

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
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

The Church Gathers

August 16, 2026

10:30 AM

Prayer for Preparation:

Gracious God, help us to be more compassionate toward all who are ignored, who are forgotten, who are hated, and who are despised. Help us in this hour to focus on what Jesus Christ is leading us to be and to do. Amen.

Prelude - Anne Honeycutt

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God! It is he that made us, and we are his. (Ps 100:3a)

All: **Holy God, enable us always to remember who we are and whose we are.**

***Opening Hymn – # 12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

Prayer of Adoration

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, we come before you with heavy hearts. We have not lived as you have called us to live. We have ignored the cries of our neighbors for help and we have been silent in the face of injustice. We have lost hope. We have not been compassionate. We have failed to see your blessings showered upon us daily. Have mercy upon us and bless us with your grace so that we might be energized for service. Amen.

Assurance of God's Pardon

We Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture - Exodus 19:1-8a Matthew 9:35-10:8

Sermon - "Called to compassion"

Rev. Gary E. Howell

We Respond to God's Word

***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 – # 288 "Spirit of the Living God"**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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**Call for the Offering****Offertory*****Doxology****Prayer of Dedication****Going Out in God's Name****Hymn of Commitment – #720 "Jesus Calls Us"*****Charge and Benediction****Postlude**

Reverend Gary E. Howell was born in Burke's Garden, Virginia; educated in the local schools; graduated from King College (now King University) and Columbia Theological Seminary. He has served as pastor of small churches in Georgia, South Carolina, Virginia, and North Carolina. He and Louise Selden were married in 1965 and from that union came Robin H. Pleasant (Phil) and Mark A. Howell (Marci). In 2022 they moved from Wilmington, NC, to be near Robin and Phil in Johnston County; in 2023 Louise died. He continues to reside in the house that they purchased, and now spends some time visiting older adults and assisting the pastor at Oakland Presbyterian Church (as well as being an occasional guest preacher).

Announcements

- **WMPC Neighborhood Block Party is on August 22nd 11AM to 2 PM.** Please invite neighbors, family and friends to come out and enjoy time together!
- Our next Nourish Worship is Tuesday August 25th at 5:30 PM. All are welcome!
- Senior lunch is Thursday, September 10th hosted by Overflow @ WMPC. Please let Margaret King know if you plan to attend. Also, for those attending please bring a food donation for the Pantry.

Presbyterian Women's Study

The study session.

"United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other"

Monday, Sept 14th at Noon

WMPC fellowship hall

Lunch will be a potluck – please bring a dish to share

Upcoming Services at WMPC

- August 23rd Rev. Carole McCartney
- August 30th Rev. Willem Bodesco

Public Prayer List

Prayer concerns may be submitted by turning in a prayer request card in the offering plate or by contacting or Glenda Talton via phone or email.

Congregation:

Roger Gossett, Jan Gossett, Pat Patrick, Jim and Trish Shannon, Ann Stephenson, Jerry Smith and Jane Smith, Sharen and Gerry Jackson, Linda Strickland, Mary Rhodes, Julie Shea and Teresa Smith.

Family/Friends:

Ruth Dupree, Lisa Dove (Anne H.), recovering from surgery. Paulette Greer (Margaret), Lil Ortle, Lou Ann and Michael Payne (Glenda & Lee), Damien Perez (friend of Nancy and Charlene), Lee Anne Simmons (Anne Honeycutt), Carol Kyser (Nancy Warren)

Joyce Byrd's sister, Marie Holding fell at home and broke two vertebrae in her back.

Pat Patrick's new address is Calyx Living, 121 East Academy St. B-4, Fuquay Varina, NC 27526.

Joys

Happy birthday to Joyce Byrd who had her 88th birthday this week.