

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship Moment

****Genesis 1:28 – God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”**

****“Cans, Greens & Sweet Potato Dreams” – Free Cooking Class on Sept 26 from 12 – 1:30 p.m. 901 Carrier Drive, Charlotte, N. C 28216. Spots are limited, so sign up today using this link: <https://nourishup.org/pantrytoplate/>. Please note: **No childcare at this class.****

****Let’s not forget our sick and shut-ins through visits, calls and cards.**

****Justice & Peace Global Witnessing Offering began September 7, 2025, ending October 5, 2025. Envelopes are placed in the pews.**

****Attention Active Officers and Church Family! We are preparing to place an order for the **2025-2027 Book of Order**. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board next to the pastor's study for you to request a copy, or you can contact Barbara Carr to place your order. Each book is priced at \$10.00, and today is the last day to sign the sheet. Please make checks payable to Statesville Avenue Presbyterian Church (USA).**

****Every Tuesday, the Atrium Health Mobile Health Unit is on site in the SAPC Parking Lot, 3435 Nevin Road, Charlotte, N. C. from: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. No appointment needed.**

****The Nourish Up Pantry here at the Church needs your contribution of food items, or your contribution in the form of a Check or Cash. Make checks payable to: **SAPC Nourish Up Pantry**, bring your Donations or Check to the Pantry during the operational hours of 10-12 M & TU, 4-6 TH 10-12 TH. In addition, there is a need for school tools; a box has been placed in the Narthex for your generous donations.**

Thanks in advance



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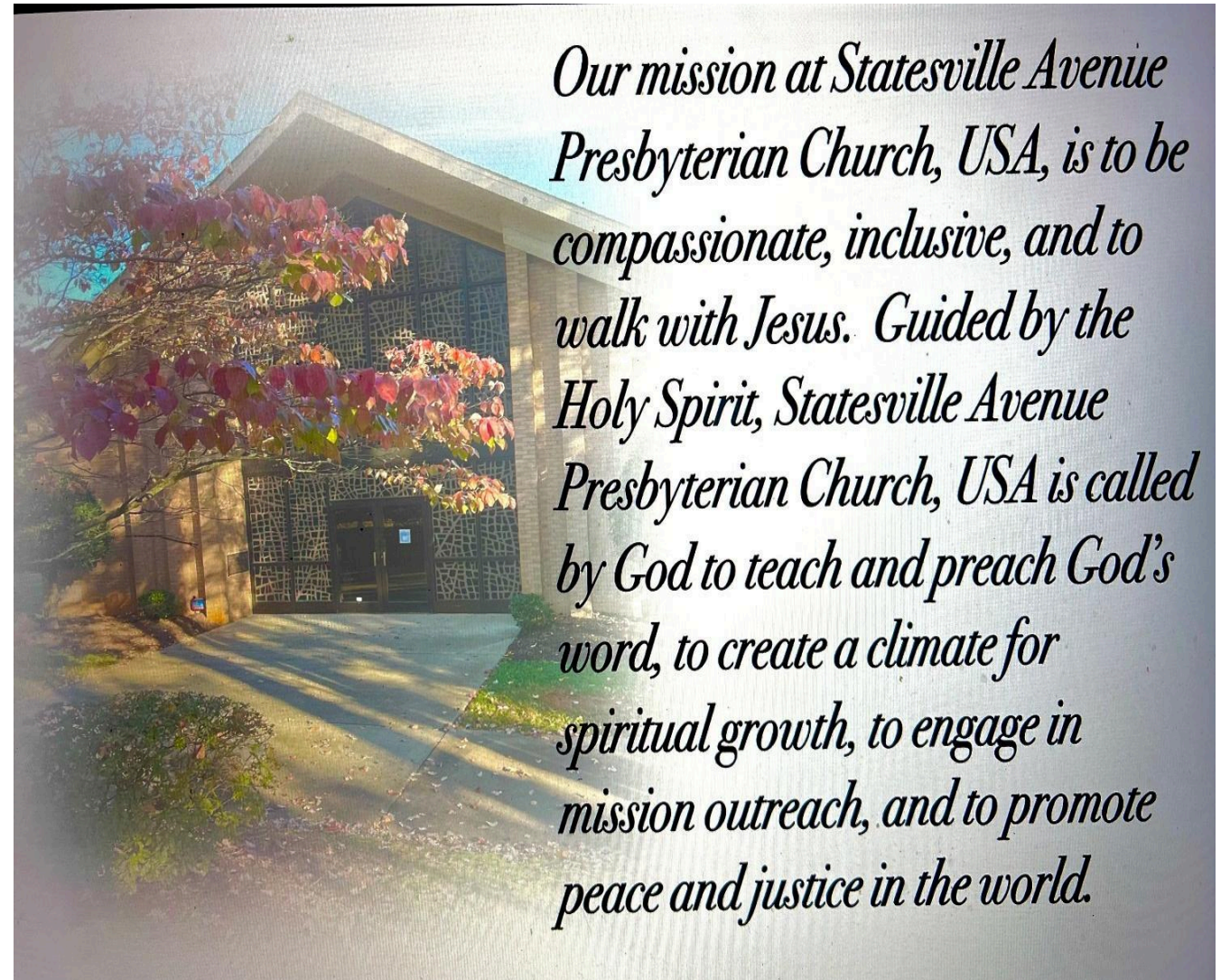
Note: AA - African American Heritage Hymnal (Beige)
BB - The Presbyterian Hymnal (Blue)

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

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SEPTEMBER 21, 2025



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.

15th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 20)

Gary S. Blackmon, Pastor

Cameron Alford, Liturgist

James Rogers, Jr., Director of Music

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We Gather

Prelude: “Bless The Lord” 105 AA

Announcements and Welcome:

Lighting of Candles:

**Introit: “In The Beauty of Holiness” 106 AA

* Call to Worship:

L: Turn us, O God,
P: away from the world’s temptations and distractions.
L: Return us, O God,
P: to the quiet calm of your presence.
L: Restore us, O God,
P: to the path you call us to follow.
L: Orient us, O God,
P: to the hope of all that is possible through you.

Centering Prayer:

*Opening Hymn: “To God Be The Glory” 157 AA

Prayer of Confession:

God, our refuge, you lift the lowly and hold out hope to the hopeless. Yet we who receive your grace so freely do not follow your example. We are quick to judge, eager to criticize, slow to show mercy. We gather and keep for ourselves what was meant to be shared. We diminish and dehumanize those around us. God of us all, hear this confession. Receive it. We ask for your forgiveness. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*Passing the Peace:

*Special Selection: “The Storm Is Passing Over” 427 AA

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. Open us to your life-giving Word. Quiet the voices within us that do not align with your will. Focus our minds on the message you intend for us, so we may faithfully discern your way. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 79
Cameron Alford

Sermon: “When Tears Become Prayers In Our Troubled World”
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Gary S. Blackmon, Pastor

We Respond

Invitation to Discipleship: “Come On In My Room” 525 AA

Prayers of the People

Choral Response: “I Need Thee Every Hour” 451 AA

*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 and Offerings: “Ezekiel Saw De Wheel” 484 AA

*Doxology: “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” 650 AA

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Celebration Song: “We’ve Come This Far By Faith” 412 AA

*Charge and Benediction:

*Extinguishing of the candles:

*Postlude: “I Really Love The Lord” 577 AA

The Word

Prayer for Illumination: