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Working together to follow Christ in joyfully serving our neighbors as compassionate, connected, contributing, everyday disciples

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Last Week's Service

ATTENDANCE

In house: 237

Children: 29

Nursery: 5

Upcoming Worship Service

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jeff Pinkston

Scripture: Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

Message: Preparing for Christmas

Click, tap, or scan the QR code to watch last week's service.



Children's Music Program this Sunday.

Tune into our live stream on YouTube or Facebook starting at 10:28am each Sunday.

End of Year Donations

must be in turned in to the office or post-marked **NO LATER** than **December 31** to count towards your **2025** donations for IRS purposes. **December 31** is a **Wednesday**, and the church office will be open to assist you with this.

Greeters: Trey Horack, Cheryl Simerly

Ushers: Karen Rawls, Kelly Burkhart, Clinton Corbett, Paul Kuto, Van Pundt

Signers: Walter Neely, Leon Daniels

Counters: DeWitt Lauerman, Pam Horack

Flowers: See Sunday's insert for the poinsettias' dedications.

J-Walker Leaders: **Sign up below.**



Stewardship Campaign is open through December 21. Scan or click the QR Code to make your pledge today.

Pledge goal: \$800,000

Pledged to date: \$426,130

Number of pledges: 57

STEEL CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
at Pleasant Hill

**J-WALKER
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

NEW QR CODE!
SIGN UP NOW!

Calendar

To assist with the speed of assembling the weekly calendar here, I will copy the whole public calendar from Church Center. If you do not see your group's event, either it has been cancelled or it is not on the main calendar for any number of reasons. Please call the office and let's see if there is an error that needs correcting.

December

		Refer to your emails
Sat., Dec. 13	Children's Music Rehearsal	
Sat., Dec. 13	Girl Scouts: Troop 1049	10:00am
Sun., Dec. 14	Sunday School	9:30am
Sun., Dec. 14	Worship	10:30am
Sun., Dec. 14	Holiday Luncheon	11:45am
Sun., Dec. 14	Caroling	1:00pm
Sun., Dec. 14	AA	8:00pm
Mon., Dec. 15	Intercessory Prayer Team	11:00am
Mon., Dec. 15	Grief Journey	11:30am
Mon., Dec. 15	Preschool Chapel	12:30pm
Mon., Dec. 15	LWAA Basketball Practice	5:30pm
Tues., Dec. 16	Staff Meeting-Off Campus	11:30am
Tues., Dec. 16	Jesus Has a Jumper Basketball	6:30pm
Tues., Dec. 16	Men's Fellowship	6:30pm
Tues., Dec. 16	Session 2025: Meeting	7:00pm
Wed., Dec. 17	Preschool Christmas Program	8:00am
Wed., Dec. 17	Praise Team	6:00pm
Wed., Dec. 17	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
Thurs., Dec. 18	Beyond the Word	10:00am
Thurs., Dec. 18	Girl Scouts: Troop 1396	6:00pm
Thurs., Dec. 18	Handbell Choir	7:00pm
Fri., Dec. 19	Shut-in Meals	10:00am
Fri., Dec. 19	LWAA Basketball Practice	5:30pm
Sat., Dec. 20	Adult Music Rehearsal	9:30am
Sun., Dec. 21	Sunday School	9:30am
Sun., Dec. 21	Worship	10:30am
Sun., Dec. 21	J-Walkers	10:45am
Sun., Dec. 21	Girl Scouts: Service Unit	2:00pm
Sun., Dec. 21	AA	8:00pm
Mon., Dec. 22	Intercessory Prayer Team	11:00am
Mon., Dec. 22	LWAA Basketball Practice	5:30pm
Tues., Dec. 23	Staff Meeting	11:30am
Tues., Dec. 23	Jesus Has a Jumper Basketball	6:30pm
Wed., Dec. 24	Lovefeast	5:30pm
Wed., Dec. 24	American Legion Meeting	6:30pm
Thurs., Dec. 25	Church Office Closed	All-day
Fri., Dec. 26	Church Office Closed	All-day
Sat., Dec. 27	Girl Scouts: Troop 1049	10:00am
Sun., Dec. 28	Sunday School	9:30am
Sun., Dec. 28	10 cents a meal	10:30am
Sun., Dec. 28	Worship	10:30am
Sun., Dec. 28	J-Walkers	10:45am
Sun., Dec. 28	AA	8:00pm
Mon., Dec. 29	Intercessory Prayer Team	11:00am
Mon., Dec. 29	LWAA Basketball Practice	5:30pm
Mon., Dec. 29	Pub Theology	6:30pm
Tues., Dec. 30	Staff Meeting	11:30am
Tues., Dec. 30	Jesus Has a Jumper Basketball	6:30pm
Wed., Dec. 31	Praise Team	6:00pm

Youth and Parents,

Camp Passport (for ages 6 - 12 grades) registration is OPEN!! I know summer plans seem far away, but this camp is filling fast! We have a group headed out to Camp Passport at Converse College in Spartanburg from July 12 -17, 2026. Are you going? If so, please register at the link below. **SPACE IS VERY LIMITED.**

[Camp Passport - Youth Camp - Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill](#) If you are interested, but the registration is full, please reach out to Chris early.

Epiphany, Holy Communion *Star Sunday*

Will be celebrated on January 4.



We always accept donations of food. The basket is in the main office lobby. Non-perishables. No glass containers. No expired foods. Donate today.

Scottish Heritage Sunday

January 11, 2026

Collect your tartans, your kilts and be prepared to show-off those legs!



Music Ministries

THE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AND CAROLING

Your church family Christmas lunch and fellowship is on Sunday, December 14 following our very special Children's Music Sunday church service.

There will be caroling off campus following the lunch. See Allison Beach for more details.

Don't forget about Saturdays' rehearsals if you are taking part in Sunday's "Children's Music Sunday".

DON'T MISS IT!
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 2025

THIS SUNDAY!

CHILDREN'S MUSIC SUNDAY
DURING 10:30 AM WORSHIP

Join us for the sweetest Sunday of the year as our children and youth share their songs of the Christmas season with us.

Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill • Kaarin Record, Music Director • kaarin@steelecreekchurch.org

UPCOMING EVENTS *presented by* SCPCPH MUSIC

Sunday, December 21, 10:30 am

Songs of the Season

Come celebrate the songs of the season with us at our annual Christmas Music Service as we share the timeless story of hope, joy, and peace on earth. Featuring music by the Sanctuary Choir, Steele Creek Ringers, Praise, voices from the Carolina Voices Singing Christmas Tree, and special guest soprano Kristine Hurst-Wajszczuk, professor of voice and associate dean of the Honors College at University of Alabama at Birmingham.



Sunday's menu is as follows:
Baked turkey, dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, additional sides, and bread.
Bringing a dessert to share is requested.



Music Ministries



J-MUSIC
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

A DIVISION OF SCPCPH MUSIC MINISTRIES

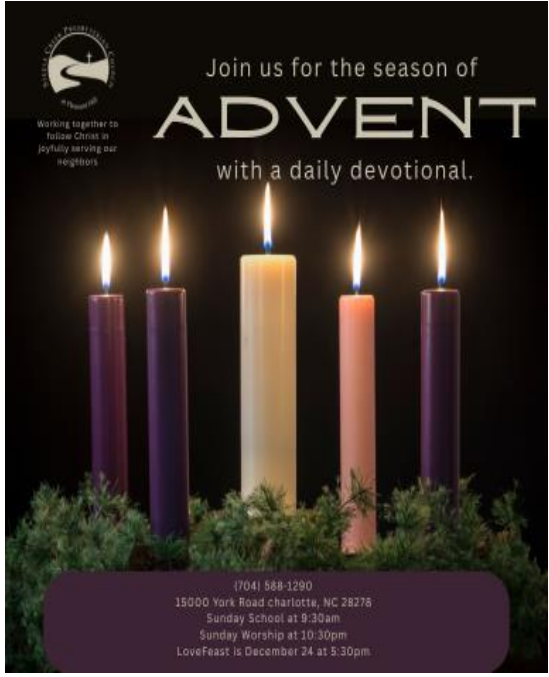
SATURDAY REHEARSAL!
in the sanctuary

J-MUSIC SCHEDULE

SUNDAY <small>(all rehearsals occur during 10:30 am worship unless otherwise indicated)</small>	AGE GROUP <small>(ages 6+ rehearse on odd-numbered Sundays)</small>
10/5	4 - 12
10/12	4 - 5
10/19	4 - 12
10/26	4 - 5
11/2	4 - 5
11/9	4 - 12
11/16	4 - 5
11/23	4 - 12
11/30	4 - 5
12/7	4 - 12
12-13 (9-11 am)	4-12
12/14	4 - 12

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED
AGES 4 - 12 (& SOME OLDER 3s WITH DIRECTOR APPROVAL)
MEETS DURING 10:30 WORSHIP SINGING & A BIBLICAL MESSAGE
CHILDREN OF VISITORS ARE WELCOME!

