

# White Memorial Presbyterian Church



**1459 White Memorial Church Road**

**Willow Spring, NC 27592**

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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**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Liturgical Color: White**

**April 27, 2025**

**10:30 AM**

**The Church Gathers**

**Prelude** - Prelude: *Because He Lives* by William and Gloria Gaither

**Prayer for Preparation:** O Jesus come into the locked rooms of our hearts, minds and souls.

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

One: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

All: **He is Risen indeed!**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*Alleluia, Alleluia!* Give Thanks

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Prayer of Adoration

**Confession and Pardon**

Call to Confession

**Prayer of Confession**

**All: Almighty God, we praise you for the glory of this day, when we celebrate the victory Of life over death. Jesus Christ has risen in spite of all the power of evil to stop him. This is joyous news ! Yet we confess the enthusiasm of this morning maybe fleeting, as the certainly of Easter dwindles day by day. We are unsure whether we believe out of conviction or habit. Forgive our duplicity. Renew our faith. Strength our service. We pray in the name of the risen Christ. Amen**

Assurance of Forgiveness

**We Proclaim God's Word**

A Time with Young Disciples

**Prayer for Illumination**

Scripture Reading

*Epistle I John 1:5-8*

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*Gospel John 20:19-31*

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Prayer of Illumination

**All: Open our eyes, hearts, minds and ears to hear your Word!**

Sermon

*God Has Got Us!*

Rev. Carole McCartney

**We Respond to God's Word**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (From "A Brief Statement of Faith," *Book of Common Worship*).

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

\*Hymn of Response

*Amazing Grace*

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## Sharing of Joys and Concerns

## Prayers of the People

## Reception of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory:

*Worthy is the Lamb*

by Don Wyrzten

\* Doxology

## Prayer of Dedication

## Going Out in God's Name

\*Hymn of Commitment

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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\*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Speaker: Rev. Carole McCartney

Musician: Kristy Gathings

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

May 4	Rev. Willem Messink
May 11	Rev. Clayton Brooks
May 18	Nancy Warren, CRE
May 25	Rev. Carole McCartney

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

Sarah Blankenbeker (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), Robin & Pam Grimes, Michelle and Henry Jones, Danny Langston (Robin Grimes's boss) has pancreatic cancer, Ken Meeks, Sandy Parrish, Krista Jackson (Sharen and Gerry's daughter in law).

Yolanda Martinez, (Trish's sister), Camryn O'dell (Nancy), Damien Perez (friend of Nancy and Charlene), Delores Shreve (Jerry), 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).



## Happening in the Life of Our Church

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**Sunday Worship – April 27<sup>th</sup>** 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, May 5<sup>th</sup>** at noon in the church fellowship hall. Lunch will be provided. All women are invited. We will discuss Lesson Nine *Living with Integrity* (page 163). Ann Stephenson will teach Lesson Nine. Also opening discussion of Lesson Ten and conclusion, if time permits. We will conclude for the year in May and resume in September. "Ten Words Bible Study has focused on words of love that frame our lives, give them shape and safety." We have nurtured our faith through this Bible Study, by sharing our thoughts, our challenges, and our love for each other as God loves each of us.

**Next Senior Lunch** is scheduled for **May 8<sup>th</sup>** 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.

Our next **NourishWorship** is scheduled for **May 27<sup>th</sup>** 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.

