

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering will be held at Marks Creek Presbyterian Church (USA), April 6, 2024, (484 Marks Creek Church Road, Hamlet, NC 28345) Registration: 9:00-9:45 A.M. and Program starts at 10:00 a.m. All ladies are urged to attend!

Presbyterian Women Dues

It's time to pay your 2024 dues for the Presbyterian Women Organization. Good news – our annual dues are still just **\$60**. Please pay your dues today. If you cannot pay the full amount at one time, paying in installments makes it easier. Please see the chart below for paying in installments.

Month	Payment Amount
March	\$15.00
April	15.00
May	15.00
June	15.00
Grand Total	\$60.00

Payments should be given to your **Circle Leader** with checks made payable to Statesville Avenue Presbyterian Church. Thanks to those who **have already paid!**

- One Great Hour of Sharing Offerings now through March 31st.
- Per Capita of \$30.00 per year per member.
- Treasurer Offerings online: Here's another way to give: www.statesvilleavenuepresbyterianchurchusa.org
- Officers Workshop, March 23, 2024, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.
- Maundy Thursday Service March 28, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- FYI:** Beginning Saturday, April 20, 2024, Session Meetings from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- March 30, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Gary McFadden, Mecklenburg County Sheriff, will be the Guest Speaker during the Presbyterian Men's Breakfast.
- Tiki's Dance Classes, Thursdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- Special Thanks to Rev. Venetta Baker for her Message entitled, "I Can Do This" March 10, 2024.
- Visitors, thank you for choosing to worship with us today, we look forward to fellowshiping with you again soon. To all, stay safe, God Bless!!!

"Let us continue praying for the poor, neglected and unhealthy circumstances leading up to wars around the world."

**STATESVILLE AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
3435 NEVIN ROAD, CHARLOTTE, NC 28269
March 17, 2024
11:00 A.M.**



**Gary S. Blackmon, Pastor
Harriett Davis, Liturgist
Mr. James Rogers, Jr., Director of Music
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We Gather

****Prelude:** *"High Praise"*

Announcements and Welcome:

Lighting of Candles:

****Introit:** *"Oh, the Glory of Your Presence"*

Call to Worship:

L: This is the fifth step on our Lenten journey, the step of sacrifice.

P: Be with us, Lord, as we take this step.

L: This requires the willingness to give all your life to the Lord.

P: Be with us, Lord, as we commit our lives to you.

L: Come, let us worship and offer our voices of praise to God.

P: Let us open our hearts and spirits to God this day. AMEN.

***Centering Prayer:**

****Opening Hymn:** *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"* #84

Prayer of Confession:

Compassionate Lord, forgive us when we falter on this Lenten pathway; when the road ahead seems too uncertain and we are afraid. We admit that following Jesus is not an easy task. Jesus requires us to be willing to make the ultimate commitment of our whole lives and we hesitate and hold back. Draw us back to you, Lord. Give us confidence and courage to face the future with hope. Let us place our trust in you that the message of peace and mercy you have given to us through Jesus Christ may be offered to others through our witness to your healing mercy. In Jesus' Name, we pray. **AMEN.**

Words of Assurance:

Even though the future is clouded; God is with us, guiding, healing, comforting, and restoring. Rejoice! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and healed. **AMEN.**

**** Special Selection:** *"Order My Steps"*

The Word

Prayer of Illumination:

God of living water, pour out your Spirit and nourish your Word within us, that in its time, that Word may bear much fruit. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading:

Hebrews 5:5-10

Sermon:

"Who Gets The Glory"

(John 12:20-33)

Pastor Gary S. Blackmon

We Respond

Invitation to Discipleship: *"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"* #370

Prayers for the People:

Choral Response: *"We Need the Power of the Holy Spirit," Holy Spirit. Send Your anointing. Let it fall down, fall down, fall down, down on me!*

Affirmation of Faith: (Apostles Creed Traditional)

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: *"I'm So Glad"*

***Doxology:** *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"* #592

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Celebration Song: *"In the Beauty of Holiness"*

***Charge and Benediction:**

Extinguishing of the Candles:

Postlude: *"A Perfect Sacrifice"/***Passing the Peace**

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

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