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Join us for the season of **ADVENT** with a daily devotional.

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(704) 588-1290
15000 York Road charlotte, NC 28278
Sunday School at 9:30am
Sunday Worship at 10:30pm
LoveFeast is December 24 at 5:30pm

Advent Devotional

If you would like to receive a daily email of this devotional, you must sign up here.

[Advent Daily Devotional Signup | SCPCPH](#)

The Advent devotionals have been well received. If you are having trouble getting yours in your inbox, please reach out. There was an Apple update recently, and it seems to have affected a few peoples ability to get the email from our MailChimp service. I can resend or create a work around for you.

Odds, Ends & Events



Tomorrow,
[American Legion Post 221](#)

and people across the nation will lay Christmas wreaths on

the grave of US veterans in all 50 states, at sea, and abroad.

American Legion Post 221 partnered with Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill congregants to lay 100 Christmas wreaths on graves of US Veterans at Steele Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery located at 7001 Steele Creek Road. The signups have ended, but many wreaths remain available. You are invited to come out and lay a wreath on a veteran's grave at this open ceremony. Please reach out to Bill Harraman for details.




Build a Shoebox!
ONLINE

Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill

Our overall goal is 250 boxes for the church. We would love to see them on the stage on November 16 to lay our hands upon and pray over every box.

We do understand families get very busy, and some years it is easier to build and buy an online box. We pray this option eases some of the hassle for you.

The purchase of online boxes will count towards our overall goal of 250 boxes. This goal page will remain available until December 25, 2025.

If you didn't get to fill a shoebox this year and would still like to complete one, you may go to the link and Build a Shoebox online! [Build A Shoebox online](#)

Operation Christmas Child

It's a Wrap!

So you know that SCPCPH went well above our goal of packing shoeboxes as a congregation.....but I wanted to share how our National Collection Week went since our church also served as a shoebox drop-off location for our surrounding businesses, schools, and neighbors.

Here at SCPCPH there were a total of 1,131 shoeboxes dropped off from the surrounding community. Isn't that amazing and awesome!!

Each box was prayed over as it was received, and the boxes were all delivered to the Charlotte processing center. Every one of those shoeboxes is an opportunity to reach a child with the gospel.

There are volunteer opportunities to work in the processing center, not only at this time of year but all year long. Some of our own church members are year-round volunteers for Operation Christmas

Child/Samaritan's Purse.

It all begins with Jesus.....

--Sarah Harkey, SCPCPH OCC Organizer and Drop-Off Leader



Odds, Ends & Events

Christmas Eve Service

Our Christmas Eve service “Lovefeast” will be at 5:30pm on Christmas Eve, December 24. The Lovefeast is a Moravian Church tradition picked up by many Christians throughout the world. Read more here to learn about the history of the Lovefeast. [The Lovefeast – Moravian Church In America](#)

Our Lovefeast will be held during the Christmas Eve service with traditional Moravian wafer cookies and apple cider followed by a closing of candlelight and song.



**JOIN US FOR LOVE FEAST
DECEMBER 24
5:30PM**

**Working together to follow Christ in
joyfully serving our neighbors**
15000 York Road Charlotte, NC 28278

SERVICE WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK.



Ministry Fair Highlights



Missions

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Operation Christmas Child

This week – Sarah, Barbara, Donna and Anne signed up to help process some of the thousands of shoeboxes that had been delivered to the Samaritans Purse Center in Charlotte. Along with hundreds of other volunteers, shoeboxes were sorted, checked, sealed and packed in boxes, ready to make their journey across the sea. Honduras and Guatemala were the destinations for the shoeboxes processed that morning, and it was great to see a video of the delight on the children's faces from last year when they opened their shoebox.

