



**CREATION CAMP
2021
June 6 - 10
Camp Kirkwood
“Lord, teach us to pray.”
THE LORD’S PRAYER**



Friends of Kirkwood and local congregations of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina will sponsor Creation Camp 2021 during the week of June 6 - 10 at Camp Kirkwood. This year’s theme is “Lord, teach us to pray.” We will learn more about the Lord’s Prayer.

Campers are ages completed kindergarten - completed sixth grade. Junior staff are ages completed sixth grade - completed high school. Adult volunteers are welcome! All COVID-19 protocols will be observed to ensure the safety of campers and staff.

Lindsay Skidmore is our church’s registrar. Registration began on Sunday, March 21, so be on the lookout for information from Lindsay. This is going to be a great week of fun and fellowship at Camp Kirkwood.



Birthdays In April



1- Gregory Miller
8- Kristin Robison Cottle
9- Kelli Norris
Mary Laine Rouse
10- John Bullard
17- Bruce Lyon
Callie Jane Cottle
Emily Ludlum

19- Joey Fussell
24- Harper Ludlum
25- Elizabeth Wells Merritt
26- Ginger Black
29- Vann Blake
30- Eduardo Moreno
Sam Rose



NEWSLETTER

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

APRIL 2021

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2



“Symbols of Suffering and Salvation”
Pre-recorded and available online on April 2
www.wallacepresbyterian.com



Music, scripture readings, the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
Hosted by
The Beulaville Presbyterian Church and the Wallace Presbyterian Church

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4

7:00 a.m. Early Easter Service, First Baptist Church, Wallace



9:00 a.m. In person worship at WPC
The Celebration of the Lord’s Supper
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

11:00 a.m. In person and live stream worship at WPC
The Celebration of the Lord’s Supper
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
Nursery available for children 2 years and younger





Dear Friends,

The Jewish Festival of the Passover and the Christian Festival of Easter always occur close in time, although they can sometimes happen as much as a month apart. This makes sense since Jesus was in Jerusalem at Passover time when he was arrested, crucified, buried, and raised from the dead. This year, Passover and Holy Week overlap exactly, with Passover beginning on Saturday, March 27 and running through Sunday, April 4, and Holy Week beginning on Palm Sunday, March 28 and running through Easter Sunday, April 4.

As we gather at the Lord's Table for communion on Good Friday night and Easter morning, we remember Jesus sharing the bread and cup with his disciples as they celebrated the Passover meal. Jewish believers today still observe the ritual of the Seder meal, in which they act out the story of Passover. It is a celebration of God liberating his people from slavery in Egypt and from under the oppression of the Pharaoh. As the meal is shared around the table, the story is told. But it's not just ancient history that is shared; it is told in the first person. The children are taught and the adults are reminded, "We commemorate Passover tonight because of what God did for us when we went out of Egypt" (even if the story is being told in April 2021).

As Jesus sat at the table with his disciples and celebrated the Passover, "he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'" (Luke 22:19) And so we remember Jesus' death during Holy Week. But we also celebrate his victory over sin

ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

At the Tuesday, March 16, 2021 stated session meeting, the elders and minister:

- * were led in an opening devotion and prayer by Elder Wayne Casteen;
- * conducted the meeting as a worship service;
- * read God's Word in John 12:20-26 and discussed an article "Will the Congregation Come Back?";
- * approved the minutes of the February 16, 2021 stated session meeting;
- * approved a request from the minister for vacation Tuesday - Monday, April 20 - 26;
- * approved extending an invitation to Rev. Jerrod Lowry, General Presbyter/Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, to preach on Sunday, April 25;
- * heard a report from Elder Darleen Weller and Rev. Philip Gladden about the March 6, 2021 stated meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina;
- * reviewed plans for Good Friday and Easter Sunday worship services;
- * approved a recommendation from the Worship & Music Ministry Team concerning the use of recorded music in worship;
- * approved a grant application to the Hunger Committee of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina from the directors of the Helping Hands Food Pantry;
- * approved updates (primarily Book of Order references) to the church's Manual of Operations;
- * prayed for members of the congregation and the community;
- * were led in a closing prayer by Wayne Casteen.

