

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
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

The Church Gathers

August 9, 2026

10:30 AM

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

Prayer for Preparation:

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. Open us to your life-giving Word. Quiet the voices within us that do not align with your will. Focus our minds on the message you intend for us so we may faithfully discern your way. Amen.

Prelude - Anne Honeycutt

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship (based on 1 Kings 11-13)**

One: Upon Mount Horeb, Elijah heard the voice of God, not in the wind, or the earthquake, or the fire, but in the sound of sheer silence.

All: **Holy God, quiet our minds and our hearts, rid us of distraction, so we can hear you and know you among us.**

***Opening Hymn – #410 God Is Calling through the Whisper**

Prayer of Adoration

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession – in unison

We return to God through confession. Let us honestly acknowledge how we have gone astray and confess our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession

God our refuge, you hear our cries for mercy. You know our exhaustion, our cynicism, our sense of defeat. You lift the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless. But we are quick to lose perspective and exaggerate critique. We confess the ways we are tempted to give up on the path of righteousness. We pray for your forgiveness. Amen.

Assurance of God's Pardon

We Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

All: Holy God, amidst the flood of words that barrage us daily, speak your eternal Word that offers life, and bless us in its hearing, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Scripture - 1 KINGS 19:1-21

Sermon - Time for some Gravy!

Rev. Joy Alford

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 – #824** There Is a Place of Quiet Rest (Near to the Heart of 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

God's abundance cannot be matched. Still, we are inspired to be generous by a generous God. We are inspired to give by the greatest of givers. In gratitude to God, let us present our tithes and offerings.

Offertory

***Doxology**

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, the gifts we offer reflect only a portion of all that you have given us. Take these offerings, we pray, and multiply them for your use. May our offerings be a blessing to those most in need, to those most vulnerable.

May our offerings, given in a spirit of generosity, abate the desire to hoard, and spread the desire to share. Amen.

Going Out in God's Name

Hymn of Commitment – #744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Announcements

- Senior lunch is at Restoration Church, Thursday August 13th. Please let Margaret King know if you plan to attend. Also, for those attending please bring a food donation for the Pantry.
- **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!

Presbyterian Women's Study being Scheduled

So that study guides may be ordered, participants should call or text Teresa Smith @ (919-538-6709) or Margaret King @ (919-818-2134) **by Sunday August 9th** if they would like to participate in 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 16th Rev. Gary Howell
- 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),

Dana Benson Dillon (Scott), Patricia Hayes' husband and brother are at this time in rehab units, (Margaret), Linda Rhodes, Candace Talton, Jeffrey Knox, Debbie and Abby Miller, Terry Parrish (Sandy's Stepson), Lacy Wines (Susie Bell), Carol Kyser to the prayer list (longtime friend of Nancy W)

Joys

Mary Jane Dunn has been cancer free for five years!