

Welcome to the Worship of God

Trinity Sunday

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.

May 31, 2026

Ten-Thirty in the Morning

Gathering Music

Greeting and Our Life Together

Rev. Lee Gray

*Passing of the Peace

Congregation

Entrance of the Christ Candle - Grace Harmon

Call to Worship

Swift Livingston

All: O LORD, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

One: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

All: O LORD, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

One: Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

All: O LORD, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

One: you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

All: O LORD, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Prayer of Submission

Swift Livingston

*Hymn of Praise, No. 4

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Chalice Hymnal

NICAEA

Reading of the Gospel

Rev. Dr. Steve Harmon

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

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

Litany of Confession

Rev. Kheresa Harmon

One: Lord Jesus Christ, you said that you were one with the Father and you gave your Spirit to the disciples, offering them your peace;

All: We pray for the unity of your Church and the peace of your world.

One: Lord God, forgive us the fears and suspicions, the half-truths and ignorance which reinforce our divisions.

All: We pray that your Spirit of truth will open our minds so that we might learn from one another.

One: We pray that your Spirit of love will fill our hearts that we might forgive and encourage one another.

All: We pray that your Spirit of unity will work in our lives, binding us together in you, our only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

One: We pray for your world, broken into hostile camps by fear, hatred, suspicion, greed, and the pursuit of power.

All: We pray for all those who are working for peace, the reconciling of conflicts, and the healing of divisions.

One: We pray for those who are caring for the casualties of conflict, used by your love in caring for the downtrodden and oppressed.

All: We pray for those who are leaders in communities, that they might lead with wisdom and in a spirit of service.

One: We pray that the search for unity in your Church might serve the search for unity in our divided world,

All: for there is one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all.

From Gathering for Worship:
Patterns and Prayers for the Community of Disciples
(The Baptist Union of Great Britain)

*Hymn. No. 59

This Is My Father's World

Chalice Hymnal

TERRA BEATA

The Church at Prayer

Rev. Gray

Current Prayer Concerns

Gayla Tyson

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Margaret Almond. Margaret passed on ahead of us on Thursday, May 28. Please remember in prayer her husband Tommy. We will share the service arrangements as soon as they are complete.

