

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 8, 2026

Ten-Thirty in the Morning

Gathering Music

Greeting and Our Life Together

J. Noel Lance

*Passing of the Peace

Congregation

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

J. Noel Lance

Entrance of the Christ Candle – Joy Follis

Call to Worship

Rev. Lee Gray and Congregation

Leader: Children of God, we gather not as people defined by our failures, but as God's blessed children.

People: We come as those who belong to God.

Leader: When we pray, "Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,"

People: We are asking God to keep us aligned with who we truly are.

Leader: God calls us toward life, toward goodness, toward love.

People: We say yes to the good God sets before us.

Leader: Come, then, and live within the grace of God.

People: We will worship by choosing what gives life.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Hymn of Praise, No. 66

Chalice Hymnal

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

Reading of the Gospel

Matthew 4: 1-11

Delbridge Narron

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

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

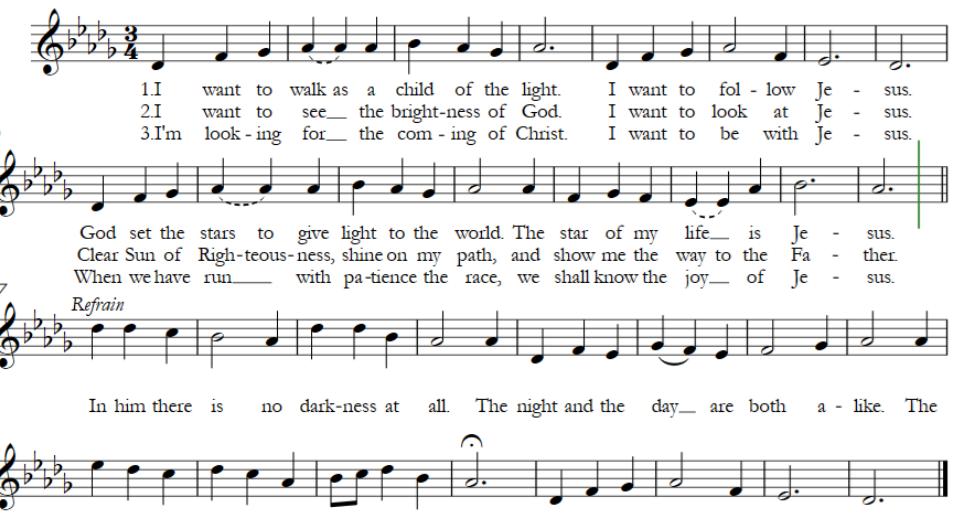
Moments with the Younger Church

Rev. Kheresa Harmon

*Hymn

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I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



The Church at Prayer

Rev. Gray

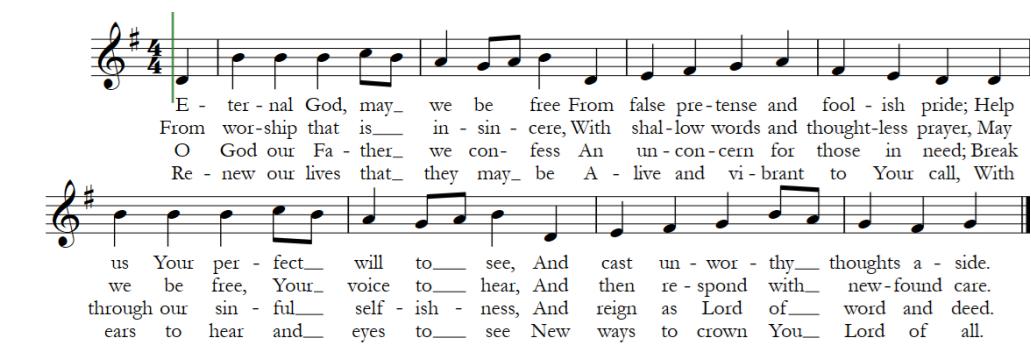
Current Prayer Concerns

Martha Fowler, Dale Johnson,
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



Eternal God, May We Be Free

CANONBURY

Doug Hammond

Chancel Choir

Don Phillips

Offertory Prayer

Choral Anthem

We Will Be Your People

You've given us a challenge, Father, delivered by Your Son:
"Go and teach and make disciples, and care for everyone."
Serving, sharing, dreaming daring, as you lead the way;
Give us strength to follow, give us faith to say;

Refrain - We will be your people, Guided by your Hand,
Loving as you loved us, Fulfilling your command.
Sharing light in darkness, following your way,
We will be your people, We will be your church today.

