

## <u>Noreen's Kitchen</u> <u>Tarheel Pie</u>

## **Ingredients**

Pastry for a 9-inch, single-crust pie 1/2 cup butter 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips 1/4 cup all-purpose flour 1/4 cup corn meal

1 cup packed light or dark brown sugar 1 cup (2 ounces) chopped pecans

2 eggs, beaten well

1 teaspoon vanilla paste or extract.

## **Step by Step Instructions**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Line a 9 inch, deep dish pie plate with a single pie crust. Flute edges as desired for a decorative edge. Refrigerate until ready to fill.

Melt butter and place in a bowl with chocolate chips. Stir well until all the chocolate is melted. Set aside.

Combine flour, corn meal and brown sugar together in a separate bowl. Stir well to combine, being sure that the sugar is well incorporated and there are no large chunks.

Whisk eggs and vanilla into chocolate mixture until well combined.

Combine chocolate mixture with flour and sugar mixture, stirring well to combine. Be sure there are not unincorporated pockets of dry ingredients.

Add pecans to the mixture and fold in.

Pour filling into prepared pie shell.

Bake for 30 to 40 minutes or until the top of the pie looks dry and brownie like.

Remove from oven and place on a rack to cool completely before serving.

This pie is very rich and delicious. Sweetened whipped cream is recommended as an accompaniment.

The texture of this pie is like a very fudgy, almost undercooked brownie underneath a crackly chocolate crust.

Enjoy!