



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

January 8, 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

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Wren

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God,
all creatures high and low.*

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Praise God, in Jesus fully known. Creator,
Word, and Spirit one.*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Opening Sentences

Elder Jim Sills

Leader: We come to worship because for us to live is Christ.

All: We live for Christ, we live by Christ, we live with Christ, we live through Christ, we live in Christ.

Leader: God of grace, let Christ be praised in all we say and do,

All: in all we think and speak,

Leader: in this hour of worship,

All: and in every moment of our lives. Amen.

*Hymn #610

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

AZMON

"The backslider likes the preaching that wouldn't hit the side of a house, while the real disciple is delighted when the truth brings him to his knees."

Billy Sunday, professional baseball player during the 1880's, America's most influential evangelist in the early 20th century

Today's Prayer
of Confession is
from the United
Church of
Christ's Worship
Ways Archive.

"A man who first
tried to guess
'what the public
wants,' and then
preached that as
Christianity
because the
public wants it,
would be a
pretty mixture of
fool and knave."

C.S. Lewis,
Letters to
Malcolm:
Chiefly on
Prayer

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, before you and your people, we confess that we have been reluctant to speak out clearly, naming the injustice we see and declaring your vision. Before you, O God, and one another, we confess our reluctance to receive our calling as your people, made by you and chosen as witnesses to your dream of justice and joy. Remind us, O God, that you have made us for your service and recharge us with your Word. Renew us, O God. Grant us courage to live out your way of peace and grace. We ask this in Jesus' name. Hear our prayers, O Lord . . .

(A time for silent prayers of confession . . .)

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God has promised that whenever we repent and seek a new union with God, forgiveness is ours.

All: That promise comes true now. We know that in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven. 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

Anthem

"Here I Am, Lord"

arr. Mary McDonald

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!

Thou art the potter. I am the clay.

Mold me and make me after Thy will; while I am waiting, Lord, yielded and still.

Here I am, Lord. It is I, Lord! I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, where You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

Here I am, Lord! Here am I!

"It ain't those parts of the Bible that I can't understand that bother me, it is the parts that I do understand."

Mark Twain

The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me."

Martin Luther

"The Holy Scriptures require a humble reader who shows reverence and fear toward the Word of God, and constantly says, 'Teach me, teach me, teach me. . . The Spirit resists the proud.'"

Martin Luther

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 4:16-30

+Pages 835, 836

*Hymn #318

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

MCKEE

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 22:23-33

+Page 804

Sermon

"Where Are Ya From?"

Elder Jim Sills

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

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 #772

"Live into Hope"

TRURO

*Benediction

Choral Benediction

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me” Vasile

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

*Postlude

*All who are able may stand.

+The page number in the pew Bible.



ANNUAL SOUND RETREAT!!

“Hearing and Speaking the Psalms”

February 10-12, 2017, at the beautiful Trinity Center, on Bogue Sound, Outer Banks, N.C. Great Leaders, Delicious food, Rest & Relaxation, Spiritual renewal, Fellowship & Fun, Worship, All ages welcome! The upcoming Retreat has great news, all Youth attending the Retreat will be **FREE!**

Our spiritual leader for the adult program will be Reverend Bill Goodnight, Retired Pastor of the Lillington Presbyterian Church. Reverend Goodnight is serving as the stated supply Pastor at the Oak Plain & Potts Memorial Presbyterian Churches. We will also have an exciting youth program for our school age kids, led by Rachel Whaley Doll, Director of Christian Education, Winter Park Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, NC.



Dr. Bill Goodnight



Rachel Whaley Doll

It will be a stimulating and exciting time! Watch the church's bulletin board and website <http://wallacepresbyterian.com> for more information on our Sound Retreat! Have a blessed day!

Louis DiDomenico
Sound Retreat Chairperson



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 8	9:40 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 5:00-7:00 pm	Opening Assembly Sunday School Worship, Elder Jim Sills, preacher Second Sunday on Main Youth Fellowship
Wednesday, January 11	10:00 am 6:00 pm 7:15 - 8:15 pm 7:30 pm	Bible Study, Church Office Building Handbells Bible Study, Room 304 Choir Practice
Saturday, January 14	9:00 am—2:00 pm	Session Retreat at Church

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Thanks to** Elder Jim Sills for being our worship leader and preacher this morning.
- **Please join** the minister for a Bible study on Luke 2:21-40 on Wednesday, January 11 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. (Church Office Building) or 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. (Room 304).
- **Our session members** will be on their annual retreat here at the church on Saturday, January 14. Please keep our elders and minister in your prayers as they worship, study God’s Word, pray, and seek to discern God’s guidance for our congregation in 2017.



During the months of January and February, Dr. Phil will preach from Gospel stories about Jesus when he was a baby, a young boy, and just beginning his public ministry (baptism and temptation). These sermon texts are provided now so you can read and pray about them and prepare to come to worship and hear God’s Word.

January 15	Luke 2:21-40	Baby Jesus is named and dedicated
January 22	Luke 2:41-52	The boy Jesus in the Temple
January 29	Luke 3:1-17, 21-22	The Baptism of Jesus
February 5	Guest Preacher	Rev. Jerry Bron
February 12	Guest Preacher	Rev. Jerry Bron
February 19	Luke 4:1-13	Jesus’ temptation in the wilderness
February 26	Luke 9:28-36	The Transfiguration of Jesus



GREETERS

01/08: Joe Tillman & Judy Holley

01/15: Lois Edgerton & Georgia Longest

USHERS

Dan Robinson, Leader

Tim Peppe

R.J. Peppe

Chuck Farior

Kevin Johnson

Opening Church Building

January 1-15: Charley Farior

January 16-31: Curt Simpson



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

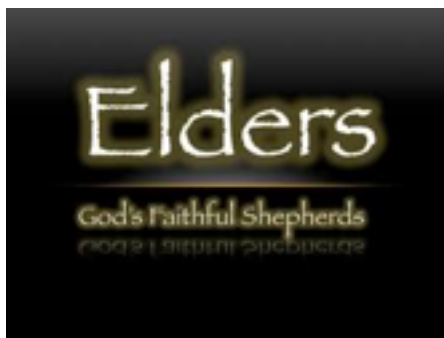
01/08: Elizabeth & James Sills

01/15: Cameron & Reese Blue



Lee Baker-at home, **Jack Blackney** (recovering from gall bladder surgery), **Joe Dormagen** (Verlie Wells' son-in-law), **Betty Hall**, (Rosemary) **Wright Lanier Family**, **Mr. & Mrs. Ray Matthews**, **Amy Moss** (breast cancer, sister of Debbie Thomas) **John DeNatale**, (Mary Carone's brother) **Brison Ricker** (15 years old in Michigan, diagnosed with inoperable brain tumor) **Joyce Rau**-broken ankle, **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**. **William Krupitzer**-(Linda Burroughs nephew).

(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