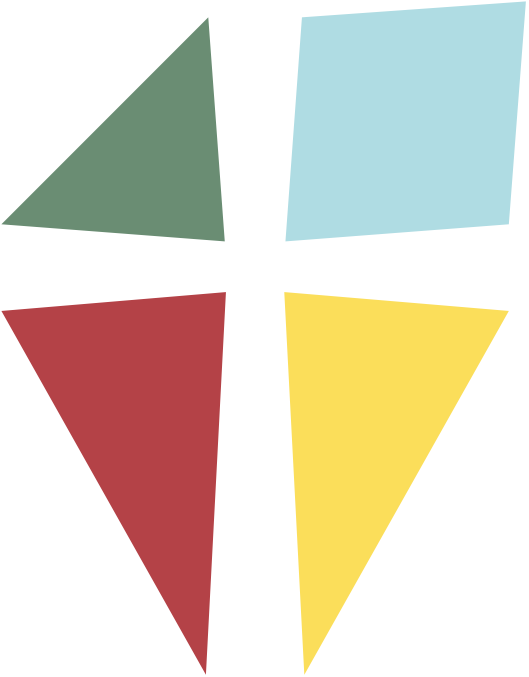
Every participant in God's Servant Church

Equipping Ministers

Interim Senior Minister.....	Rev. 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, November 16, 2025
10:30 AM Worship
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