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information



- * **We will host a COVID-19 vaccine clinic** sponsored by the Duplin County Health Department in our Fellowship Hall on Thursday, April 1 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- * **We will have two worship services on Easter Sunday, April 4.** The 9:00 a.m. service will be in person only. The 11:00 a.m. service will be in person and live streamed. We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at both services.
- * **We will receive** the annual One Great Hour of Sharing Offering during worship on Easter Sunday, April 4.
- * **The session** will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. If you have any business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or the minister.
- * **Rev. Philip Gladden** will be on vacation Tuesday, April 20 - Monday, April 26. Please contact Clerk of Session Hope Turnbull (910-284-2813) in an emergency.
- * **Rev. Jerrod Lowry**, General Presbyter/Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, will be our preacher on Sunday, April 25.



Hospital & at home:

Cathy Wells (Pender Memorial Rehab)
Judy Robinson (home)
Dan & Eva McLaughlin (The Gardens)

Verlie Wells (The Gardens)
Bruce Lyon (Dayspring)



**FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/
BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING
SUNDAY, April 25**



As public school students returned to class mid-March, this monthly offering becomes even more important to provide much needed food for students whose families are experiencing economic hardship. Thank you for your generous support.



REV. JERROD LOWRY TO PREACH ON SUNDAY, APRIL 25

Rev. Jerrod Lowry will be our preacher on Sunday, April 25. Rev. Lowry serves as the General Presbyter/Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. Prior to beginning that call in October 2018, he was pastor of the Community of Grace (PCUSA) in Sandy, Utah for eight years. He was ordained in 2006 in the Presbytery of New Hope and is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary in Atlanta. Rev. Lowry is married to Molly. They have three children and live in Wilmington.

and death through his resurrection. This is why the two men dressed in dazzling clothes in the tomb say to the scared women, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.” (Luke 24:5) Even though we remember Jesus every time we break bread and drink from the cup, the Lord’s Supper is not a memorial meal honoring a dead hero from the past. When we gather around the Lord’s table, we remember what Jesus did for us during the Passover celebration 2,000 years ago and we include ourselves in the story. We might say, “We commemorate Easter because of what God did for us when he raised Jesus from the dead.” We enjoy communion with one another and with our risen, living Lord Jesus Christ.

The 20th century Spanish philosopher George Santayana is credited with the saying, “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” As Easter people, we are called to remember what God has done in the past. In God’s past with God’s people, including us, we find our hope for the future. If anything, Easter is a celebration of the amazing new thing God has done in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. However, God’s new thing is not just a thing of the past. In fact, the power of Christ’s resurrection is always breaking into our lives and guiding us. It is true that at Easter we remember the past so we can live into God’s future.

Happy Easter!

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

Phil



**COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC AT
WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Thursday, April 1, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

For ages 18+ — Call 910-296-2389 to make your appointment

**CALL CENTER OPEN FOR
COVID-19 VACCINATION
APPOINTMENTS**

Appointments are now open for Groups 1 thru 4 -healthcare workers, older adults, essential workers, and adults at high risk/medical conditions - to receive the COVID-19 vaccine through the Duplin County Health Department at community events.



910-296-2389

- 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Lines are open until all appointments are full.
- Information needed for registration: full name, date of birth, phone number, address, and insurance information if insured.
- Call volume is high, so please be patient, remain on hold, or call back if the line is busy.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

Easter Sunday, April 4

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program

Self-Development of People

Presbyterian Hunger Program



The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

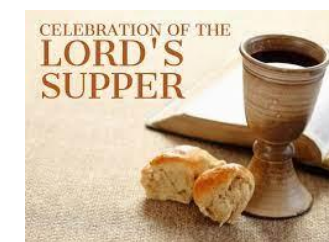
Good Friday, April 2

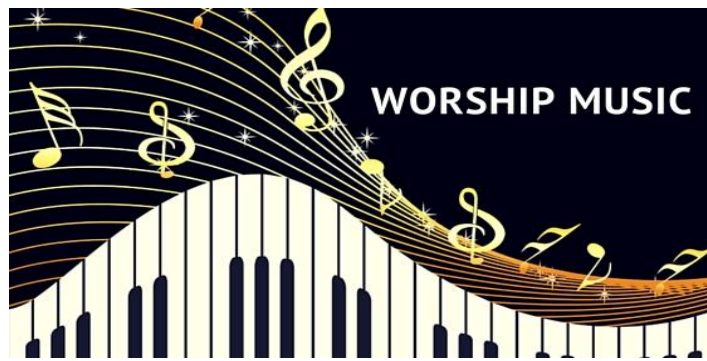
This service is pre-recorded and will be available at 7:30 p.m. on our church website at www.wallacepresbyterian.com. Please have your elements of bread and cup ready so you can participate in the communion with our Lord and one another.

