

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:** "This Little Light Of Mine"

549 AA

**\*Charge and Benediction:**

**Extinguishing of the Candles:**

**Postlude:** "The Lord Bless You and Keep You with Sevenfold Amen"

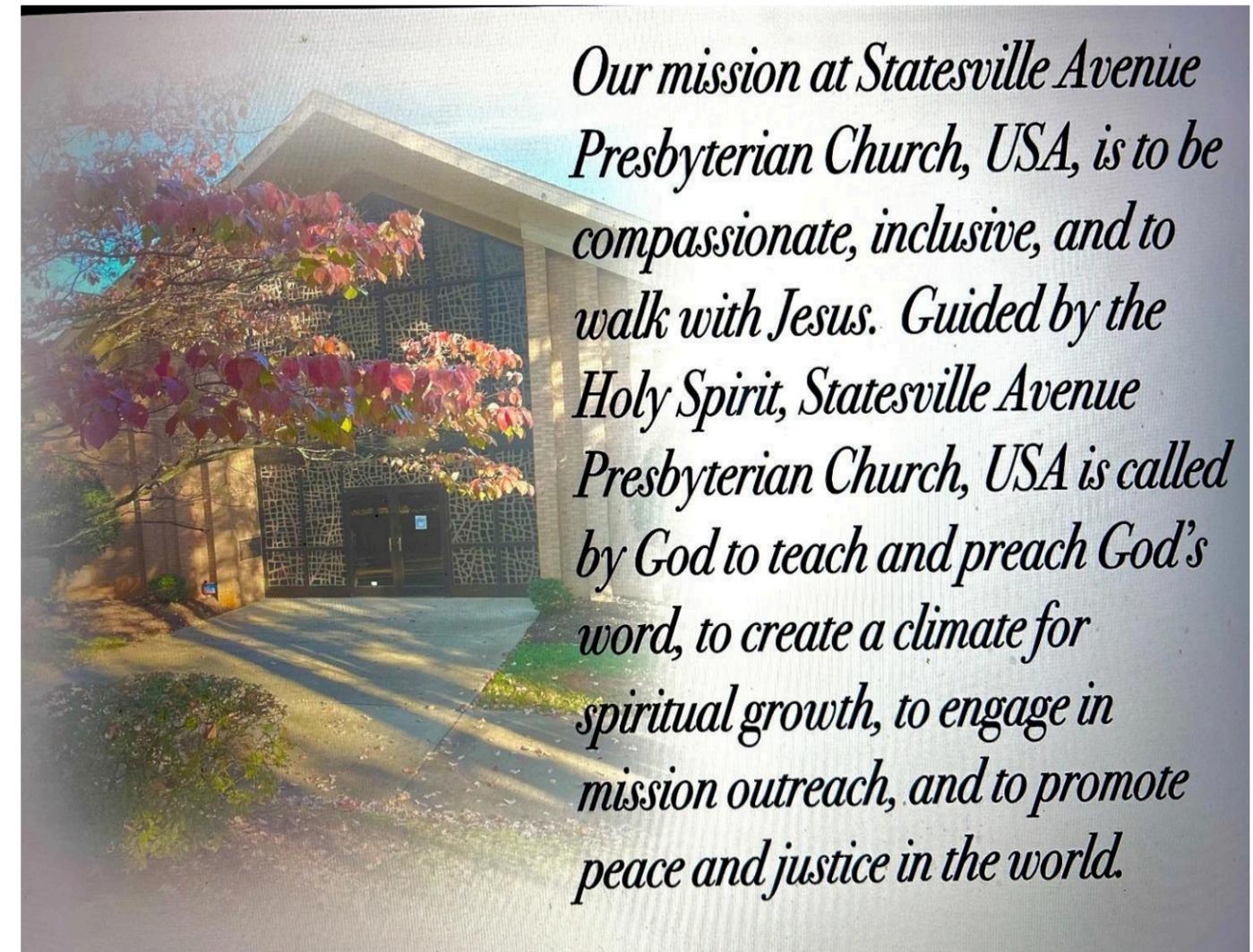


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Note: AA - African American Heritage Hymnal (Beige)  
BB - The Presbyterian Hymnal (Blue)

