



## WELCOME

Today, we are overjoyed to have you join us as we celebrate and honor mothers, both those who are with us and those who have gone before us. Mothers hold a special place in God's creation, and today we lift them up with gratitude and love for all they have given and continue to give.

The Bible reminds us of the beauty of motherhood in Proverbs 31:28, which says, "Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her." May this verse serve as a reflection of the reverence and appreciation we hold in our hearts for mothers everywhere.

There's always room for you here, and we would love to see you return and, perhaps, bring a friend or family member along with you. Thank you for being here to celebrate this heartfelt day with us. May today fill your spirit with joy and appreciation for the incredible gift of mothers. God bless you and keep you always!

*The Memorial Family*



## Memorial Presbyterian Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 11, 2025

## Mother's Day Service



Rev. Reginald Tuggle, Interim Minister  
Jessie Spicer, Liturgist  
Rev. Charles Mathews, Guest Musician

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# Order of Worship

**Prelude**      *Composed by, Rev. Charles Mathews*      “Song of Joy”

**Processional**      “To God Be the Glory”

*“Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!*

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the People rejoice!*

*O come to the Father through Jesus, the Son, and give Him the Glory –  
great things He has done!”*

## Call to Worship

Liturgist: She is a teacher, an aunt, a grandmother, she stands with  
the motherless and does for all and forgets herself,

**People: We honor Mothers today.**

Liturgist: She taught, protected, molded and gave comfort,

**People: We honor Mothers today.**

Liturgist: Her gentleness guided us in every phase of our lives,

**People: We honor Mothers today.**

Liturgist: Thank you, Lord, for ALL mothers, “for her children arise and  
call her blessed”. (*Proverbs 31:28*)

**Hymn of Praise**      (please stand)      “Faith of Our Mothers”  
*African American Heritage Hymnal #410*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Let us confess to God whatever has wounded us or brought injury to  
others that we may receive mercy and become for each other ministers of  
God’s grace.

### Prayer of Forgiveness

May the God of mercy who forgives you for all your sins, strengthen you in  
All goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
Amen.

**Response to Forgiveness**      “I Am Redeemed”  
*African American Heritage Hymnal #512*

### Invitation to Offering

Let us approach giving with reverence and joy, knowing it is a privilege to  
partner with God in His work. Let us give with cheerful hearts.

‡ *Please stand as you are able*

**Offertory**      Mother Machree  
*Stanley Graham, Trumpet*      *Written by, Rida Johnson Young*

**Presentation of Offering**      (please stand)      “Doxology”

### Offertory Prayer

As we lift our eyes towards the horizon of hope, we trust in your guiding  
presence. Grant us the courage to let go of our fears, knowing that you are  
with us every step of the way. May this offering be a testament to our  
faith and a symbol of our commitment to building a brighter future  
together. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

### Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God, your Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible and enlightens  
us to hear your Word fresh each day. Help us to rely always on your  
promises in Scripture. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

**Music of Inspiration**      “What A Friend We Have In Mothers”  
*Insert*

**Scripture Lesson**      Old Testament: 1 Samuel 1:21-28

**Leader:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**Sermon**      A Mother’s Passion  
*Rev. Reginald Tuggle*

**Affirmation of Faith**      (please stand)      The Apostle’s Creed  
*Presbyterian Hymnal #14*

### Prayers of the People

**A Tribute to Our Church Mothers**  
*Women of Memorial Presbyterian Church*

**Hymn**      (please stand)      “Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”  
*Presbyterian Hymnal #387*

**Benediction**      (please stand)  
**Recessional**      “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”  
**Postlude**

‡ *Please stand as you are able*

# WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN MOTHER

(In the Tune of, "What a Friend We have in Jesus")

What a friend we have mother,  
We will all our secrets share,  
We should never keep things from her,  
Tell her all, and she'll be there.