We had a fantastic response this year to the Operation Christmas Child so a BIG THANK YOU to everyone. Next year there will be opportunities to sign up to help with the processing of the boxes. It really is a fun thing to do as you can see by the smiling faces.

If you didn't get to fill a shoebox this year and would still

like to complete one, you may go to the link and Build a Shoebox online!
[Build A Shoebox online](#)



Missions

Painting with Purpose and with God

We recently came together as men of the church to put our faith into action through a hands-on service project. With brushes in hand and a shared purpose, we spent the day painting the interior of a local home, working room by room to refresh walls and bring new life into the space.

Building on drywall repairs completed earlier by a community member, we focused on doing the work well and serving with care. The project was completed on a \$500 budget, with \$456.55 used for paint and supplies.

The home belongs to a foster and adoptive mother caring for a full household across multiple generations. While our goal was simply to serve, we were deeply moved by the response to the finished work. One child, coming home from school, looked around and said the paint made the house look "like new — just as when they first moved in."

Although additional needs remain, the impact of the day reached beyond fresh paint. We were reminded that when we serve together, we strengthen one another and reflect God's love in practical ways.

"Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

— 1 John 3:18



Serving together with purpose and with faith.



Attention to details



Space by space, getting it done.



The Scottish Heritage Golf Tournament was able to raise **\$15,000** to give to Agape Dental Ministry. At the tournament, we posted a thermometer that was colored as the amount grew. After all the accounting was complete, we ended up raising over \$15,000 and held a little back as seed money for next year's tournament.

Would you like to get involved with our annual tournament fundraiser? Reach out to the church office, and we will connect you with a member of the golf committee and help you get involved.



Prayer Concerns

Please be in prayer for the following that they receive peace, comfort, support, healing, strength, and the love of Christ as He knows all the needs of all people. For more details on each, please see Church Center's Prayer List.

Praise

- ✝ Baby Penelope the granddaughter of Joe and Sandra Wood is doing great. The feeding tube is no longer needed. She is now over 11 pounds up from under 2 pounds at birth.

Condolences

- ✝ Condolences to the family and friends of Joyce Carpenter who passed away November 30th. Joyce was a longtime member of our church. Please be in prayer for Dave and the family.

Special, Congregational, and Community Concerns

- ✝ Please be in prayers for the people of Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, and Sri Lanka. Over 1100 people have been killed by the devastating floods and landslides. Many people are still missing and searching is difficult.
- ✝ Please be in prayer for Jamaica and the Caribbean countries affected by Hurricane Melissa. The devastation caused by winds and water have left a number of individuals dead, property damaged and individuals without water and electricity. Pray also for the safety of humanitarian groups headed to these countries to provide help.
- ✝ Pray for food pantries like Nourish Up. With the federal government shut down and the SNAP program expiring, food banks are losing funding and supplies are limited. There are many people still in need of food.
- ✝ Pray for future peace in the

Middle East, Israel, its people, and for the innocent individuals being affected in the Gaza region.

- ✝ DHSS Agencies in both North and South Carolina for the challenges they are facing in carrying out their mission regarding foster children and foster families.
- ✝ Pray for Jackson Roberts, Lynn Roberts' grandson, and the group he's traveling with for 6 months. They are teaching Christianity and life skills as they move from country to country on a mission trip. Currently, they are ministering in the country of Japan.
- ✝ Ukraine and its people.

Life's Issues

- ✝ Jenna Ainsley asks for prayer to give her strength and for the safety for her children.

Ongoing Illness

- ✝ Olivia Eiger, a friend of the Carroll family, is 19 years old and living with Juvenile Onset of Huntington's Disease. Please pray for Olivia as she lives with this debilitating disease
- ✝ Cooper Freeman, III has his prosthesis and is in therapy to learn how to use it. This has been a long journey for Cooper. What a praise to know he is going to be able to walk again. Pray for Cooper as he is in PT learning to use his prosthesis.
- ✝ Kelly Bledsoe is having a number of ongoing health issues. Brenda Bledsoe asked that we lift her daughter up in prayer.

