

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

July 5, 2026

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

Prayer After Communion:

***Celebration Song: "I Really Love The Lord" 577 AA**

***Charge and Benediction:**

Extinguishing of the Candles:

Postlude: "This Land Is My Land"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Antigone Crawford, 66 of Charlotte, N. C., formerly of Monroe, North Carolina departed this life on Thursday, June 11, 2026 at Hospice and Community Care in Rock Hill, S. C. Viewing/visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2026 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Union Funeral & Cremation Services Chapel, 1011 W. Roosevelt Blvd, Monroe, N. C. 28110.

**Nourish Up: 704-596-4584 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

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you may give the balance of your commitment to your Circle Leader.**



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



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We Gather

**Prelude: “America The Beautiful”

**Announcements & Welcome:

Lighting of Candles:

**Introit: “I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me”

*Call to Worship:

L: Our God is everlasting, the Creator who never grows weary.
P: God gives strength to the tired and lifts the weak.
L: Jesus says, “Come to me, all who are weary, and I will give you rest.”
P: We come to Christ to learn His gentle and humble way.
L: Let us worship the God who renews our strength and gives rest to our souls. Amen.

*Centering Prayer:

**Opening Hymn: “God Of Our Fathers” 609 AA

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Everlasting God, we confess that we often grow weary and try to carry our burdens alone. We forget Your strength, resist Your rest, and rely on ourselves instead of waiting on You. Forgive us for the times we have rushed past Your wisdom, ignored the gentle way of Christ, and allowed anxiety, pride, or discouragement to shape our lives. Renew our strength, teach us to trust You, and draw us again to Jesus, whose yoke is easy and whose burden is light. In Your mercy, lift our hearts, restore our souls, and lead us in the way of grace. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Hear the good news: God does not grow weary of offering mercy. In Jesus Christ, the weary are welcomed, the burdened are lifted, and sinners are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and at peace. Amen.

*Passing the Peace:

**Special Selection: “An Exhortation To Praise”

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

The Word

Prayer for Illumination:

Gracious God, by your Holy Spirit, open our hearts and minds to receive your Word. Shine your light upon the Scriptures, that we may hear your voice, understand your truth, and be strengthened to follow Christ faithfully. **Amen.**

Scripture: Isaiah 40:28-31
Derek Cornelius, Liturgist

Sermon: "The Yoke That Fits: Rest For a Weary World"
Matthew 11:28-30
Gary S. Blackmon, Pastor

We Respond

Invitation to Discipleship: “He Is The Keepuh”

Prayers of the People

Choral Response: “Sweet Hour Of Prayer” (vs. 1)

*Affirmation of Faith (Please stand):

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.**

Tithes and Offerings: “You’ve Been So Good”

*Doxology: “Gloria Patri” 654 AA

Prayer of Thanksgiving: HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymn: “Let Us Break Bread Together” 513 BB
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.
And Also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.