

# 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.*

June 21, 2026

*Ten-Thirty in the Morning*

**Gathering Music** J. Noel Lance

**Greeting and Our Life Together** Rev. Kheresa Harmon

**Call to Service** James Laney & Selma Real  
Community and State Missions Offering

**Passing of the Peace** Congregation

**Preparing Our Hearts for Worship** J. Noel Lance  
*Entrance of the Christ Candle – Hailey McCombs*

**Call to Worship** James Laney

One: We gather this morning as people with dreams, desires, and deep longings in our hearts.

**All: Lord, we come honestly before You – with our hopes, our ambitions, and our need for Your guidance.**

One: Yet the voice of the world tells us to climb higher, to grasp more, to arrive faster than those around us.

**All: But Your Word calls us to a different way – the way of the servant, the way of humility, the way of the cross.**

One: Jesus said, "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant."

**All: Teach us, O God, to want what You want – not power over others, but love poured out for others.**

One: Create in us hearts that are clean, wills that are surrendered, and spirits willing to wait on Your timing.

**All: For You alone know what we truly need. You alone can satisfy the deepest longings of our souls.**

One: Come, let us follow the One who left the throne of heaven to wash our feet.

**All: We worship You, O Lord, who in Jesus was Servant of all, and Savior of all.**

**\*Hymn of Praise, No. 15** *Rejoice, You Pure in Heart*  
Chalice Hymnal MARION

**Reading of the Gospel**  
Mark 10:35-45

Dick Hester

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many."

Leader: Through these written words of scripture, we listen for the Living Word of God.

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

**Moments with the Younger Church** Rev. Harmon

**\*Hymn, No. 595** *Be Thou My Vision*  
Chalice Hymnal SLANE

**The Church at Prayer** Rev. Lee Gray

## Current Prayer Concerns

Debbie Stillerman, Anita Thigpen, 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. 461** *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*  
Chalice Hymnal BEACH SPRING

**Offertory Prayer** Minh Callaway

**Offertory** Chancel Choir  
*Create In Me A Clean Heart* Carl Mueller

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence  
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation  
And uphold me, uphold me with Thy free Spirit,  
Thy free Spirit.  
Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways,  
And sinners will be converted unto Thee.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God.

***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** *Wanting Too Much Too Soon* Rev. Dr. Don Gordon

**\*Hymn of Commitment, No. 609 (Verses 1, 4-6)** *Take My Life*  
HENDON

**\*Commissioning** Rev. Gordon

**\*Postlude** J. Noel Lance

# OUR LIFE TOGETHER

**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.



**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. 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!

## Fall 2026 Save the Dates:

- Rev. Dr. Laura Heikes First Sunday: September 6
- Women of the Church Luncheon: September 20
- Rise Against Hunger: September 27
- Fall Festival, Trunk-or-Treat, and Craft & Bake Sale on October 25
- NAMI Walks: November 7
- CROP Walk: November 15 (tentative)
- Friendsgiving/Fruitful Friends Program: November 15
- Children's Nativity Play with Churchwide Lunch on December 13

## St. John's Baptist Church

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### The St. John's Pulpit

**Worship:** June 28, 2026

**Scripture:** Isaiah 53:1-5

**Sermon Title:** *A Revolution of the Arts*

**Proclaimer:** Rev. Dr. Don Gordon

#### This Week at St. John's

Sun., June 21	9:15 am	Sunday Growth Groups
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
Mon., June 22	6:00 pm	Leadership Task Force (Zoom)
Tues., June 23	6:30 pm	NAMI Support Groups
Wed., June 24	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Suite)
Thurs., June 25		
Fri., June 26	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Sat., June 27	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

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 Director .....Chloe Salmeron



# St. John's

## BAPTIST

A SERVANT CHURCH

**Sunday, June 21, 2026**  
**10:30 AM Worship**  
**St. John's Baptist Church**