

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.*

October 11, 2026 *Ten-Thirty in the Morning*

Gathering Music

Greeting and Our Life Together Todd Stillerman

***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 – Mabry Anne Miller

Call to Worship Rev. Kheresa Harmon

Leader: We gather in the presence of the God who calls us,
forms us, and sends us into the world.

**People: We come with gratitude for the grace that has
brought us to this day.**

Leader: God calls some to preach, some to teach, some to
serve, and all of us to share in the work of Christ.

**People: We offer our gifts, our voices, and our lives in
faithful service.**

Leader: Today we give thanks for the calling of a pastor and
the calling of a congregation - joined together for a
new season of ministry.

**People: May we listen for God’s voice and answer with
willing hearts.**

Leader: May God give us wisdom for the journey, courage
for the work, and love for one another.

**People: Here we are, Lord. Lead us, strengthen us, and use
us for your glory.**

Leader: Let us worship God together.

***Hymn of Praise, No. 464** *God of Grace and God of Glory*
Chalice Hymnal CWM RHONDDA

Reading of the Scripture Don Hinson
Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said, “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said, “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

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.

The Church at Prayer Rev. Lee Gray

Current Prayer Concerns

Kimberly Hicks, Rob Peacock

Offertory Chancel Choir and Aidan Salmeron, *clarinet*
Here’s One Mark Hayes

*This traditional spiritual is a personal testimony of Christian
faith - a believer saying, “Here I am, one who loves Jesus and
has experienced God’s grace.”*

*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.

Service of Installation

Reading of the Scripture Richard Jenson
Romans 12:3-8 *Certified Lay Minister*
Bee Creek United Methodist Church - Spicewood, TX

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think
of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober
judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has
assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the
members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body
in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have
gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in
proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching;
the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader,
in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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.

Charge to Senior Minister Dr. Laura Heikes Richard Jenson

Charge to the Congregation Rev. Dr. Don Gordon
SJBC Interim Senior Minister

***Hymn, No. 452** *Here I Am, Lord*
Chalice Hymnal HERE I AM, LORD

Covenant of Installation – (see insert)

***Prayer of Installation** Brett Marshall and Meredith Sorrell

Presentation of Symbols of Ministry Brett Marshall and
Meredith Sorrell

Response from our New Senior Minister Dr. Laura Heikes

***Commissioning** Dr. Heikes

***Laying on of Hands** Congregation

***Singing of “The Lord’s Prayer”** Congregation
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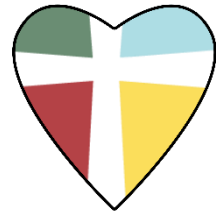
Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

***Postlude** J. Noel Lance

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Stewardship 2027: I Love My Church

This fall, as St. John’s enters A Season of Renewal, we invite you to think about what you love about this church and how your generosity keeps it strong. Commitment Sunday is October 25. Please prayerfully consider your commitment for 2027 and plan to join us for the commitment walk.



Renewing our Commitment:
We Love Our Church

Fall Festival Trunk-or-Treat Cars Needed!

We need volunteers for our Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat community event on Sunday, October 25, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at SJBC. How can you volunteer?



- Provide your vehicle that you can decorate.
- Candy, stickers, pencils, etc. as treats for your trunk.
- You in costume, too!

Only Register 1 person per vehicle. Please sign up by October 22nd.

Fall Dates for On the Way

- Thursday, October 22nd 9:00 am - 6:00 pm On the Way to “Sister Act” at Flat Rock Playhouse
- Wednesday, November 11th 9:30 am – 4:30 pm On the Way to International Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro

To sign up you can contact Lee Gray at Lgray@sjcharlotte.org or on Realm.

St. John’s Children & Youth Basketball

Basketball Season at St. John’s will be here before you know it. Clinics for 6 and Under players begin on October 20th and 27th at 5:00 pm. Practices for all teams start in November and games in December. Registration is ongoing now. It is important for church members and participants to sign up as soon as possible. Practice times for each team are provided in the QR code to register.



Brotherhood of the Biscuit

We are excited that loyal member and sound booth extraordinaire Matt Comer will share some of his personal story and faith journey with us on Friday October 16th at 6:30 am in the church lounge. Please email Lee Gray at LGray@sjcharlotte.org if you plan to attend.

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Today’s cover art was created by church member Jan Kerley, in celebration of the installation of Dr. Laura Heikes as the 8<sup>th</sup> Senior Minister of St. John’s Baptist Church.

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The St. John’s Pulpit

Worship: October 18, 2026  
Scripture: Exodus 36:2-7  
Sermon Title: *More Than Enough*  
Proclaimer: Dr. Laura Heikes

This Week at St. John’s

|                 |          |                                                         |
|-----------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun., Oct. 11   | 9:15 am  | Sunday Growth Groups                                    |
|                 | 10:30 am | Worship (Sanctuary)                                     |
|                 | 10:30 am | Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)    |
|                 | 11:30 am | Reception for Dr. Heikes (Broach Hall)                  |
|                 | 5:00 pm  | Youth SNL                                               |
|                 | 10:30 am | Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)                       |
| Mon., Oct. 12   |          |                                                         |
| Tues., Oct. 13  |          |                                                         |
| Wed., Oct. 14   | 5:45 pm  | Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Suite)                     |
|                 | 7:15 pm  | Choir Rehearsal (Choir Suite)                           |
| Thurs., Oct. 15 | 10:00 am | Women of the Church Spiritual Growth Team (Prayer Room) |
|                 |          |                                                         |
| Fri., Oct. 16   | 6:30 am  | Brotherhood of the Biscuit (Lounge)                     |
|                 | 5:30 pm  | Serving Dinner at the Men’s Shelter                     |
|                 | 8:00 pm  | Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)                               |
| Sat., Oct. 17   | 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 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  
Weekday School Director.....Kristina Hartzell  
Church Administrator.....Amanda Morrison  
Custodial/Maintenance Associate.....Herb Parrott  
Children’s Music Director .....Chloe Salmeron



Sunday, October 11, 2026  
10:30 AM Worship  
St. John’s Baptist Church