

Rev. Gloria W. Bolden is a Charlotte native and product of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. Her post-secondary education includes career training at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and the University of South Carolina at Columbia. Studies at both institutions supported her B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and Master of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary. She worked 27 years in the engineering field before sensing a call to pastor ministry where she has served for over 25 years. Rev. Bolden lead Saint Paul Presbyterian Church for 23 years while majority of the time concurrently serving as the chaplain at Barber Scotia College.

In addition to pastoring, she dedicated her time to the wider church through local and national leadership roles. She has led various committees within the Charlotte Presbytery, Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, and the General Assembly to including positions such as moderator of the Presbytery of Charlotte and Council. She recently was granted honorably retired mention from the Presbyterian Church (USA).

She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated and has served the sorority in various capacities including 12 years as the South Atlantic Regional Chaplain. She is also proud of her work as the Director of the Shaw University's C.A.P.E. satellite program previously located in Kannapolis.

Rev. Bolden currently serves as the moderator of Woodland Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. She is the mother of 3 daughters: Jacquelyn, Victoria, and Dawn and the proud grandmother of 8 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. She values the many good and perfect gifts received from Almighty God, but the greatest for her is the Holy Spirit.