



### My Jesus, I Love Thee

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;  
If Ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou has first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;  
If ever i loved Thee, my jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,  
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest be breath;  
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow,  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Written by, William Featherston 1846 - 1873

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

March 23, 2025

*Third Sunday of Lent*



Gwendolyn Pearson, Guest Minister

Josephine Smith, Liturgist

Rev. Charles Mathews, Guest Musician

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude** Hymn Medley  
**Processional** “We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”

*We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord. We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord. And we offer up to You the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and we offer up to You the sacrifices of praise.*

## Call to Worship

Liturgist: To see the life that teems around us,

**People: To give thanks for the gifts we have received;**

Liturgist: To notice the beauty and promise of spring,

**People: To breathe deeply of the season;**

Liturgist: To accept the gift of love, and to love in return:

**ALL: This is to worship God.**

**Hymn of Praise** (please stand) “My Lord! What a Morning”  
*African American Heritage Hymnal #195*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

You have called us together to be the Church, sisters and brothers united by faith, yet we fall into isolation and disunity. You have given all, so that we might love, follow, learn from, and worship God, yet we choose conflicting priorities. You also send us out to speak the Gospel and share our lives in love for one another and our neighbors, yet we prefer our own interest. Forgive us, Lord Jesus, and remind us again of Your design for the Church, Your body. Embolden us by The Holy Spirit to live with You as our head, Amen.

### Prayer of Forgiveness

Here the good new! Christ Jesus died for our sins and rose again so that we may live forgiven and free. Through His infinite love and mercy, we are made whole. Rejoice, for you are a new creation in Christ.

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

### Invitation to Offering

Offering is a form of worship. When we give with a joyful heart, we are honoring and glorifying God. It is an act of surrender and obedience, acknowledging that everything we have belongs to Him. Amen.

## Offertory

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Instrumental

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

### Offertory Prayer

Teach us to give not out of obligation but with genuine joy, understanding that through our acts of giving, we partner with you in your work here on earth. Bless the hands that bring these gifts and the hands that receive them, multiplying their impact for your glory.

### Prayer of Illumination (in unison)

God, whom we know through the scriptures and creation, speak to us in this hour. Show us the wisdom and joy of your ways that we may know what is good and do what is right, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## The Scriptures

Old Testament  
New Testament

Genesis 22:1-13  
Hebrews 11:17-19

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

**People:** Thanks be to God!

## Music of Inspiration

“Here I Am, Lord”  
*Presbyterian Hymnal #525*

## Sermon

**Risky Business**  
Minister Gwendolyn Pearson

**The Apostles’ Creed** (please stand) Presbyterian Hymnal #15  
(Version A)

## Prayers of the People

**Hymn** “Trust and Obey”  
*African American Heritage Hymnal #380*

## Benediction

**Recessional** “Jesus Loves Me”  
*African American Heritage Hymnal #335*

**Postlude** Hymn Medley

‡Please stand as you are able



## Welcome to Our Church

We are so glad you've joined us today, whether in person or online. Our hope is that something - a word, a song, or even a quiet moment - will touch your heart and lift your spirit.

You are always welcome here, and we look forward to seeing you again. Feel free to bring a family member, friend, or neighbor along next time to share in the experience.

If you're interested in becoming a part of our church family, we'd love to hear from you!

- ✝ **Online Visitors:** Please email us or call the church office for more information!
- ✝ **In-person Guests:** Feel free to speak with one of our Elders for details on how to get connected.

We are so excited to have you here and thank you for letting us be a part of your spiritual journey.

*The Memorial Family*



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## March 23, 2025



**Announcements**  
*Third Sunday of Lent*



# 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



Jeanne Brayboy  
Sam Cunningham  
George & Sandra Duren  
Willie Little  
Margaret Lucus  
Johnny McCombs

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

## South End

Pearline Brandon  
Mable Jones  
Bobbie Harris  
Shirley White

**Sunday School is Returning!**

## The EEMT

(Educating & Equipping Ministry Team)

Is excited to welcome all children and youth back to Sunday school in spring of 2025! For sign up and additional information see the flyers in the hallway.