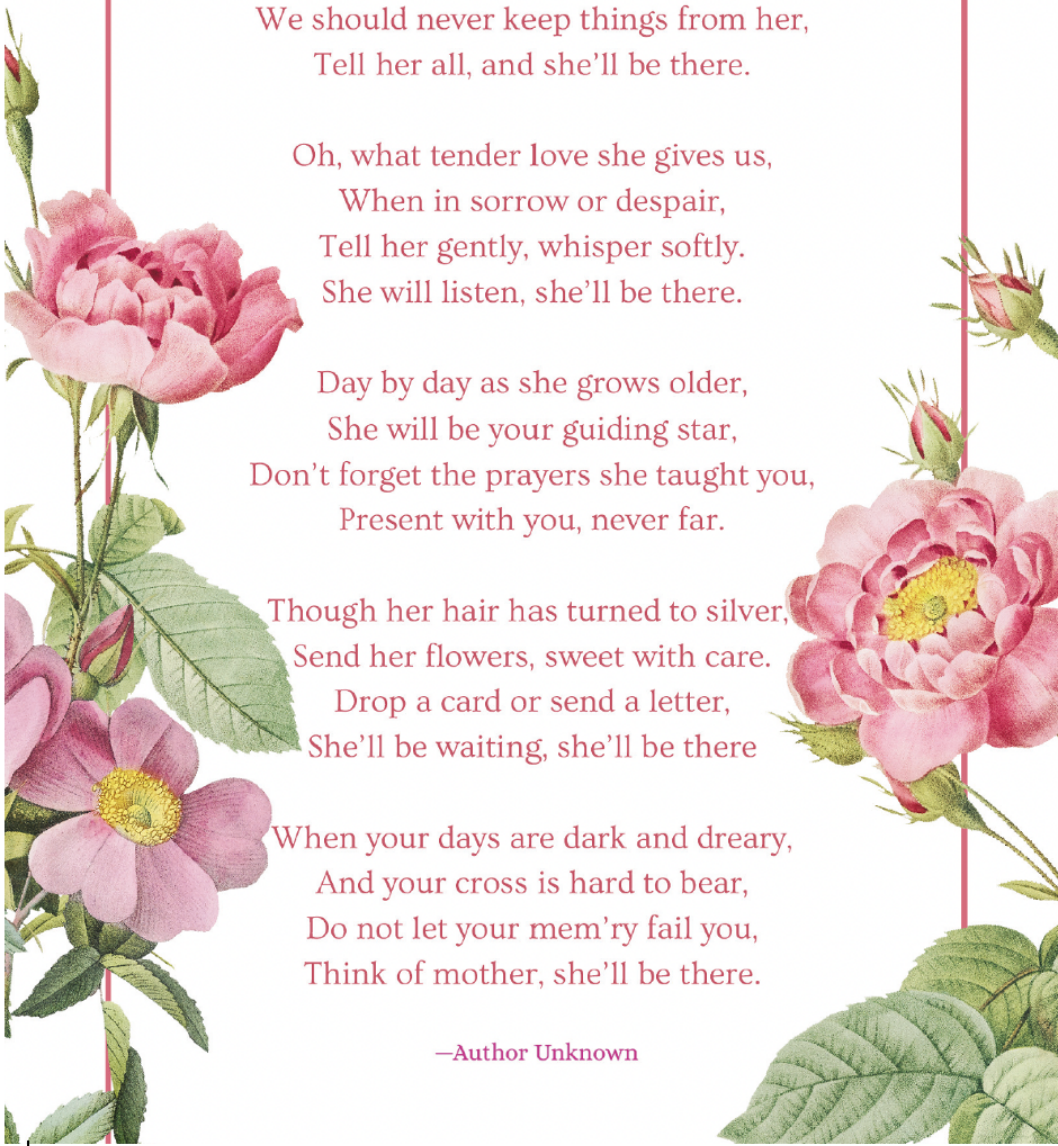
Oh, what tender love she gives us,  
When in sorrow or despair,  
Tell her gently, whisper softly.  
She will listen, she'll be there.

Day by day as she grows older,  
She will be your guiding star,  
Don't forget the prayers she taught you,  
Present with you, never far.

Though her hair has turned to silver,  
Send her flowers, sweet with care.  
Drop a card or send a letter,  
She'll be waiting, she'll be there

When your days are dark and dreary,  
And your cross is hard to bear,  
Do not let your mem'ry fail you,  
Think of mother, she'll be there.

—Author Unknown







## Mission Evangelism and Ministry Team

Raffle Tickets available **TODAY**,  
in the Fellowship Hall after service.

Tickets are \$1.00 per ticket.

Tickets may also be purchased from MEMT members

Delores McNair

Lara Rann

Wanda Hill

Jessie Spicer

Laura McClettie

Judith Cowan

Diane Watkins

Mary Richardson

Belinda Jones-Holt

Winona McCullough

Dorothy Counts Scoggins



## Presbyterian Women

*I came that they may have life and have it abundantly, John 10:10*

Presbyterian Women of Memorial will embark upon their 8<sup>th</sup> year of mission work in partnership with Mr. Kwame Amanfoh, founder of *Victory Vision Care* in rural Ghana. We're collecting gently used prescription eyewear and monetary support for two clinics. Our support will help change lives. *This project begins in February and culminates in June.*

## PW Birthday Offering

PW Birthday Offering is supporting; **Leland Presbyterian and Red Cloud Renewable Lakota Dome Project** in getting adequate housing, construction, healthcare and food access **Yellow Envelopes** have been placed in the pews for your donation. Everyone is invited to help with this project.

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## Announcement

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

## Announcements

Submit announcements by Wednesday of each week  
Email – [mpc2600clerk@outlook.com](mailto:mpc2600clerk@outlook.com) Offering – pay securely at [mpcclt.org](http://mpcclt.org)



### Lifting Our Members In Prayer



Reba Adam  
Jeanne Brayboy  
Sam Cunningham  
George & Sandra Duren  
Willie Little  
Margaret Lucus  
Laura McClettie

Johnny McCombs  
Frieda McGregor  
Mary Richardson  
Lucy K. Roddey  
Alphonso White  
Ulysses Watkins  
Johnny Foster

### South End

Bobbie Harris, Mable Jones, Shirley White

### Transition

**Ms. Antoinette Murphy**, departed this life, after a long illness on Wednesday, May 7, 2025. Arrangements are incomplete. Please keep her family in your prayers.



### Graduates & Advanced Degree Graduates

#### *Memorial and South End*

*Please submit, College, High School and Advanced Degree student information; Name, Picture, Degree achieved as well as accomplishments, awards, etc. All submissions should be directed to the Educating and Equipping Ministry (EEMT) email address, [MPCCharlotte.eemt@gmail.com](mailto:MPCCharlotte.eemt@gmail.com), by May 31<sup>st</sup>.*



## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

### HAPPY *Birthday*

Make someone's day extra special;  
Call, or Send a Card !

### MEMORIAL - May Birthdays



Gayle Dixon 4rd  
Willie Little 7th  
Harryette White 11th  
Cheryl Merritt 17th  
Carol Alexander 24th  
Margaree Hill 24th  
Winona McCullough 24th



### Happy Anniversary

Ray & Cheryl Merritt 15th



### SOUTH END - May Birthdays

Sylvia Diann Hampton 5th  
Pearline Brandon. 8th  
Mason Price 9th  
Jdarius Murphy 22<sup>th</sup>  
Jshaun Murphy 22<sup>th</sup>