

White Memorial Presbyterian Church Willow Spring, NC



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Remembering God's Grace,

the mission of White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Willow Spring is:

*Come to be joyous and thoughtful in worship;
Walk with God's guidance into deeper faith and knowledge;
Stretch out to the needy with tangible acts of service;
Be loving and generous with time, talents and treasures;
Go out into the world to welcome and invite.*

The Service for the Lord's Day

The Church Gathers

March 30, 2025

10:30 AM

We acknowledge that our church buildings sit on the lands of the Lumbee, Tuscarora and Catawba nations.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude:

Anne Honeycutt

Prayer for Preparation:

Our Lord, teach us to understand why we are here today. Let us know that "To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purify the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, and to devote the will to the purpose of God." Amen

*Call to Worship

Leader: Rejoice, all pure in heart; rejoice, give thanks and sing!

People: Our festal banners we'll raise on high, and the cross of Christ, our King!

Leader: With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise,

People: We send forth the sturdy hymns of old, and psalms of ancient days.

All: So on through life's long path, singing we shall go, from youth to age, by night and day, through gladness and through woe. Let us worship God. Amen

Opening Hymn

To God be the Glory

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Prayer of Adoration

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession -

Forgiving God, it is hard to make new beginnings. How many of us are caught in a web of uncertainty. We don't know what to keep among the traditions of our past, hesitant to cast off what may lead us astray just because they are familiar. And we are afraid to embrace what is new, because not all of what is new is worthy. So we stand at an intersection, unsure whether to walk back or walk ahead. Please understand, Lord. We want to serve you, but so often we don't know how. Teach us wisdom so we may discern what to do, courage to act even in uncertainty, and forgiveness if we make mistakes. Please now receive our personal prayers of confession....

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Assurance of Pardon -

If we are in Christ, we are a new creation. Therefore, give thanks to God, for the Lord is good. This is the gospel, offered for us. Rejoice.

We Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Scriptures: Joshua 5:1-12; II Corinthians 5:16-21

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

"From Now On, Therefore..."

Rev. Duane Hix

We Respond to God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith- (A Brief Statement of Faith)**

God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*Hymn of Response

Lord, Who May Dwell Within Your House

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Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Reception of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

*Doxology

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Prayer of Dedication

Going Out in God's Name

*Hymn of Commitment

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

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*Charge and Blessing

Sermon: Rev. Duane Hix

Musician: Anne Honeycutt

Certified Ruling Elder:

Nancy Warren

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Greeters/Ushers:

March – Ronnie and Rush

April – Lee and Glenda

Offering Counters:

March - Teresa and Joyce

April – Margaret and Sharen

Please see the schedule below for upcoming services

April 6 Nancy Warren, CRE

April 20 Rev. Molly Smerko

April 27 Rev. Carole McCartney

Prayer concerns may be submitted by turning in a prayer request.

Sarah Blankenkemper (Molly's sister), Kim Boyer - cancer (Sharen); Nancy's friend Janine Brown, Judy Brown, Jane Smith's relative in Ohio, Russell Byrd, (Joyce), Ruth Dupree, Gillis family (Jenn), Lois Gillis (Jenn), Michelle and Henry Jones, Ken Meeks, Sandy Parrish, Sharen's friend Kim from Ft. Wayne, Curtis Phillips (Teresa Smith),

Yolanda Martinez, (Trish's sister), Damien Perez, (friend of Nancy and Charlene), Delores Shreve (Jerry), Michelle Radford, Linda Reid, Clennis Stephenson and Max Stephenson (Linda), Geraldine Stephenson (Ann and Linda), Linda Strickland, Prayers for Jim and Trish Shannon, David Smith (Don Smith).

Prayers for family and friends of Troy Byrd, Jr. (Pansy Grimes's father)

Prayers and family of Kathy Crissman, former co-worker of Teresa Smith

Joys -. Linda Strickland and Maria Young were present with us for worship last Sunday!

Happening in the Life of Our Church

Sunday Worship - March 30th at 10:30 AM. Be sure to join us for our weekly worship service in person or on Facebook Live.

Presbyterian Women will meet on **Monday, April 7th** at noon in the Church's Fellowship Hall. We will study Lesson 8, To Catch A Thief (page 145). Bring a covered dish to share for lunch. All women are invited!

Next Senior Lunch is scheduled for **April 10th** at Mt. Zion. Please bring a non-perishable food item to contribute to Restoration's Food Pantry. Please let Margaret King know if you plan to attend. Her contact number is 919-818-2134.

Plan to join us after worship on Sunday, **April 13th** for a delicious Spring Lunch brought to you by Congregational Life!

Our next **NourishWorship** is scheduled for **April 22nd** at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us as we seek to feed the body and nourish the spirit. All are welcome at the table!

Please consider joining the Roundtable Sunday morning group for a new study - "Tending the Wild Garden - Growing in the Fruit of the Spirit". The small group meets by Zoom for about an hour on Sunday starting at 8:45AM. See Nancy Warren for information on joining this study.

BackPack Buddies – The Presbyterian Women continue to collect food for the Back Pack Buddies program. Thank you for your generous contributions.

Food Ministry and Outreach – Donated food will be delivered to Restoration Church pantry. As always, you can drop off any non-perishable food contributions in the bins located outside of the Fellowship Hall or in the Church Library. Thank you to all who continue to bring food.

Mini-Pantry Needs – We need items for the mini-pantry (blessing box) such as ravioli, beans and franks, Vienna sausage, packaged fruit, boxed or packaged cereal, canned goods with a pop top, baby wipes, diapers, etc. Please leave your items in the designated bin in the Church Library.

Special Offerings: First Sunday – Community Crisis

Last Sunday – Pennies for Hunger

PCUSA Lenten Offering **"ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING"** April 6th - 20th; use designated pew envelopes. Proceeds go to the Presbyterian Mission Agency to support hunger programs, self-development of people, and disaster assistance.

Suicide Hotline is 988 - If you need to talk, the 988 Lifeline is here.

At the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, we understand that life's challenges can sometimes be difficult. Whether you're facing mental health struggles, emotional distress, alcohol or drug use concerns, or just need someone to talk to, our caring counselors are here for you.