



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Rev. Dustin and Sherri Ellington, in Lusaka, Zambia, Africa.

Please silence your cell phones.

**All who are able may stand.*

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

January 1, 2017

11:00 A.M.

The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(During this time the friendship pads are passed to be signed.)

Minute for Mission

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Sentences

Elder Curt Simpson

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: We will be glad and rejoice in it.

Leader: This is the year that the Lord has begun.

All: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

All: They are new every morning. Great is God's faithfulness!

Leader: The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to those who seek him.

All: Let us worship our God!

"He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore."

Hymn #137 in Glory to God, "He Came Down"

*Hymn #151

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

KINGS OF ORIENT

"If I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart."

Christina Rosetti, "In the Bleak Midwinter"



*Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, yours are the seasons and the ages. Give us a new heart and a new spirit. Lord, have mercy. Jesus Christ, you are the beginning and the end of all that is, including our lives. Make a new beginning with all of us. Christ, have mercy. Lord Jesus, you breathe your Spirit on all creation. Make our old world new again. Lord, have mercy. Have mercy on us, Lord, and let your forgiveness and love come down on us day after day. Lead us to everlasting life. In your name we pray; hear our prayers, O Lord . . .

(A time for silent confession . . .)

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The Word is very near to us, in our hearts and on our lips.

All: In Christ, we are forgiven. Our lives are made new and our future of hope is restored. Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

Special Music

Unison Prayer for Illumination

*O God, open our understanding of your Word. Help us to see the possibilities you set before us as your children when we turn from our own ways and live by your truth. Strengthen our faith and love. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.***

Epistle Lesson

Romans 12:1-2

Elder Curt Simpson

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Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

+Page 783

Sermon

"What I Can I Give Him"

Dr. Philip K. Gladden



"The magi, as you know, were wise men, wonderfully wise men who brought gifts to the Babe in the manger. They invented the art of giving Christmas presents."

O. Henry, "The Gift of the Magi"



A Time for Silent Reflection

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*The Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

*Hymn of Preparation #145

"What Child Is This"

GREENSLEEVES

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving with the Lord's Prayer

The Distribution of the Elements

The Prayer after Communion

*Hymn #694

"Great God of Every Blessing"

AURELIA

*Our Unison
Benediction was
written by
Christine Sine
and posted on
"Godspace," a
community blog.*

*Unison Benediction: Affirmation for the New Year

God is the eternal rock
From year's beginning to its end
God is faithful
In each day God is present
In each action God comes close
Through all eternity
God is trustworthy
Yesterday, today and forever
Sustaining, enlivening, making all things new
God is the eternal rock

Choral Benediction

*Postlude

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+The page number in the pew Bible.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 1		HAPPY NEW YEAR!
	9:40 am	Opening Assembly
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship with Communion
Monday, January 2		Church Office Closed
	10:30 am	Circle #1: Church Office Building
Tuesday, January 3	10:30 am	Circle #3: Joyce Ange
	6:30 pm	Presbyterian Men, Wallace Presbyterian Church
	7:00 pm	Circle #4: Ginny Blackney
Wednesday, January 4		No Wednesday Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Handbells
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **This morning** we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. All who have been baptized in the name of Jesus Christ and put their trust in him as Lord and Savior are welcome at the table.
- **The church office** will be closed on Monday, January 2 in observance of the New Year's holiday.
- **Presbyterian Men** will meet at the Wallace Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, January 3 at 6:30 p.m. All men are welcome to join us for supper and Bible study.
- **Elder Jim Sills** will be our preacher next Sunday, January 8.



*The Poinsettias in the sanctuary today are given by
Cameron & Emily Lee in loving memory of Bill &
Mary Emily Browder.*

2017

Happy New Year



GREETERS

01/01: Ann Carter & Bobby Ives
01/08: Joe Tillman & Judy Holley

USHERS

Dan Robinson, Leader
Tim Peppe R.J. Peppe
Chuck Farrior Kevin Johnson

Opening Church Building
January 1-15: Charley Farrior
January 16-31: Curt Simpson

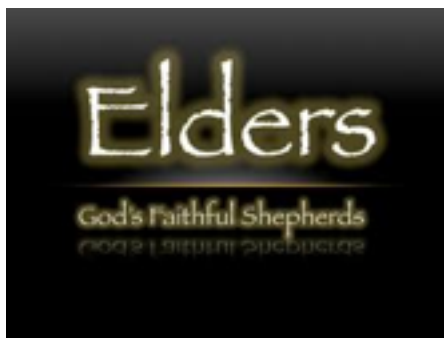


YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS
12/18: Ellie Carone & Madelyn Coombs
12/25: Sarah Pearl Farrior & Hill Lanier



Lee Baker-at home, **Joe Dormagen** (Verlie Wells' son-in-law), **Betty Hall**, (Rosemary) **Wright Lanier Family**, **Philip Longest family**, **Mr. & Mrs. Ray Matthews**, **Amy Moss** (breast cancer, sister of Debbie Thomas) **Graham Phillips family**, **John DeNatale**-cancer (Mary Carone's brother) **Brison Ricker** 15 years old in Michigan, diagnosed with inoperable brain tumor) **John Rau family**, **Judy Robinson**, **Randy Thomas**-(Don Thomas' brother-by-pass surgery-Charlotte), **George Walker**-Rosemary, **Kelsea Webster**, **Verlie Wells**-Rosemary, **Members and friends in the armed services: Jason Payne.**

(When you request a name to be put on the prayer list, please notify the church office when you wish it to be taken off)



Annual Session Retreat
Saturday, January 14
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
At the church

On Saturday, January 14, our elders and minister will be on their annual session retreat at the church. Our session will be worshipping, praying, studying God's Word, enjoying fellowship, and seeking to discern God's will for our congregation. Please keep our elders and minister in your prayers. They will be praying for you!

Class of 2017

Wayne Casteen
Vera Coombs
George Francis
Brenda Long
Jim Sills

Class of 2018

Nick Baker
Ann Carter
Nell Sloan
Joe Tillman
Susan Walters

Class of 2019

Linda Burroughs
Dean Hanson
Geneva Maready
Jason Rouse
Curt Simpson