

White Memorial Presbyterian Church



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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
6th Sunday in Lent**

April 13, 2025

10:30 AM

The Church Gathers

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Prayer for Preparation: As we begin Holy Week and walk the final steps to the cross, we give you thanks, holy God, for the greatest of all gifts — the gift of yourself to your people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Hosanna to the son of David!

People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God!

Leader: Shout for joy to the God of all the earth!

People: Serve God with gladness!

Leader: Let us come before God with joyful songs!

People: We give thanks and praise God's holy name!

Leader: Peace on earth!

People: Shout Hosanna!

Leader: Glory in the highest heaven!

People: Shout Hosanna!

*Hymn of Praise "All Glory, Laud and Honor" (verses 1 and 2) Hymnal Page 196

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

Part 1 - The Parade in Jerusalem

Rev. Alice Fisler

Children's Message

Scripture Luke 19:28-38

*Hymn *All Glory, Laud and Honor (verses 3 and 4)*

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Meditation 1 "Were You There at the Parade?"

Part 2 - The Plot Begins

Scripture Luke 22:1-6

*Hymn *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days (verses 1 and 3)*

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Prayer of Confession

All: God of all times and places, we confess that we would rather join the crowds than stand alone. We like safety and security while shrinking from the risk of involvement. Forgive our shouts of joy while your Son weeps for peace. Have mercy upon our brief faith that fades when faced with a world of troubles. We believe Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. We know that means us, not just other people involved in obvious evils everyone knows about. We ask you to be patient with us, to help us understand our own guilt. Then pour out your forgiveness in such a way that we are forever transformed. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen. (silent prayers of confession).

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Laying aside judgment, God offers us redemption; setting aside anger, God embraces us with love; letting go of grief, God pours living water upon us. This is the good news, my friends: God's steadfast love endures forever.

People: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God! Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

*Hymn of Response *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (verse 1)* Hymnal Page 197

Part 3 - The Upper Room

Scripture Luke 22:7-2

*Hymn *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare (verses 1 - 2)*

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Meditation 2 - Were You There in the Upper Room?

Part 4 - In The Garden

Scripture Luke 22:39-46

*Hymn *Go to Dark Gethsemane (verse 1)*

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Part 5 - Jesus before Pilate

Scripture Luke 23:1-6, 13-24

*Hymn *Go to Dark Gethsemane (verse 2)*

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Meditation 3 *Were You There in the Crowd?*

Responding to God with Our Gifts of Time, Talents & Offerings

Call to Offering

Receiving the Offering

*Congregational Response *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (verse 4)*

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Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Dedication of Offerings

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Part 6 - Golgotha

Scripture Luke 23:33-46

*Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (verses 1,3)*

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Meditation 4 *Were You There at the Cross?*

*Closing Hymn

Were You There?

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Charge

Benediction

Speaker: Rev. Alice Fisler

Musician: Anne Honeycutt

Nancy Warren, CRE

Greeters/Ushers:

April – Lee and Glenda

May – Sandy and Mary R.

Offering Counters:

April – Margaret and Sharen

May – Becky and Joan

Please see the schedule below for upcoming services

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, Curtis Phillips (Teresa Smith), Krista Jackson.

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, Sharon Tart, (Charlene's cousin)David Smith (Don Smith), Chris Wheeler.

Happening in the Life of Our Church

Sunday Worship – April 13th at 10:30 AM. Be sure to join us for our weekly worship service in person or on Facebook Live.

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

Presbyterian Women will meet on Monday, April 14th 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.

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!

White Memorial Church Road Cleanup, Saturday April 26th at 8:30 AM - meet at the fellowship hall. Volunteers are encouraged to again help with this long-running commitment by WMPC. Thanks and see Don Smith for information!

Next Senior Lunch is scheduled for **May 8th** at Pleasant Grove. 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.

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.