

# 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.

January 11, 2026

Ten-Thirty in the Morning

## Gathering Music

**Greeting and Our Life Together**

Rev. Lee Gray

**Pastor Search Team Update**

Leslie Bragg

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Congregation

**Preparing Our Hearts for Worship**

J. Noel Lance

Entrance of the Christ Candle – Mabry Anne Miller

**Call to Worship**

Kathy Mahnesmith

**Leader:** We come to worship the God who claims us as beloved.

**People:** We are God's children, created and cherished.

**Leader:** Jesus invites us to pray with confidence and closeness.

**People:** We approach God as a loving Parent who listens and provides.

**Leader:** In every season, God remains faithful and near.

**People:** We live in trust, held by grace.

**Leader:** Come, let us worship together.

**People:** We worship as God's children, with joy and gratitude.

**\*Hymn of Gladness, No. 14**

Womb of Life, and Source of Being  
IN BABILON

**Moments with the Younger Church**

Rev. Kheresa Harmon

**\*Hymn**

Children of the Heavenly Father  
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Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly in His bo - som gath - er; Nest - ling  
God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all  
Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His child - ren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the  
bird - nor star in heav - en. Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

**Reading of the Scripture**

J. Noel Lance

Matthew 6:9-13

"Pray, then, in this way: Our Father in heaven, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one."

Matthew 7: 9-11

Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for bread, would give a stone? Or if the child asked for a fish, would give a snake? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

Matthew 23: 8-9

But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers and sisters. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father, the one in heaven.

Galatians 4: 6-7

And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir through God.

**Leader:** This is the written Word of God for the people of God.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**The Church at Prayer**

Rev. Harmon and Hailey McCombs

**Current Prayer Concerns**

Martha Fowler, Dale Johnson, Jane Starnes,  
Anne Sutton, Gayla Tyson

**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. 354**

Chalice Hymnal

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory Anthem**

I Am His Child

I may not be all that you are, I may not be a shining star;  
But what I am I thank the Lord for making me His child.

Thank you Lord for hearing ev'ry prayer,  
Thank you Lord for just being there,

Thank your Lord, thank your Lord, for I'm so grateful for your love.

So don't use me or abuse me, for I am His child.

Don't tease me, or mistreat me, for I'm still His child,  
You can even talk about me.

But I'm still His child.

During the Offertory, you are invited to give as an expression of  
gratitude and generosity. If you prefer, a QR code is provided as a  
convenient option for digital giving.



OLD HUNDREDTH

**\*Doxology**

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**

**Our Father**

Rev. Dr. Don Gordon

**\*Hymn**

God Is So Good  
GOD IS SO GOOD

God is so good, God is so good,  
God is so good, He's so good to me!

He cares for me, He cares for me,

He cares for me, He's so good to me!

God hears our prayer, God hears our prayer,  
God hears our prayer, He listens when we call.

God stays so near, God stays so near,  
God stays so near, He never turns away.

**\*Commissioning**

Rev. Gordon

**\*Postlude**

J. Noel Lance

**Hearing With Clarity in Worship**

For those who have difficulty hearing, personal listening devices are available in the basket at the sanctuary entrance nearest the piano. Please return used devices to the empty basket beside the ready-to-use devices following the service.

# OUR LIFE TOGETHER

## Men's Shelter Banana Puddings & Meal Serving

### Upcoming Dates for 2026:

Jan 16 • Feb 20 • Mar 20 • Apr 17 • May 15 • Jun 19

❖ A brand-new schedule is ready, and we'd love for YOU to be part of it. How You Can Help: Serve a Meal: Volunteer your time and make a difference. Make a Banana Pudding: Add a sweet touch to the evening! [Scan the QR Code to sign up.](#)  
Need more details? Contact Joy Jarrett, Jim Keesee, or Lynn Bishop.

## 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 5 more nights between January - March. See the dates and available positions below:

Dates: 01/23 02/06 02/27 03/06

### Positions

Bag Lunch Prep	Setup Crew	Guest Van Driver
Food Prep/Delivery Coordinator	Overnight Hosts	
Laundry Washing Assistant		

Please scan the QR Code to sign up and access more details.



## St. John's Depression Support Group - Grief

St. John's Depression Support Group meets every Tuesday evening in Room 104. This season's focus is grief—offering a safe space for those coping with all forms of grief. All are welcome to join and share in a compassionate community. For details, contact Kathy Turner at (919) 225-2749.

## ON THE WAY

St. John's retired adults and friends will eat lunch at [Lang Van Vietnamese Restaurant](#) on Wednesday, January 21st at 11:00 am. Please email Lee Gray at [LGray@sjcharlotte.org](mailto:LGray@sjcharlotte.org) if you would like to join us for lunch that day. Please also mark your calendars for the [Valentine's Par-Tea](#) with St. John's Children on Sunday, February 15th following worship.

## Brotherhood of the Biscuit

Young men of all ages are invited to join us for Brotherhood of the Biscuit on Friday, January 23rd at 6:30 am in the 1st Floor Church Lounge. **Noel Lance** will share about his personal story and his work as the Music Minister and Organist here at St. John's. Please email Lee Gray at [LGray@sjcharlotte.org](mailto:LGray@sjcharlotte.org) if you plan to attend so he can let this month's Biscuit Master know the proper amount of biscuits to provide.

## 2026 Save the Dates

February 8 : Youth Sunday | 10:30 AM  
February 9 : All Deacons Meeting | 7:30 PM  
February 15 : Valentine's Par-Tea | 11:30 AM  
February 18 : Ash Wednesday Service | 6:00 PM  
March 14 : Women of the Church Retreat | 9:00 AM  
March 22 : Youth Mission Auction | 11:30 AM  
March 29 : Easter EGGstravaganza | 11:30 AM

# St. John's Baptist Church

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## The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: January 18, 2026

Scripture: Matthew 6:9-13

Sermon Title: Whatever Happened to Reverence?

Proclaimer: Rev. Dr. Don Gordon

## This Week at St. John's

Sun., Jan. 11	8:00 am	Church Council (Conference Room)
	9:15 am	Sunday Growth Groups Children/Youth/Adults
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
Mon., Jan. 12	11:00 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)
Tues., Jan. 13	6:00 pm	Depression Support Group (Room 104)
Wed., Jan. 14	9:00 am	Staff Calendar and Worship Planning (Conference Room)
	5:45 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Suite)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Suite)
Thurs., Jan. 15	10:00 am	Needle Ministry (Lounge)
Fri., Jan. 16	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Sat., Jan. 17	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  
Interim Weekday School Director.....Kristina Hartzell  
Church Administrator.....Amanda Morrison  
Custodial/Maintenance Associate.....Herb Parrott  
Children's Music Director .....Chloe Salmeron  
Media Coordinator.....Liza Wade



**St. John's**  
**BAPTIST**  
**A SERVANT CHURCH**

**Sunday, January 11, 2026**  
**10:30 AM Worship**  
**St. John's Baptist Church**