

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.

July 12, 2026Ten-Thirty in the Morning

Gathering Music
Fanfare from the “*Water Music*” Suite
Die Bänkelsängerlieder
“*Gloria*” from Western Wynde Mass

Brass Ensemble

G. F. Handel - arr. by Peter S Neu
arr. David R Thomas

John Taverner - arr. Charles J. Torian Jr

Nico McLauren, *trumpet*
Ethan Moulden, *trumpet*
Riley Bahin, *trombone*
Patrick Sweet, *trombone*

Greeting and Our Life TogetherRev. Lee Gray

*Passing of the PeaceCongregation

Preparing Our Hearts for WorshipCongregation

Entrance of the Christ Candle – Joy Follis

Call to WorshipSally Young

Leader: We gather today with grateful hearts, rejoicing in the faithfulness of God through every generation.

People: Christ has been our cornerstone, our hope, and our song.

Leader: For one hundred years these walls have echoed with hymns of praise, prayers of faith, words of hope, and the good news of Jesus Christ.

People: *We give thanks for all who have worshiped here before us and for the grace that has carried them.*

Leader: In this sacred place, children have been welcomed, lives have been transformed, promises have been made, hearts have been comforted, and countless voices have lifted praise to God.

People: *We rejoice that God's presence has filled this house from generation to generation.*

Leader: Yet our greatest treasure is not found in stone or stained glass, but in the living Christ, who calls us together as one body.

People: *With grateful hearts, we worship Christ, whose love continues to build the Church.*

Leader: As we celebrate this century of worship, may we honor the past, rejoice in the present, and look with hope toward the future God is preparing.

People: *With joy we lift our voices in praise, giving thanks for God's faithfulness yesterday, today, and forever! Alleluia!*

*Hymn of PraiseOne Hundred Years of Praise
ST. THEODULPH

A hundred years of worship, a hundred years of praise,
Within these sacred walls, Lord, we lift our grateful gaze.
Here saints have shared their stories, here prayers and songs have soared
And through the generations, we’ve trusted in the Lord.

These walls have echoed gladness, and witnessed tears and loss;
They've heard baptismal promise and sermons of the cross.
Through seasons of rejoicing, through days both bright and dim,
God's faithful love has led us, and we have followed Him.

Now as we mark this milestone, we celebrate Your grace;
The future still unfolding before Your guiding face.
With hearts renewed for service, and voices strong and clear,
We'll tell the story of Your love for generations here.



Reading of the ScriptureHannah Harmon
Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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 ChurchRev. Kheresa Harmon

The Church at PrayerRev. Harmon

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 HymnAnniversary Hymn
HANOVER
(see back cover of Chalice Hymnal)

Offertory PrayerMarc Cardella

OffertoryChancel Choir and Brass Ensemble
*God Has Called Us*Robert A. Hobby

God has called us: and how can we but raise our voices, echoing God's praise?
God has called us: and let us answer with our lives.

God has changed us: and how can we but live as servants of the Spirit’s gift?
God has changed us: and let us worship with our lives.

God has charged us: and how can we but ask for wisdom for the Christly task?
God has charged us: and let us labor with our lives.

God has called us: and how can we but raise our voices, echoing God's praise?
God has called us: and let us answer with our lives.

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.



*DoxologyOLD 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.

Sermon100 Years of WorshipRev. Dr. Don Gordon

Choral ResponseChancel Choir; Karen Moegerle, solo
*A Giving Place*Gilbert Martin and Heather Sorenson

Lord, make this church a giving place, a house of prayer, a sacred space,
A chapel of Your boundless grace. Lord, make this church a giving place.

Lord, make this church an open door, where every word redeems, restores,
A healing room for evermore. Lord, make this church an open door.

Lord, build this church with broken hearts, on fragile jars of clay.
Through wounded windows shine Your light,
Lord, shine in a thousand glorious ways.

Lord, make this church a light of hope, a beacon bright, a welcome home,
A gathering where Your love is shown. Lord, make this church a giving place.

*Reading of the Church CovenantCongregation
(see front cover of Chalice Hymnal)

*Commissioning and InstructionsRev. Gordon

*Congregational BenedictionChoir and Congregation
*Blessed Be the Tie that Binds*DENNIS

Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

*PostludeBrass Ensemble
*Rondeau*Jean Joseph Mouret, arr. David R. Thomas

Celebrating 100 Years

Today we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the first worship service held in our sanctuary on July 11, 1926. Although St. John's was established in 1922, construction of this sacred space began two years later. At the time, Building Committee Chairman J. P. Hackney wrote, "The church we build must be worthy of our good community, of our growing work, our promising future, and our Lord and Savior who is richly blessing us."

Over the past century, the people of St. John's have built far more than a beautiful sanctuary. Within these walls, generations have gathered to worship, pray, sing, celebrate, grieve, serve, and grow in faith. Here, a community rooted in hope, love, generosity, and grace has flourished, opening doors of opportunity that those first builders could scarcely have imagined.

Today, we give thanks for their vision, celebrate God's faithfulness through the generations, and look forward with hope to the ministry still to come.

