

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

6th Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color White

The Order of Service

May 25, 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.

Prelude

Prayer for Preparation:

Actively seek God in all you do and plant seeds of righteousness and you will harvest a crop of love
Plow up the hard ground of your hearts. For now is the time to seek the Lord who will come and shower
us with righteousness. *Hosea 10:12* (Via Margaret)

***Call to Worship**

One: Shall we gather at the river?

All: We gather to drink from the waters of life!

One: Shall we gather at the river?

All: We gather at the river to feast on your words of truth.

One: Shall we gather at the river?

All: We gather to find your peace.

One: Shall we gather at the river?

All: We gather to praise you as we gather to worship. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

"When Morning Gilds the Skies "

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Prayer of Adoration

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God, be with us as we walk through the hills and valleys of life. Give us courage to face trials
and tribulations. Forgive us when we avoid the challenges and struggles of discipleship. Grant us
wisdom to proclaim your word and live your love. And guide us into paths of peace. In Jesus name we
pray. Amen

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

One: Know that the God of hope is with us today and always!

Hearing God's Word

Time with Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

All: Open our minds and our hearts to the Words of Scriptures.

Scripture Reading -
Psalter: Psalm 67
Acts: 16:9-15
Revelation: 21:1-8

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Open Your Heart

Rev. Carole McCartney

Responding to the Faith

* Affirmation of Faith

All: The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for people when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to people, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

*Hymn of Response

"Be Thou My Vision"

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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:

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

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Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Speaker: Rev. Carole McCartney

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

June 1 Nancy Warren, CRE

June 8 Rev. Willem Messink

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

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.

Yolanda Martinez, (Trish's sister), Camryn O'dell (Nancy), Mike and Louanne Payne, Damien Perez (friend of Nancy and Charlene), 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).

Please add prayers for Samantha Harris, Tommy Jobe's fiancée as her uncle in Georgia passed away and this has delayed their trip to visit their grandmother Kathy Jobe and Julie.

Jenn's mother, Lois Gillis had a successful surgery and will be going to rehab.

Congratulations to Faith Chapman (Glenda's granddaughter) and to all the graduates of 2025.

Happening in the Life of Our Church

Sunday Worship – May 25th at 10:30 AM. Be sure to join us for our weekly worship service in person or on Facebook Live.

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!

There will be a Congregational meeting following Worship on **Sunday May 25th** to elect nominating committee to serve from now through 2026.

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.

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.

PCUSA Pentecost Offering May 25th - June 8th; use designated pew envelopes. 60% of proceeds go to the Presbyterian Mission Agency to support at-risk children, youth, and young adults and 40% retained by WMPC for similar purposes locally.

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 talk to, our caring counselors are here for you.