

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 4, 2026 Ten-Thirty in the Morning

Gathering Music J. Noel Lance
Greeting and Our Life Together Hannah Harmon
*Processional 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

Procession

Christ Candle – Rory Hemstreet
The Bread – Grace Harmon
The Cup – Mae Redding

The Children of St. John’s Baptist Church

Call to Worship Caleb Carney

All: Gather us in,
Leader: the lost and the lonely,
the broken and the breaking who long to see Jesus.
All: Gather us in,
Leader: the doubters and the believers,
the worried and the carefree who long to see Jesus.
All: Gather us in,
Leader: the young and the old,
the poor and the rich who long to see Jesus.
All: Gather us in. We want to see Jesus!

Invocation Joy Follis

Psalm of Praise Children’s Choir
My Lighthouse arr. Mary Tim, Chris Llewellyn
and Gareth Gilkeson

In my wrestling, and in my doubts, in my failures, You won’t walk out.
Your great love will lead me through; You are the peace in my troubled sea.
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse, shining in the darkness, I will follow You!
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse, I will trust the promise:
You will carry me safe to shore.

*Gospel Lesson Kayleigh Mac Whipple
John 6:16-21

In the evening his disciples went down to the sea, got in the boat, and headed back across the water to Capernaum. It had grown quite dark and Jesus had not yet returned. A huge wind blew up, churning the sea. They were maybe three or four miles out when they saw Jesus walking on the sea, quite near the boat. They were scared senseless, but he reassured them, “It’s me. It’s all right. Don’t be afraid.” So they took him on board. In no time they reached land—the exact spot they were headed to.

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
All: Those who have ears to hear, let them hear.

Moments with the Older Church

*Hymn, No. 561

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of the glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my Soul!
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

May God haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

The Church at Prayer Riley Cardella

Kimberly Hicks, Rob Peacock

Homily Riley Cardella
Anthem of Assurance Children’s Choir
My Lord is Near Me All the Time FOREST PARK

In the lightning flash across the sky His mighty power I see,
And I know if He can reign on high, His light can shine on me.
I’ve seen it in the lightning, heard it in the thunder, and felt it in the rain.
My Lord is near me all the time, my Lord is near me all the time.

When refreshing showers cool the earth and sweep across the sea,
Then His rainbow shines within my heart, His nearness comforts me.
I’ve seen it in the lightning, heard it in the thunder, and felt it in the rain.
My Lord is near me all the time, my Lord is near me all the time.

Offertory Prayer Alex Norris

Collection of the Tithes and Offerings SJBC Children

Offertory Kayleigh Mac Whipple
Open Our Eyes, Lord Robert Cul

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.

Asher Heikes

It Is Well with My Soul
VILLE DU HAVRE



Sacrament of Communion Hannah Harmon and Rev. Kheresa Harmon

Communion Servers

Amelia Benton Aaron Carney
Grace Harmon Jack Whipple

*Commissioning Greer Benton

*Congregational Response Congregation
The Lord’s Prayer MALOTTE

Interpretive Movement – Asher Heikes

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

Drum Ensemble

Greer Benton, Aaron Carney, Caleb Carney and Alex Norris

Children’s Choir

Amelia Benton Greer Benton
Riley Cardella Aaron Carney
Caleb Carney Jacob Carney
Alexandra Cushman Julien Cushman
Abigail Follis Joy Follis
Grace Harmon Hannah Harmon
Asher Heikes Rory Hemstreet
Grayson McCombs Hailey McCombs
Alice Miller Mabry Anne Miller
Alex Norris Mae Redding
Jack Whipple Kayleigh Mac Whipple
Liam Whipple

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OLD HUNDREDTH

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Blessing of the Pets & Stuffies TODAY!

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, October 4th, from 3:00 - 4:00 pm, we will have the Blessing of the Animals on the front steps of the church in front of the Sanctuary. You may bring a pet and/or a stuffed animal for the blessing. In the case of inclement weather, we will be in Broach Hall.

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.

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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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: October 11, 2026

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8, Romans 12:3-8

Installation Service for Dr. Laura Heikes

This Week at St. John's

Sun., Oct. 4	9:15 am	Sunday Growth Groups
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
	3:00 pm	Blessing of the Pets & Stuffies (Front Steps)
Mon., Oct. 5	10:30 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)
Tues., Oct. 6		
Wed., Oct. 7	5:45 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Suite)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Suite)
Thurs., Oct. 8	10:00 am	Needle Ministry (Lounge)
	6:30 pm	House & Grounds (Zoom)
Fri., Oct. 9	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Sat., Oct. 10	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



Children's Sabbath &
World Communion Day
Sunday, October 4, 2026
10:30 AM Worship
St. John's Baptist Church