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

**February 8, 2026**



*Our mission at Statesville Avenue Presbyterian Church, USA, is to be compassionate, inclusive, and to walk with Jesus. Guided by the Holy Spirit, Statesville Avenue Presbyterian Church, USA is called by God to teach and preach God's word, to create a climate for spiritual growth, to engage in mission outreach, and to promote peace and justice in the world.*

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

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## We Gather

**\*\*Prelude:** *"Only What You Do For Christ Will Last"*

**\*\*Announcements & Welcome:** Derek Cornelius

### Lighting of Candles:

**\*\*Introit:** *"In the Beauty of Holiness"* 106 AA

### \*Call To Worship:

L: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who delight in the Lord!

**P: We come to this place, where generations before us have gathered.**

L: Here we remember the light of God that shines in our lives.

**P: Here we allow God's light to shine through us.**

L: Let us worship our radiant God.

**P: Praise the Lord!**

**ALL: Happy are we who delight in the Lord!**

### \*Centering Prayer:

**\*\*Opening Hymn:** "Lift Every Voice and Sing" 540 AA

### Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, forgive us when we ignore you or your lessons for our lives. Forgive us for allowing oppression and discord to flourish. Forgive us for not feeding those who are hungry. Forgive us for not providing shelter to those who have no place to lay down at night. Forgive us for not repairing the broken places in our community. O Lord, forgive us and then help us do your work of bringing about justice and healing. Shine your light through us, so that all may come to know your abundant love. **Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon:

When we call out to God, God is there to hear us. Know that your prayers have been heard. Now, receive the grace of God and live in God's abundant mercy.

### \*Passing the Peace:

**\*\*Special Selection:** *"The Lord Is My Light"* 160 AA

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

## The Word

### Prayer for Illumination: (Unison)

Gracious God, the words we read are ancient and true. On this day, may we hear them anew. Grant us hearts to discern your Spirit within them and grant us courage to follow them in our lives this day. **Amen.**

### Scripture Readings:

**Isaiah 58: 3-12**  
Derek Cornelius, Liturgist

### Sermon:

**"This Little Light of Mine"**  
**Matthew 5: 13-16**  
Gary S. Blackmon, Pastor

## We Respond

**Invitation to Discipleship:** "Just As I Am" 345 AA

### Prayers of the People

**Choral Response:** "Ask and It Shall Be Given"

### \*Affirmation of Faith (Unison):

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 & Offering:** "I Just Want To Praise You"

**\*Doxology:** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

### \*Prayer of thanksgiving:

## HOLY COMMUNION

**Communion Hymn:** "Let Us Break Bread Together" 686 AA

### 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.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME**

**Statesville Avenue Annual Congregational Meeting immediately following worship service today.** During this meeting you will receive reports from the Clerk of Session, Budget/Finance, and Stewardship. Additionally, the Treasurer will present a request on behalf of the Session regarding an offer from a buyer interested in purchasing this piece of property we own. Finally, there will be a vote on the sale of this property during this meeting.

**\*Inactive Deacons and Church Family! The Deacons are seeking your assistance on Sunday mornings during worship services. Please speak with Barbara Carr or Laura Wallace after worship and/or during the week if you are available to assist them on one or more Sundays from February through the end of December 2026. Thank you!**

**\*CHURCH FAMILY, Please keep the Hampton and Lanham families in your thoughts and prayers. Denita Hampton Lanham, the mother of Ashley and daughter of Charlotte Hampton, sadly passed away last week. Arrangements are still being finalized; we will keep you updated as soon as we have more information.**

### **Mark Your Calendars!**

\*The Delta and Omega Men's Ensemble of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. will present a Black History Concert; singing various songs of praise at SAPC on Sunday, February 22, 2026, from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM.

**\*Don't forget your per capita of \$30.00 for 2026.**