

Announcements

One Great Hour of Sharing Offerings now through April 5th.

For Informational Purposes Only

The Presbyterian Women will be hosting the Coordinating Team of the Presbyterian Women/Presbytery of Charlotte for their meeting on Saturday, March 14th, from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. This meeting will take place in the Church's Fellowship Hall.

FALL PREVENTION AND FIRE SAFETY – MARCH 20, 2026 AT 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Please RSVP Rosanna Cureton-Jones at 828-238-0551. *DOOR PRIZE WILL BE GIVEN.*

Mark your calendars for *Tuesdays Together*, a monthly "Dinner Party" designed for members aged 55 and above. The goals are to connect, fellowship, learn, and dine together. The Tuesdays Together event will take place at Statesville Avenue on March 24, 2026, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM, and members from Memorial PC, South End PC, and Smallwood PC will be joining us. The cost for dinner is \$18.00 per person. For more details, please check the flyer in the bulletin and scan the QR code for dinner registration. **Registration will close on March 17th, one (1) week prior to the event date.** Since the dinner will be hosted at our church, we encourage you to make plans to attend to ensure this event is a success.

Message From the SAPC Session

The SAPC Session has granted approval for a request made by Rev. Veronica Cannon, the Moderator of South End Presbyterian Church, to use our church sanctuary for their Congregational Meeting scheduled on Sunday, March 29, 2026, at 1:00 PM.



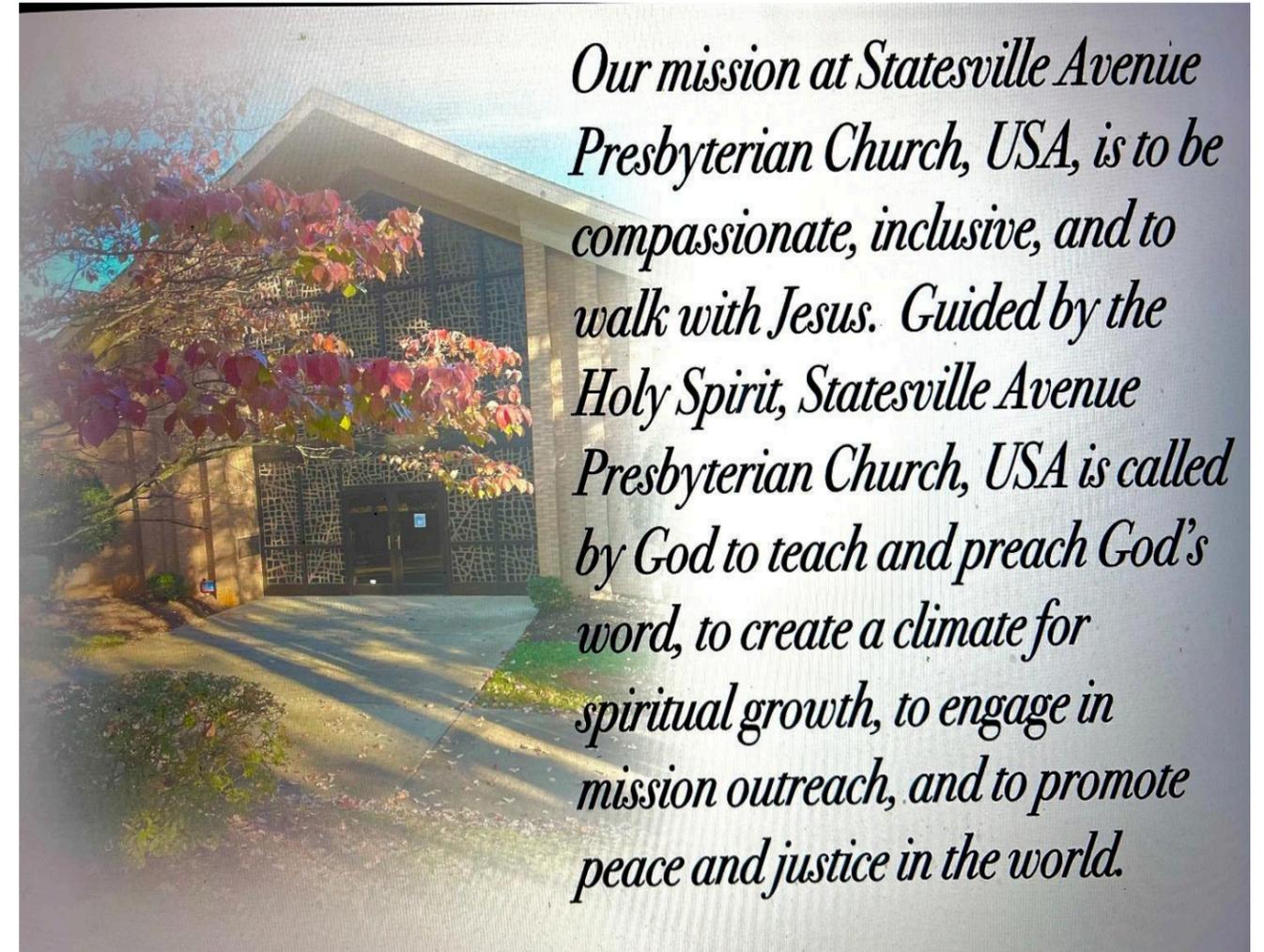
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If you are visiting with us today and would like to give *Gifts and Offering*, you may use your telephone and the QR Code listed above. The QR Code can be scanned from this bulletin and/or the church website.

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

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March 8, 2026



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We Gather

****Prelude:** "We've Come To Worship You"

****Announcements & Welcome:** Barbara Carr

Lighting of Candles:

****Introit:** "Welcome Into This Place"

*Call to worship:

L: Come, people of God, let us gather in humility and truth. The Lord says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Today, let us seek understanding and turn our hearts toward the wisdom of God.

All: We come, longing to know God more deeply and to walk in His ways. May our worship open our eyes and renew our spirits, that we may honor the Lord with understanding and faithful hearts. Amen.

*Centering Prayer:

****Opening Hymn:** "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" 263 AA

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Holy and gracious God, we acknowledge before you that, like those in times past we have neglected your truth and departed from your wisdom. We confess our lack of knowledge in the moments when we have placed our will above yours. In your mercy, forgive us. Renew within us a spirit receptive to your word, that we may walk faithfully and reflect your love and all we do.

Assurance of Pardon:

Even when we stumble, God's steadfast mercy endures. Through Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and restored. Let us rest in the assurance of God's grace, for all who truly seek the Lord are made new. **Thanks be to God.**

*Passing the Peace:

****Special Selections:** "This Day" 443 AA

***Please stand if you are able.**
****Worshippers may enter or exit.**

The Word

Prayer for Illumination: (Unison)

Creator God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may receive your Word with understanding and insight. Illuminate our path, Lord, so that we may know you more deeply, follow you more faithfully, and live according to your will. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings: 2 Timothy 3:1-7
Barbara Carr

Sermon: "What In The World Is Going On?"
Hosea 4:6
Gary S. Blackmon, Pastor

We Respond

Invitation to Discipleship: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" 471 AA

Prayers of the People

Choral Response: "Sanctuary" 462 AA

*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: "Give Of Your Best to The Master" 465 AA

***Doxology:** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 651 AA

***Celebration Song:** "What A Mighty God We Serve" 478 AA

*Charge and Benediction:

Extinguishing of the Candles:

Postlude: "Precious Jesus"