

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Mark your calendars for *Tuesdays Together*, a monthly dinner party for members aged 55+. Join us at Memorial Presbyterian Church on May 26, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. –7:30 p.m. with other local churches. Dinner costs \$18 per person plus a \$3 service charge. Register by May 19th; see the flyer and QR code on the bulletin board for details. If you are able, please make plans to attend.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED: If you are available for Sunday Services and/or available to assist on one or more Sundays from May 10th through the end of December 2026, please contact Barbara Carr or Laura Wallace after worship. Thank you!

THESE DAYS: If you subscribed to the 2026 These Days, there are a few remaining in the office that need to be picked up on Tuesday or Wednesday between 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. or after Sunday Service.

“There aren’t enough words to say “*Thank You for an Unforgettable, Wonderful Surprise Birthday Celebration on May 3, 2026 and to have my Church Family, Relatives and Friends with me was truly a blessing. Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Yes, it was a surprised and yes, you can keep a secret!*”

Stephanie Walker-Williams

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If you are visiting with us today and would like to give *Gifts and Offering*, you may use your telephone and the QR Code listed above. The QR Code can be scanned from this bulletin and/or the Church Website.

Note: AA - African American Heritage Hymnal (Beige)
BB - The Presbyterian Hymnal (Blue)

**STATESVILLE AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
3435 NEVIN ROAD, CHARLOTTE, NC 28269**

May 10, 2026



6th Sunday of Easter
Gary S. Blackmon, Pastor
Charles Sammons, Liturgist
James Rogers, Jr., Director of Music
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We Gather

****Prelude:** "Faith of Our Mothers"

****Announcements & Welcome:**

Lighting of Candles:

****Introit:** "He's Already Here"

***Call to Worship:**

L: Today we celebrate our Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunties, and all the Women who have loved us.

P: Thank you, God, for giving us Mothers.

L: We remember with deep gratitude all the ways they demonstrated their love for us.

P: Sometimes we do not understand them, but we know that God under-stands.

L: We take time to remember our Mothers because a Mother's love is most like God's love.

All: For their tears, for their hugs, for their wisdom, for their unfailing trust in our abilities, we give thanks today.

***Centering Prayer:**

****Opening Hymn:** "You Deserve Our Worship"

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Loving God, we realized that we have not made our homes into dwelling places of your love that we would like. Too often, we act like individuals who happen to share the same building, rather than family members who care for one another. Help us to renew our commitments to the welfare and development of our family members whether they are with us or apart. Help us communicate openly with one another and speak of and show our love to others. **Amen.**

Words of Assurance:

God says to us: you are my chosen ones. I love you. I am proud of you. Stand firm in your renewed commitment. Know that I have forgiven you; I call you by name; you are mine, I have entered covenant with you and will always stand by you and in all places. Dare to live fully the life to which I have called you. **Amen.**

***Passing the Peace:**

****Special Selection:** "We Give You The Praise"

***Please stand if you are able.**

****Worshippers may enter or exit.**

The Word

Prayer for Illumination:

God our helper, guide us into and through your Word, that we might be shaped by your Spirit's message to us today and transformed for service in your world. **Amen.**

Scripture:

2 Timothy 1:4-7
Charles Sammons, Liturgist

Sermon:

"Clothed In Strength and Dignity"
Proverbs 31:25-28
Gary S. Blackmon, Pastor

We Respond

Invitation to Discipleship: "Trust Me"

Prayers of the People

Choral Response: "Almighty Father, Hear Our Prayer and Bless All Souls That Wait
Before Thee"

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison):

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ our 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.**

Tithes and Offerings: "God Never Fails"

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***Doxology:** "Praise God"

***Celebration Song:** "Give God The Glory"

***Charge and Benediction:**

Extinguishing of the Candles:

Postlude: "Holy Is The Lamb"