General Health Concerns

- ✝ Larry Briggs is home from the hospital. Please be in prayer for Larry as he recovers from his fall.
- ✝ Dan Puetz a friend of Renee and Leon Daniel's is recovering from back surgery. Please be in prayer for his recovery.
- ✝ Lou Osborn, grandmother of Anne Marie Moore, is in a rehab facility. Unfortunately she had another fall and broke the humerus bone in her arm and had surgery November 15th. Lou needs prayer for healing of the numerous injuries she has as a result of falls.
- ✝ Linda Clark is on hold for having a valve replacement. She is having a difficult time getting around and is using a walker. Please lift her up in prayer.
- ✝ Barbara Freeman has been discharged from the hospital and is doing well. She will be continuing physical therapy at home. Please continue to pray for Barbara as she recovers.
- ✝ Sondra Gillette is out of the hospital in rehab doing good. Terry asks that we continue to pray as Sondra continues to recover.
- ✝ Jeffrey Hovis, grandson of Martha & Leighton Brown is still having trouble getting around and will have one more surgery. Martha & Leighton ask for prayers as he regains the use of his leg and recovers from the accident.
- ✝ Milan was diagnosed with Guillain Barre's Syndrome. This resulted from a vaccine reaction and will be treated with multiple doses of steroids

and other infusions. Having a diagnosis is a relief and now treatment can begin. Continue to pray for Milan as he starts treatment.

- ✚ Ruth McGaha is home recovering from spinal surgery. Ruth has a long recovery period and appreciates your prayers.
- ✚ Pat McCorkle is remaining in White Oak Manor for care. Please be in prayer for her.
- ✚ George and Betty Davis appreciate all your prayers.
- ✚ Carol Boot would like prayers for health concerns.

Cancer

- ✚ John McGloughlin has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Fred Willis asks that we lift up John in prayer during his journey with cancer.
- ✚ Charlie Taylor, Brandon Burkhardt's uncle diagnosed with multiple kinds of stage 3 cancer is having chemo once a week. He has developed blood clots during his treatments. Please be in prayers for Charlie and his family through this tough, long journey.
- ✚ Rick Necklen, the husband of a friend of Ashley Bolender has finished his chemo treatments for adenocarcinoma, a form of esophageal cancer. He is scheduled for surgery on December 15th. Ashley appreciates your prayers for Rick.
- ✚ Preston Meynardie, Meg Salmon's mother was diagnosed with cancer. Please be in prayer for her as she continues her cancer treatment.
- ✚ Mike August, a friend of Mary Turner was diagnosed with stage 3 prostate cancer. He's self-employed with poor insurance coverage. He's concerned about medical bills

and the treatment he is receiving.

- ✚ Ava Barrett, the daughter of a friend of Ashley Bolender, is doing much better but continues chemo treatments. Her next appointment is November 7th. Ava appreciates the continued prayers.
- ✚ Beau Rowe, Barry Small's friend has completed his chemo and radiation. Pray for his healing and for comfort and strength for his family.
- ✚ Jonathan Boot's stomach cancer has returned. Carol Boot asks for prayers for strength and healing for Jonathan.
- ✚ Ron Freeman, a friend of Trent Haston was diagnosed with cancer. He's had surgery and is receiving treatment. The treatment makes him sick, and he's losing weight. Please pray for Ron to be able to better tolerate the treatments.

Important

Thank you for calling the church office to make us aware when someone is in the hospital. We are certain that person and the family appreciates the visitation and prayers.

As a growing metropolis, the Charlotte area has 12 hospitals, and it can be difficult with HIPPA privacy policies to call a hospital and ask if someone is admitted. To assist our Director of Visitation, Dexter Greene, please let us know which hospital the person is admitted.

If you would like to submit a prayer request, private or public, you may:
¹Complete the prayer card in the back of any pew and place it in the offering plate. Mark it as a private or public prayer request. The card will be sent to the Intercessory Prayer Team.
²Email any prayer concerns to IntercessoryPrayerTeam@steelecreekchurch.org
³Submit a prayer concern through Church Center. On the computer go to scpcph.churchcenter.com and select the "Prayer Works" image. If you have the app, scroll down for the "Prayer Works" image on the homepage and select it.

The Intercessory Prayer Team is honored and privileged to pray for your prayer requests. We want to pray for concerns close to your heart. You can also feel to call or text members of the Intercessory Prayer Team, Clinton Corbett, Mamie Gaver, Dexter Greene, Sandi Lauerman or Karen Rawls.

