

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN “*Lord, Make Us More Holy*” #536 *CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Reverend

Dr. Amantha Barbee *CHORAL AMEN “*Three-fold Amen*”

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

GOING FORTH



POSTLUDE “Go” James Rogers, Jr.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ
and empowered by the Holy Spirit
we commit ourselves:

To nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
To support the mission of the church worldwide,
To work for justice and peace, and
To build an inclusive, caring community of women
that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA)
and witnesses to the promise of God's Kingdom.

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*Please stand, if you are able.

***Incoming Worshipers May Enter*

Women's Day

STATESVILLE AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

THEME: *Finding Resilience, Joy, and our Identity in Jesus Christ*

The Reverend Dr. Amantha Barbee, Guest Speaker
Major Gifts Officer Stewardship and Funds Development PC (USA)



Sunday, September 14, 2025

11:00 A.M.

Statesville Avenue Presbyterian Church (USA)
3435 Nevin Road, Charlotte, North Carolina 28269

Pastor Gary S. Blackmon

Mrs. Barbara K. Carr, Liturgist

Mr. James Rogers, Jr., Director of Music

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE “*My Tribute*” James Rogers, Jr., Organist (SILENT MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP IS REQUESTED)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHORAL INTROIT “*We’ve Come to Worship You*” #107 AA
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP Barbara K. Carr Leader: Generous God, we gather to worship and praise the God who meets our needs. **People: We gather to worship and praise the God who listens and answers our prayers.**

Leader: Inspiring God, we gather to give our thanks for our God’s reconciling compassion. **People: We gather to give thanks for all God’s past mercies; and for our daily blessings.**

Leader: Faithful God, we gather to revere the God who despite our sin and foolishness; who gives us another chance to rejoin God’s path; and who calls us to be guided by God.

People: We gather to revere the God who teaches us about our past mistakes; who offers encouragement and blessing; and who surpasses all our expectations and hopes. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN OF PRAISE AND ADORATION “*Called as Partners in Christ’s Service*” #343 CALL

TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)
Lord, it is interesting that it is easy for us to identify with today’s scripture about the “Prodigal Daughter.” Some of us are easily reminded of our own selfishness and stubbornness when we willfully sought our own way. Others are reminded about how angry we were when others were not held accountable for their actions, when we have been so careful not to displease anyone. Still others can identify with the mother who, feeling the loss of her daughter, welcomes her home again, reminding the sister that she has always been in the love and care of the Mother. We hear this story and it’s a pleasant memory. But do we really understand what it is about? Do we know that we have also been stubborn and selfish, angry and unforgiving, sorrowful and caught between two conflicting factions? We are no different from these characters, in our own unique way. Yet, in God’s infinite love, we also are forgiven and healed. We are called to turn our lives back to God’s care, which is always extended to us. Forgive us and heal us, gracious God. Open our hearts and our spirits to truly receive the blessings of your healing love. For it is in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, that we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

CHORAL RESPONSE “*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*” #658 AA
WELCOME/PASSING THE PEACE “Koinonia” Harriett Davis

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURES
NT Lesson: Luke 15:11-24 Julia Butler NT Lesson: Luke 15:25-32 Reverend Venetta D. Baker
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Barbara K. Carr
**MUSIC SELECTION “*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*” PW Ensemble
MESSAGE “**Resurrection**” The Reverend Dr. Amantha Barbee *Major Gifts Officer Stewardship and Funds Development PC (USA)*
*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP Reverend Dr. Amantha Barbee
*HYMN OF INVITATION “*Here I Am, Lord*” #525

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Jackie Wall

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) (Brief Statement of Faith 10.327-.332) *We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.*

PURPOSE OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Virginia C. Spears
THE OFFERING Belle Anita Dunn
OFFERTORY SELECTION “*Guide My Feet*” #354
PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING DOXOLOGY #592 **GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Belle Anita Dunn
THE LORD’S PRAYER

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**Incoming Worshippers May Enter