

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.

Listening assistance devices are available for use and may be found in the basket at the front of the sanctuary on the piano side.

February 22, 2026

Ten-Thirty in the Morning

Gathering Music

Greeting and Our Life Together Rev. Dr. Don Gordon

Introduction of Dr. Wm. Richard Kremer Rev. Gordon

*Passing of the Peace Congregation

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship J. Noel Lance

Entrance of the Christ Candle – Amelia and Greer Benton

Call to Worship Nancy Wilson

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord is established forever, bringing us together as family and friends.

People: We gather in the house of the Lord to praise Him and to share in His love.

Leader: Whether we have walked together for years or are meeting for the first time, Christ welcomes us all.

People: We are grateful for the gift of friendship and the joy of community.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord with gladness!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Amen.

Invocation Nancy Wilson

*Hymn of Praise, No. 464 God of Grace and God of Glory
Chalice Hymnal CWM RHONDDA

Reading of the Gospel Dr. Wm. Richard Kremer
John 15:12-17

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Reading of the New Testament

Acts 4: 32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Leader: This is the written word of God for the people of God.

People: Those who have ears to hear, let them hear.

*Hymn of Unity and Love, No. 494 They’ll Know We Are Christians
Chalice Hymnal ST. BRENDAN’S

Current Prayer Concerns

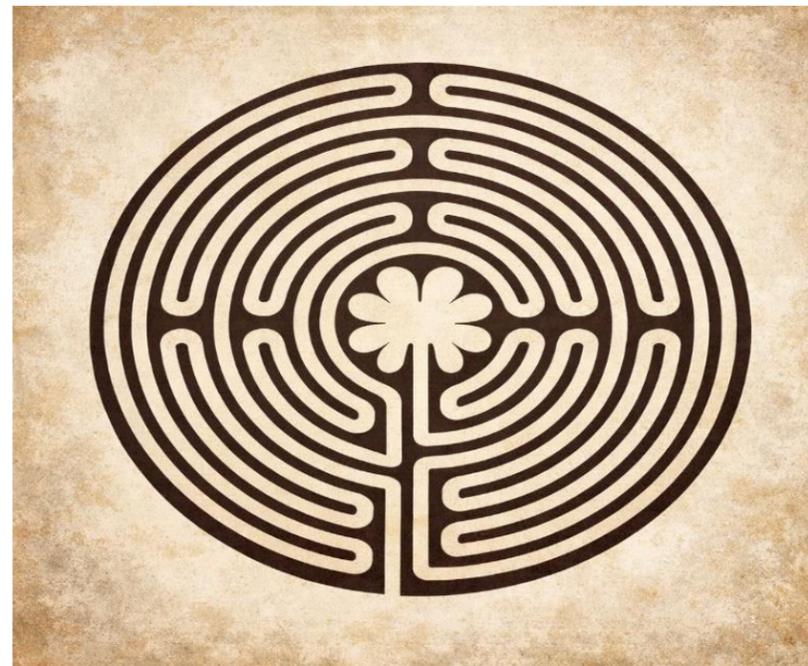
Dale Johnson, Gayla Tyson

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Anne Sutton who passed on ahead of us peacefully February 12th. Please keep her niece, Karen Lisenby, and close friend, Teri Franklin, in your prayers. We will share the service arrangements as soon as they are complete.

Prayers of the People Rev. Gordon

(Moment for Silent Reflection and Meditation)



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. 497 In Loving Partnership
Chalice Hymnal PARTNERSHIP

Offertory Prayer Alice Wirz

Offertory Chancel Choir
Blessed Assurance John Ness Beck

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.



*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 Pursuing the (Un)Common Good Dr. Kremer

*Hymn No. 687 In Christ There Is No East or West
Chalice Hymnal ST. PETER

*Commissioning Rev. Gordon

*Postlude J. Noel Lance

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

The Season of Lent & Easter

- Elizabeth Communities of Faith (ECOF) Lenten Services
 - o Hosted by Caldwell Presbyterian: February 25–April 1 at 12:00pm
 - St. John's to lead on March 11
- Palm Sunday Service: March 29
- Easter EGGstravaganza: March 29 - 11:30 AM
- Maundy Thursday Service: April 2 - 7:00 PM
- Easter Service: April 5

FBC Raleigh Youth Choir @ St. John's

Join us in welcoming the FBC Raleigh Youth Choir as they lead us in worship on Sunday, March 1. The choir is directed by former St. John's staff members Maureen and Warren Howell.

Women of the Church Retreat – Saturday, March 14

The Spiritual Growth Committee invites all women to a one-day retreat led by Stephanie Massey. Together, we'll explore returning to altars of compassion through stillness, community, and shared growth.

Date: Saturday, March 14, 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Location: Broach Hall

Fee: \$20 (includes materials, lunch, and refreshments)

Registration Deadline: March 9, 2026



Thursdays on the Town



Families, join us on **Thursday, March 12, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., at the Urban District Market** for good food and fellowship! There is something for everyone, so bring the kids!

Minister for Youth and Young Adults - Update from Personnel Resource Team

The Personnel Resource Team wanted to share some great news regarding our Youth and Young Adults. Lindsay Wilson, who has done a phenomenal job leading our youth, has graciously agreed to stay on until the end of the calendar year. Once a new Senior Minister is hired, per the SJBC Handbook, they, along with the Chair of the Diaconate will call for the assembly of a search team and the search team will execute the duties of finding a permanent part-time minister for youth and young adults. The goal is to have someone hired by the end of the year. The Personnel Committee will continue to help and provide assistance as needed. We ask that you continue to pray and support Lindsay, our youth and our four seniors to make this the best year it can be.

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: March 1, 2026

Scripture: Mat 6:9-13

Sermon Title: Kingdom, Power and Glory

Proclaimer: Rev. Dr. Don Gordon

This Week at St. John's

Sun., Feb. 22	9:15 am	Sunday Growth Groups
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
	11:30 am	Wreath Making Workshop (Lounge)
Mon., Feb. 23	10:00 am	Adventures in Learning (Broach Hall)
	11:00 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)
Tues., Feb. 24	6:30 pm	NAMI Support Groups
Wed., Feb. 25	12:00 pm	ECOF Lenten Service (Caldwell Presbyterian)
	5:45 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Suite)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Suite)
Thurs., Feb. 26		
Fri., Feb. 27	5:00 pm	Room in the Inn (Gym & Lounge)
	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Sat., Feb. 28	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 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
 Interim Weekday School Director.....Kristina Hartzell
 Church Administrator.....Amanda Morrison
 Custodial/Maintenance Associate.....Herb Parrott
 Children's Music DirectorChloe Salmeron
 Media Coordinator.....Liza Wade



Sunday, February 22, 2026
10:30 AM Worship
St. John's Baptist Church