Easter Sunday, April 4

Our 9:00 a.m. worship service will be in person only. Individual, pre-packaged communion sets will be available as you enter the sanctuary.

Our 11:00 a.m. worship service will be in person and live streamed. Individual, pre-packaged communion sets will be available as you enter the sanctuary. If you are worshipping online, please have your elements of bread and cup ready so you can participate in the communion with our Lord and one another.





MUSIC POLICIES UPDATED

The session has approved the following music policies as recommended by the Worship & Music Ministry Team. These policies are contained in our church's Manual of Operations.

MUSIC POLICIES

Music may serve as presentation and interpretation of Scripture, as response to the gospel, and as prayer, through psalms and canticles, hymns and anthems, spirituals and spiritual songs. (Book of Order, W3.0203; W-3-0304).

Music plays a vital role in worship at the Wallace Presbyterian Church. We use vocal and instrumental music to pray together, to offer corporate praise to God, to give thanks to God, to grow in the Christian faith, and to proclaim God's Word. Music in WPC worship is meant to encourage the congregation to participate in worship. Whether we are listening to preludes played on the organ or piano, anthems sung by the choir, offertories rung by handbells, or larger musical works accompanied by instruments, WPC musicians offer their gifts in ways that nurture and inspire a listening congregation.

1. All music at Wallace Presbyterian Church is selected in consultation with the Music Director and the Organist.

2. As technology and digital capabilities grow, WPC continues to encourage live accompaniment for choirs, vocalists, and instrumentalists. When an accompanist is providing service music, he/she will accompany the congregation, the choir, instrumentalists, or guest musicians.

3. In extenuating circumstances (e.g., both the Music Director and Organist are unavailable, COVID-19 pandemic, etc.) the following types of recorded music are acceptable for a worship service:

- A recorded instrumental accompaniment for the choir, smaller group of singers, or soloist (e.g., anthem, special music)
- A previously taped recording (audio or video) of the choir, smaller group, or soloist singing
- A purchased recorded accompaniment for the choirs (if necessary, e.g., cantata, children's musical, VBS music)

From Phil

Prayers of the People



As a result of Zoom conversations with my Presbyterian pastor colleagues, I have been thinking about the Pastoral Prayer in worship, especially since our services are live streamed, reach a much larger audience than previously, and are available to anyone and everyone to watch.

My policy has always been (as much as possible) to ask permission from someone before sharing prayer concerns with the congregation, either in a congregational email or in public worship.

My pastor colleagues have suggested that prayer concerns in public worship, especially in live stream services that are widely available, be limited to names. I think this is wise advice, even with an individual's permission.

In consultation with the session, I will follow this procedure for the weekly pastoral prayer in worship:

1. I will send a weekly email to the congregation at the end of the week that includes prayer requests with information (e.g., upcoming surgeries, treatments, deaths, recoveries, etc.).

2. In the introduction to the pastoral prayer each week, I will refer people to the weekly email if they want specific prayer request information. If someone is not on the church email list, he/she can contact Cheryl and be placed in the email group.

3. In the weekly Pastoral Prayer, we will pray for people by name only, trusting God to know and care for their specific needs). There will also be a time provided for the congregation to offer the prayers, concerns, and joy of their hearts and lives to God.

I encourage you to share joys and concerns with me via email (drphil@wallacepresbyterian.com), by text (910-284-6563), or by calling the church office (910-285-2808).

I offer this approach as a part of my pastoral care to the congregation.

April 2021

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WPC Calendar
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March 2021	April 2021	May 2021
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Palm Sunday 28 10:00 AM Zoom Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) Feed Our Hungry Children /Backpack Ministry 1:00 PM Eagle Scout Service Project	7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study 29	10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study 30	10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study 31	Mundy Thursday 1 9:00 AM COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic, Fellowship Hall	Good Friday 2 7:30 PM Worship Service on Church website/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	
Easter Sunday 4 7:30 AM Early Easter Service, First Baptist Church 9:00 AM In Person Worship with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper 11:00 AM Worship (In-person and live-stream) with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/One Great Hour of Sharing Offering-Nursery provided for 2 years & younger	Church Office Closed 5 10:30 AM Circle #1: Room 304 7:00 PM No Monday night Zoom Bible Study	10:30 AM Circle #3: Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Circle #4: Via Zoom 6	10:00 AM No Zoom Bible Study 7			
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