Homebound

Joan Brown	Elaine Kotraba
Bob Capps	Hannah Maurer
Linda Clark	Pat McCorkle
Joyce Carpenter	Sarah Middleton
Dot Earp	Forrest Nunnally
Cooper Freeman, III	Gerry Roberts Kat Sparrow
Katharine Freeman	Margaret Wert
Louise Freeman	Wayne Whiteside

College Students

Spencer Beck	Alexa Hill
Alex Brunson	Kevin Horack
Jacob Economon	Ben Shanti
Joshua Economon	Peyton Snyder
Ethan Fenske	Charlie Warnke
Clay Ferguson	

✦ Pam Garris Bland, a friend of Linda Freeman started chemotherapy treatments for a recurrence of lymphoma. Linda asks that we lift up Pam in prayer.

✦ Raquel Mercer, had a good report from her visit to Duke. No new cancer in the lungs and some spots had decreased in size. Liver is still clear and no new cancer anywhere else. She will continue chemo for now and her next appointment is January 26th. If her tumors continue to recede they may look at some radiation and/or surgery options on those. The family is so thankful for this news. They thank you for continued prayers.

✦ Travelle, the sister-in-law of a friend of Sandi Lauerman, please pray for her as she continues experimental treatment for stage 4 pancreatic cancer. Continue to pray for the long cancer journey she is facing.

Fostering the Family **(FTF)**

✦ Fostering the Family wants prayers for all of the support churches and care communities that are wrapping around vulnerable families.

Military

When we have someone serving outside of the U.S., we remember them, by lighting a candle, until they return. Please be in prayer for them.

✦ Brian Cox, Air Force Reserve, March AFB, California

✦ Claudia Hesse, Coast Guard, Guam

✦ Olivia Hommes, Vance AFB in Enid, OK

✦ Bradley Lauerman, US Navy, Virginia

✦ Dennis Rawls, IV Air National Guard

✦ Lexie Simerly, Army, Tacoma, Washington. Will be transferred to Hawaii in the near future.

✦ Will Warsaw, US Navy, NC

Cindy Sawyer

March 19, 1964—December 9, 2025

On December 9, 2025, church member, Cindy Sawyer, was killed in a car accident on I-85 in Davidson County. A beloved member of both Pleasant Hill Presbyterian and Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill, she served as an Officer of the Cemetery Association for Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Serving for many years, she was a faithful, dedicated and hard worker helping to support people through their difficult times, maintain the cemetery grounds as well as assisting with placing the stones in the Memorial Garden (c. 1996).

Cindy lived with her mother, church member Faye Sawyer, in High Point, NC. If you would like to send a card to her mother or sister, member Melinda Whitaker, reach out to the office for a mailing address for the family. Cindy's family and friends are in our prayers during this difficult time.

Joyce B Carpenter

April 6, 1943—November 30, 2025



Joyce B. Carpenter, 82, of York SC, passed away peacefully on November 30, 2025. Born in Charlotte, North Carolina, on April 6, 1943, Joyce lived a life marked by love, kindness, curiosity, and service to others.

She graduated from Ashley High School and went on to earn an associate degree in business from Kings College. On April 13, 1963, Joyce married the love of her life, David N. Carpenter, beginning a marriage of more than 62 years filled with devotion, laughter, and deep companionship.

Joyce dedicated her career to public service as the Clerk of Court – Probate for the State of North Carolina. She was known for her integrity, patience, and commitment to helping others during some of life's most important moments.

Gifted with a creative spirit, Joyce found joy in sewing, cooking, and square dancing. She loved ringing handbells at church and was always eager to try new things. Travel was one of her greatest pleasures, and Butchart Gardens in Vancouver held a special place in her heart for its beauty and tranquility.

Above all, Joyce treasured her family. She is survived by her devoted husband, David Carpenter; her children, Russ Carpenter (Laurie) and Melissa Ferguson (James); her cherished grandchildren, Nicholas Carpenter (Abby), Cameron Carpenter, Kalyn Carpenter, Autumn Ferguson, and Clay Ferguson; and her brother, Walter D. Belton III. Each of them carries forward her warmth, wisdom, and love.

Joyce's gentle spirit, adventurous heart, and unwavering love for her family will be remembered always. She touched the lives of many and leaves behind a legacy of kindness and grace.

Obituary and photo from <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/gastonia-nc/joyce-carpenter-12635115>