We trust You, Father, as we face the future, knowing you'll be our guide;
Break the fears and doubts that bind us, and keep us near Your side.
Sowing, reaping, laughing, weeping, learning to obey;
Give us strength to follow, give us faith to say: - **Refrain**

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 Lead Us Not Into Temptation

*Hymn No. 452 - (Vs. 1 and 2)
Chalice Hymnal

*Commissioning

*Postlude

Rev. Dr. Don Gordon

Here I Am, Lord
HERE I AM, LORD

Rev. Gordon

J. Noel Lance

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Valentine's Par-Tea



Our On the Way Friends, Children, and their Families are invited to join us for our annual **Valentine's Par-Tea** on **Sunday, February 15, 2026**, immediately following worship, in **Broach Hall**. Our guests will be treated to a lavish high tea catered by The Garden Party Charlotte. Afternoon festivities include entertainment, games, and more! The cost is \$10 per person.

Brotherhood of the Biscuit: February 20

On Friday, February 20th, at 6:30 am in the church lounge, **Don Gordon** will be our speaker and will share about his work with **Creation Care**. Please email Lee Gray at LGray@sjcharlotte.org if you plan to attend so that this month's biscuit master, Stephen Davis, can have the appropriate amount of biscuits.

Women of the Church Events:

Bake Sale TODAY! – immediately following worship today in the Main Entrance Lobby. Everything is \$1, cash only.

Wreath Making Workshop Rescheduled to February 22

It's not too late to sign up for the Women of the church Wreath Making workshop. Now scheduled for Sunday, February 22. Cost is \$20 which includes lunch and materials. Sign up by Friday, February 20th.

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

The Season of Lent & Easter

- St. John's Ash Wednesday Service: February 18 – 6:00 PM
- Elizabeth Communities of Faith (EOC) Lenten Services
 - o EOC Ash Wednesday Service at St. Martin's Episcopal – February 18 at 12:30 PM
 - o All other EOC Lenten services will be hosted by Caldwell Presbyterian: February 25 – April 1 at 12:30 PM
- 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.

St. John's Baptist Church

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: February 15, 2026

Scripture: Matthew 6:9-13

Sermon Title: Forgive us Our Trespasses

Proclaimer: Rev. Dr. Don Gordon

This Week at St. John's

Sun., Feb. 8	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)
	11:30 am	Women of the Church Bake Sale! (Main Entrance Lobby)
	11:30 am	Worship Resource Team (Conference Room)
Mon., Feb. 9	10:00 am	Adventures in Learning (Broach Hall)
	11:00 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)
	6:30 pm	Deacon Panel Meetings
	7:30 pm	All Deacon's Meeting (Broach Hall)
Tues., Feb. 10	5:30 pm	Crownsgate Homeowner's Assoc. (Lounge)
Wed., Feb. 11	5:45 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Suite)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Suite)
Thurs., Feb. 12	10:00 am	Needle Ministry (Lounge)
Fri., Feb. 13	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Sat., Feb. 14	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

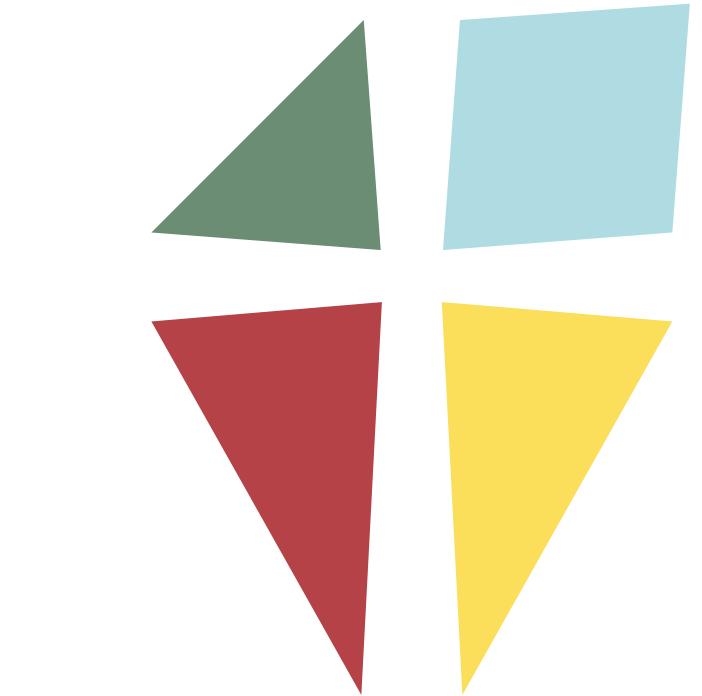
Every participant in God's Servant Church

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



St. John's
BAPTIST
A SERVANT CHURCH

Sunday, February 8, 2026
10:30 AM Worship
St. John's Baptist Church