## Pulpit Guests

**March 30 – Rev. Ingram, Guest Minister**  
**Thierry Moss, Liturgist**  
**April 5 – Rev. Busby, Guest Minister**  
**Unknown, Liturgist**



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SHARING HAS BEGUN.  
Now it's up to US!**

**Help end hunger, help make  
repairs after disasters and  
promote self-development  
for all people. PLEASE...**

**Make your donation today!**

*From Presbyterian Church (USA)*



## MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### ELDERS CLASS OF 2025

Samuel Cunningham(1)  
Gayle Dixon(1)  
Laura McClettie(1)  
Wendell Hill(2)

### DEACONS CLASS OF 2025

Brenda Foster(1)  
Belinda Jones-Holt(2)  
Ulrike Hood(1)  
Venita Hood(2)

### TRUSTEES CLASS OF 2025

Roscoe Hood(1)  
Norman Little(1)

### ELDERS CLASS OF 2026

Janet Springs(1)  
Dorothy Counts-Scooggins(1)  
Joyce Cook Woodard(1)  
State Alexander, III(1)

### DEACONS CLASS OF 2026

Winona McCullough(1)  
Gerald Dawson(1)  
Jaren McCombs(1)

### TRUSTEES CLASS OF 2026

Tammy Hill(2)  
Gerald Hood(1)

### ELDERS CLASS OF 2027

Jack Brayboy(1)  
Lara Rann(1)  
Tanita Toliver(1)  
Shirley Johanson(2)

### DEACONS CLASS OF 2027

Nancy Morris(1)  
Linda Rousseau(1)  
Herbert Spicer(1)  
Wanda Hill (1)  
Dianne Watkins(2)

### TRUSTEES CLASS OF 2027

Dorothy Zamora(1)  
Stephanie Counts(1)  
Arthur Griffin(1)  
Cherith Foster(2)  
Frieda McGregor(2)

The number next to the name indicates which term the officer/Trustee is serving

Joyce Cooke Woodard, Clerk of Session  
[mpc2600clerk@outlook.com](mailto:mpc2600clerk@outlook.com)





## THE SESSION CONNECTION

Monthly Update

### Habitat Houses

The dedication for 37th Habitat  
House was held on,  
Saturday, March 15th

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you  
have received to serve others, as faithful  
stewards of God's grace in its various  
forms. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent  
in spirit, serve the Lord." Peter 10:4-11*



## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



### Memorial – March Birthdays

Evelyn Ethridge 29<sup>th</sup>

Corey Phifer 29<sup>th</sup>

Sam Reid, Sr. 26<sup>th</sup>

Laura Rann 20<sup>th</sup>

Larilyn Reid 19<sup>th</sup>

Henri Rumph 1st

Dorothy Scoggins 25<sup>th</sup>

Rev. James Thomas 19<sup>th</sup>

Jocelyn Thompson 30<sup>th</sup>



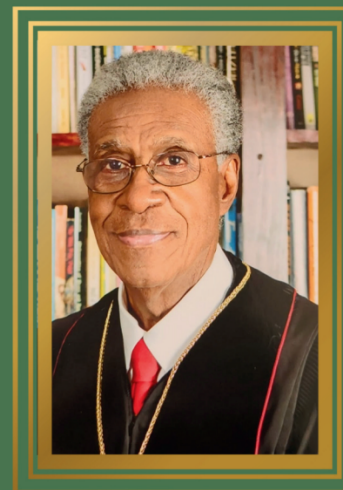
### South End – March Birthdays

Ida Ervin 15<sup>th</sup> and Claude McClinton 26<sup>th</sup>

## PRESBYTERY-OF-CHARLOTTE-E-NEWS BLAST

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## Memorial & South End

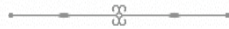
Thank you for your attendance at  
the wonderful Surprise Birthday  
Reception for me last Sunday. I  
was definitely Surprised!  
It truly was a spirit-filled  
event for me.  
I so much appreciated your show  
of love, presence, thoughtful  
cards and gifts.  
To God Be the Glory.

*Rev. Dr. James A. Thomas*

**Mark your Calander's**

**MPC CHOIR**

The choir will meet **TODAY** immediately after services. All current and former choir members are invited to join our “Music Workshop” for lunch, practice and training with a guest music conductor. *Rev. Charles Mathews*



**CLEMENT MEMORIAL AME ZION CHURCH**

The Trustee Board of Clement Memorial AME Zion Church invites you to our annual

*Twelve Tribe Program, March 23, 2025 at 2:00 pm.  
We are asking you to walk with the tribe Zebulun.*

We Look forward to fellowshiping with you as we worship Jesus Christ through song and praises.  
*Rev. Shelia Herron, Pastor*



*All Ladies are invited to attend the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Gathering hosted by Bellefonte Presbyterian Women at Bellefonte Presbyterian Church, 8866 Rocky River Road, Harrisburg, North Carolina, Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025.  
Registration begins at 8:30 am.*

**PRESCRIPTION FOR POSSIBILITY**

**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.



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

*“Nourish Up”*

Memorial PW would like to assist Statesville Avenue Presbyterian Church, Nourish Up (formerly Loaves and Fishes) food pantry. They need non-perishable food items and household paper goods for those experiencing food insecurities. ALL persons are invited to participate. Boxes are located in our Fellowship Hall. Thank you in advance for your help!

