

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
The Order of Service**

May 11, 2025

10:30 AM

The Church Gathers

Welcome and Announcements

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

Sandy Parrish is our nominee for Outstanding Older Adult this year, and will be acknowledged at our worship service on Sunday, May 18th.

The Presbytery will also be acknowledging recipients on May 18th at First Presbyterian in Rocky Mount at 3:00.

Prelude and Prayer for Preparation:

Living God, you sent the Holy Spirit to breathe life into your church. Let us no longer be captives to fear, but messengers of your saving love, so that all may be reconciled in you; through Jesus Christ, our peace. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, people of God, for the Spirit still moves among us, bringing life where there was death, and hope where there was despair.

People: We gather in the name of the risen Christ, trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Just as Peter knelt in prayer and Tabitha rose again, the Spirit works through faithful hearts to bring healing and new life.

People: We believe in a God of miracles, who calls us to act with compassion, courage, and bold faith.

Leader: Let us worship the God who raises the lowly, restores the broken, and works wonders through His people.

People: With open hearts, we praise the One who fills us with the Spirit's power to heal, to serve, and to love. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

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Prayer of Adoration

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we come before You aware of the ways we have fallen short. We confess that too often we have held back when we could have offered help, remained silent when we should have spoken words of healing, and doubted the power of Your Spirit moving within and around us. We have been quick to judge and slow to show mercy. We have sought our own comfort while neglecting the needs of others. Forgive us for the times we have ignored the call to compassion, courage, and faith. Renew us by Your Spirit! Open our hearts to the wonders You still work in this world. Help us to be vessels of grace, hope, and love in all we do. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

First Reading

Acts 9: 36-43

Second Reading

Sermon

"The Power God Gives"

Rev. Clayton Brooks

Responding to the Faith

Affirmation of Faith Apostle's Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn of Response

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

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Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People of God and the Lord's Prayer

Reception of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory Music

* Doxology

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Prayer of Dedication

Going Out in God's Name

*Hymn of Commitment:

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

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Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Speaker Biography

Rev. Clayton Brooks is a pastor, community organizer, and nonprofit leader. His career has spanned work in churches, nonprofit organizations, government, and political campaigns. Rev. Brooks has worked as an advocate who has achieved tangible public policy advancements around issues as diverse as youth homelessness, fair budget policy, public health, and civil rights. He has also held interim positions working in city, county, and state government. After more than a decade of political involvement on campaigns and serving in Democratic Party leadership, Brooks was a candidate for Congress during the 2020 Election. In 2025, he organized the formation of the Democratic Men of North Carolina, a statewide organization he currently leads as President.

Rev. Brooks received his Bachelor's Degree in the Study of Religion from Harvard University and a Masters of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary at Columbia University. He is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the nation's first historically-black collegiate fraternity and now serves as Secretary of the Rho Chi Lambda Chapter in London. Currently a resident of Raleigh, Rev. Brooks is originally from Laurinburg, North Carolina.

Speaker: Rev. Clayton Brooks

Musician: Anne Honeycutt

Greeters/Ushers: **May** –Pat and Mary R.

June - Ronnie and Rush

Offering Counters: **May** – Becky and Joan

June - Teresa and Joyce

Please see the schedule below for upcoming services

May 18 Nancy Warren, CRE
May 25 Rev. Carole McCartney
June 1 Nancy Warren, CRE

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), Robin & Pam Grimes, Michelle and Henry Jones, Margaret King (gel shot in her knee for 3 weeks), Ken Meeks, Sandy Parrish, Krista Jackson (Sharen and Gerry's daughter in law).

Yolanda Martinez, (Trish's sister), Camryn O'dell (Nancy), Mike and Louanne Payne, 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, Teresa Smith undergoing tests, Sharon Tart, (Charlene's cousin) David Smith (Don Smith), Lee Talton.

Prayers for Nancy Warren as she departs on May 11th to Proctor Farm in Ohio to present her Capstone Project.

Condolences to family and friends of Danny Langston, friend and co-workers to Robin Grimes at Quality Equipment in Smithfield. Danny had recently been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Prayers for Jenn Baudoux and her family as her mother recovers from surgery and adjusts to assisted living.

Happening in the Life of Our Church

Sunday Worship – May 11th at 10:30 AM. Be sure to join us for our weekly worship service in person or on Facebook Live.

Presbyterian Women will collect a special offering on **Sunday, May 18th**, to support Jenn Baudoux as she cares for her Mother, Lois, in New York.

Our next **NourishWorship** is scheduled for **May 27th** 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!

Next Senior Lunch is scheduled for **June 12th** at Providence. **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.

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

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