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. 363

Chalice Hymnal

Here, Savior, We Would Come

TRENTHAM

Offertory Prayer

Bert Green

Offertory

Bridge Over Troubled Water

Aidan Salmeron, solo

Paul Simon

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

We Get to Carry Each Other

Rev. Harmon

*Hymn, No. 433

Chalice Hymnal

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

*Commissioning

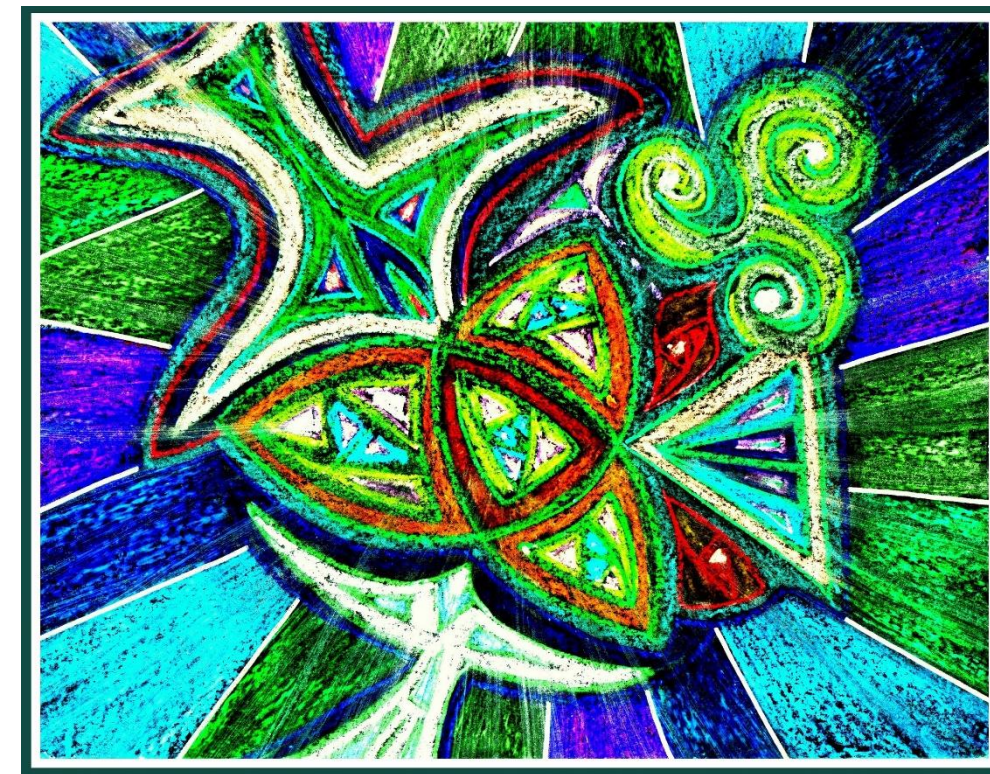
Rev. Harmon

Church Conference

Phillips Bragg

*Postlude

J. Noel Lance



Trinity Sunday: Triune Heart of the Universe
By Stushie

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Children's Paint Party at Noah's Art

Let's dive into summer at Noah's Art! Join us from 11:00 a.m. - Noon on Saturday, June 6 for a swimmingly good time! The cost is \$10 per artist.



Summer Spiritual Formation:

The ministerial staff will lead a *Summer Spiritual Formation* series at Dr. Gordon's home for six consecutive Tuesday evenings (June 23-July 28) over N. T. Wright's book, *Simply Christian*. Participation is limited to the first 15 people who register on realm or by calling the church office. Participants will need to purchase their own copy of the book, which is available through Amazon for approximately \$15. The registration deadline is Tuesday, June 16.



Graduate Recognition Sunday will be next Sunday, June 7th. Please join us in celebrating our high school graduates:

**Will Stillerman
Natalie Turner
Whit Wilson
Parker Wilson**

The Senior Adult (75+) Picnic will be held in Broach Hall immediately following Sunday worship on June 28th. There is no cost for the picnic; however, REGISTRATION is REQUIRED.

To sign up, register on Realm, contact Nancy Wilson at 704-536-4046, or fill out the paper registrations found in the Sanctuary. Please place paper registrations either in the offering plate or in the white box outside the church office. Registration deadline is Sunday, June 21.



Save the Date:

Sunday, June 28: Rhodora Trio (flute, oboe, and clarinet) will offer special music throughout the service. Their beautiful artistry and inspiring musicianship will make this a meaningful and memorable morning of worship you will not want to miss!

100 Years of our St. John's Sanctuary: July 12! Reception to follow in Lasater Hall. More details to come.

Charlotte Pride: August 15-16. St. John's will walk in the parade as well as participate in the Interfaith Service (Aug. 9). If you are interested in walking, please contact Amanda Morrison. More details to come!

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: June 7, 2026 | Graduate Recognition Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 7:24-27

Sermon Title: *Follow the Yellow Brick Road*

Proclaimer: Rev. Dr. Don Gordon

This Week at St. John's

Sun., May 31	8:00 am	Leadership Team Meeting (Conference Room)
	9:15 am	Sunday Growth Groups
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
Mon., Jun. 1		
Tues., Jun. 2		
Wed., Jun. 3	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Suite)
Thurs., Jun. 4	5:30 pm	Personnel Resource Team (Conference Room)
Fri., Jun. 5	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Sat., Jun. 6	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

Office Assistant/Media Coordinator.....Megan Beach
Stratus Custodians.....Pray & Thomas Chanwal
Interim Weekday School Director.....Kristina Hartzell
Church Administrator.....Amanda Morrison
Custodial/Maintenance Associate.....Herb Parrott
Children's Music DirectorChloe Salmeron



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