

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.

September 13, 2026 Ten-Thirty in the Morning

Gathering Music

Greeting and Our Life Together Rev. Kheresa Harmon

Passing of the Peace Congregation

Preparing our Hearts for Worship Chancel Choir
This Is the Day the Lord Has Made Mark Hayes

Entrance of the Christ Candle – Riley Cardella

Call to Worship Dr. Laura Heikes

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made, and we gather with joy for the journey before us.

People: We rejoice, for the risen Christ walks with us!

Leader: Christ meets us along every road, bringing light to our path and hope to our hearts.

People: With Christ beside us, we will walk in faith and live in hope.

Leader: In the words of Scripture, in the fellowship we share, and in the breaking of bread, Christ makes himself known.

People: Open our eyes, Lord, and awaken our hearts to your presence.

Leader: Let us rise in faith, walk in the light, and worship God with glad and grateful hearts.

People: We are walking in the light of God!

*Hymn of Praise, No. 442 We Are Walking
Chalice Hymnal SIYAHAMBA

We Are: ...Walking in the light of God
...Dancing in the light of God
...Singing in the light of God
...Praying in the light of God

Reading of the Gospel Joanne Compton
Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and

when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

The Church at Prayer Rev. Lee Gray

Lynn Erdman, Camille Green

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 Will You Come and Follow Me
KELVINGROVE



1 “Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2 “Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
3 “Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4 “Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don’t know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you’ve found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I’ll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?”
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?”
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Offertory Prayer Jeff Almond

Offertory Chancel Choir
We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight Kevin Sandowski

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 Jesus Journeys with Us Dr. Heikes

*Hymn No. 556 Trust and Obey
Chalice Hymnal TRUST AND OBEY

*Commissioning Dr. Heikes

*Postlude J. Noel Lance

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Women of the Church Luncheon

The 16th Annual Women of the Church Business Meeting and Luncheon will be Sunday, September 20th in Lasater Hall following worship. Prepaid registration is required, and cost is \$15 per person. Sign up by scanning the QR code or by paper form given to Nancy Wilson on Sundays, September 6th and 13th. Rev. Dr. Laura Heikes will be our speaker. This year's donations will be made to Roof Above. Donations can be made through Realm using the Miscellaneous tab; by check payable to St. John's with Roof Above noted in the memo line; or by cash at the door. Sign up by Wednesday, September 16th.



Rise Against Hunger

Come help us package 15,000 meals for our hungry brothers and sisters in Christ! Partnering with Rise Against Hunger, an international humanitarian organization, we're joining a global movement to end hunger by empowering communities, nourishing lives, and responding to emergencies. Since its founding, Rise Against Hunger has packaged and distributed over 600 million meals to countries worldwide. Following worship on Sunday, September 27. Sign up by scanning the QR code.



Churchwide Save the Dates:

- Children's Sabbath and world Communion: Sunday October 4
- Fall Festival, Trunk-or-Treat, and Craft & Bake Sale October 25
- All Saints Sunday: November 1
- NAMI Walks: November 7
- CROP Walk: November 15
- Friendsgiving: November 15
- WDAV Lessons & Carols: December 1
- Senior Christmas Gathering: December 3
- Hanging of the Green: December 6
- Advent Yoga: December 6
- Christmas Cantata: December 13
- Children's Nativity Play with Churchwide Lunch: December 13

Fall Dates for On the Way

- Wednesday, September 23rd 11:30 am On The Way to Open Kitchen
- Thursday, October 22nd 9:00 am - 5:00 pm On the Way to "Sister Act" at Flat Rock Playhouse
- Wednesday, November 11th 9:30 am - 5:00 pm On The Way to International Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: September 20, 2026

Scripture: Mark 4:35-41

Sermon Title: *Boat In Storm*

Proclaimer: Dr. Laura Heikes

This Week at St. John's

Sun., Sept. 13	9:15 am	Sunday Growth Groups
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
	11:30 am	Youth Kickoff Event (Lounge)
Mon., Sept. 14	10:30 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)
	6:00 pm	Deacons Meeting (Lounge)
Tues., Sept. 15	10:00 am	Sandwich Ministry (Lounge)
Wed., Sept. 16	5:45 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Suite)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Suite)
Thurs., Sept. 17	10:00 am	Women of the Church Spiritual Growth Team (Prayer Room)
Fri., Sept. 18	6:30 am	Brotherhood of the Biscuit (Lounge)
	5:30 pm	Serving at the Men's Shelter
	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Sat., Sept. 19	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

Senior Minister.....Dr. Laura Heikes
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



Sunday, September 13, 2026
10:30 AM Worship
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