Written by Fredda Kimball, Church Archivist

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ON THE WAY

St. John's retired adults and friends will be on the way to Captain Steve's Family Seafood Restaurant (5645 NC-49, Harrisburg, NC) for lunch on **Thursday July 23rd at 11:30 am**. Please email Lee Gray at LGray@sjcharlotte.org by Monday, July 20th if you plan to attend. This allows us to verify our numbers with the restaurant and organize carpools.

Charlotte Pride: August 15-16.

St. John's will walk in the parade as well as participate in the Interfaith Service at Trinity Lutheran Church (1900 The Plaza) on Sunday, August 9th at 4 PM. If you are interested in walking, please contact Amanda Morrison. More details to come!

Toddler Time at Noah's Art

Our toddlers and their parents are invited to a morning of open art fun at Noah's Art of SouthPark! We'll meet at **9:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 12, 2026** to paint and play.

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: November 15
- Children's Nativity Play with Churchwide Lunch on December 13

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: July 19, 2026

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34

Sermon Title: *Anxiety: The Emotion of our Age*

Proclaimer: Rev. Dr. Don Gordon

This Week at St. John's

Sun., July 12	9:15 am	Sunday Growth Groups
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
	11:30 am	100 th Anniversary Reception & Book Signing (Broach Hall)
Mon., July 13		
Tues., July 14		
Wed., July 15		
Thurs., July 16	10:00 am	Women of the Church Spiritual Growth Team (Prayer Room)
Fri., July 17	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Sat., July 18	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

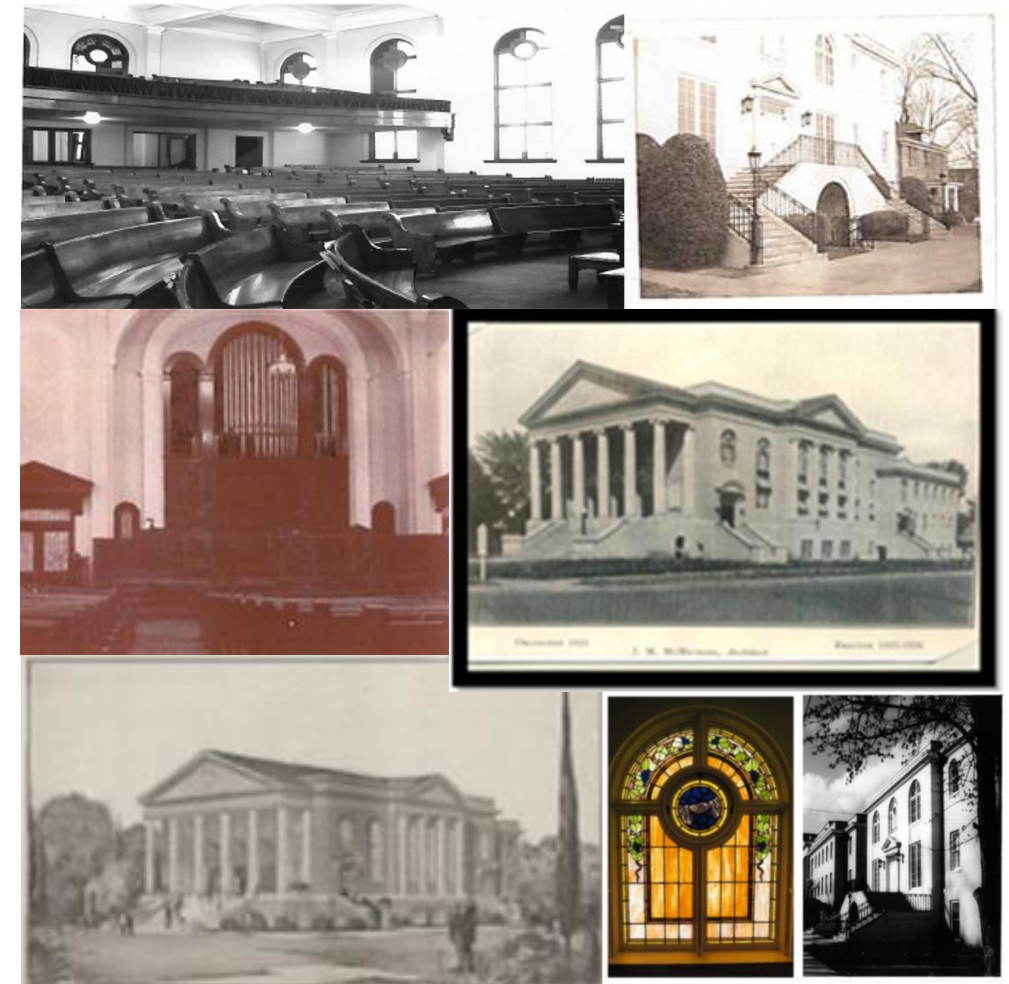
Every participant in God's Servant Church

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
Weekday School Director.....Kristina Hartzell
Church Administrator.....Amanda Morrison
Custodial/Maintenance Associate.....Herb Parrott
Children's Music DirectorChloe Salmeron



100th Anniversary
of our
St. John's Sanctuary
Sunday, July 12, 2026
10:30 AM Worship
St. John's Baptist Church