



# 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 17, 2021

11:00 A.M.

### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

**"Be Thou My Vision"**

setting by Carol Klose

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night.  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Sentences

*Leader: Let us worship the One who calls us.*

**All: Here we are, called by the One who lived and died and rose to live again among us.**

*Leader: Here we are, bringing our everyday selves to praise and to pray, to know the Holy One in the midst of our lives.*

**All: Let us worship the One who calls us.**

Hymn #452

**"Open the Eyes of My Heart"**

OPEN THE EYES

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Lord, have mercy: For the sin of silence, for the sin of indifference, for the secret complicity of the neutral. Christ, have mercy: For the closing of doors, for the closing of hearts and minds, for the refusal to see with eyes wide open. Lord, have mercy: For all that's been done, for all that is left undone, for our failure of nerve, courage, and will. Let there be remembrance, regret, and resolve, O Lord: that we would know our sins, be sorry for them, and have the courage to live freely in the light of your grace. Let there be forgiveness, that all your children, at last, may know your peace. We pray to you, Lord. Hear our prayers . . .**

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

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

*But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" -- these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. 1 Corinthians 2:9-10a*

*Today's Prayer of Confession is taken from a worship service at Baylor University.*

*"Faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe."*  
St. Augustine (354 - 430 A.D.), bishop of Hippo on North Africa

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

*Leader: The Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.*

**All: As we have confessed our sins, God has been faithful.**

*Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, sisters and brothers, our sins are forgiven.*

**All: 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

Prayer for Illumination

**Open our ears, O God, that we might hear your Word speaking to us in this moment. Open our ears, O God, that we might listen for your voice calling to us through scripture. Open our ears, O God, that we might understand your promises. Open our hearts, O God, that we might enter into the love you offer us. Amen.**

*"When in the dark night of suffering sagacity cannot see a handbreadth ahead of it, then faith can see God, since faith sees best in the dark."*  
Søren Kierkegaard (1813-1855), Danish philosopher and theologian

Old Testament Lesson

*Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18*

Gospel Lesson

*John 1:35-51*

Sermon

**"The See-Saw of Faith"**

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The  
**LORD'S**  
Prayer

## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*"My knowledge  
of that life  
is small,  
The eye of faith  
is dim;  
But 'tis enough  
that Christ  
knows all,  
And I shall be  
with Him."*

*Richard Baxter  
(1615-1691),  
English Puritan  
minister, from  
"Lord, It Belongs  
Not to My Care."*

### Offertory

**"Open the Eyes of My Heart"** setting by Larry Moore

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see you; I want to see you;  
To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.  
Pour out your power and love as we sing  
Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.  
Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy;  
I want to see you.*

### 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 #451 (verses 1 & 3) **"Open My Eyes, That I May See"** OPEN MY EYES

Benediction

Postlude



*"As no  
darkness can  
be seen  
by anyone  
surrounded by  
light, so no  
trivialities can  
capture the  
attention of  
anyone who  
has his eyes  
on Christ."*

*Gregory of  
Nyssa (c.330-  
c.395), bishop  
of Nyssa in  
Cappadocia,  
Asia Minor*



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 17                      10:00 am Zoom Sunday School Classes  
   11:00 am Worship in person and online  
Monday, January 18                      7:00-8:00 pm Bible Study Via Zoom  
Tuesday, January 19                      7:00 pm Session Meeting Via Zoom  
Wednesday, January 20 10:00-11:00 am Bible Study Via Zoom

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \* **Please join** the minister for a Zoom Bible Study on either Monday, January 18 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. or Wednesday, January 20 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. This week we will enjoy good fellowship and talk about Mark 1:14-20, the inauguration of Jesus' public ministry and the call of his first disciples. Check your email on Monday for the Zoom invitations/links.
- \* **The session** will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, January 19 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.
- \* **Next Sunday** the session will ordain and install three Ruling Elders in the Class of 2023. To be ordained and installed: Kelli Norris. To be installed: Hayes Ludlum, Greg Maready.



### 2021 SESSION

**Philip K. Gladden, Moderator**

**Hope H. Turnbull, Clerk**

#### CLASS OF 2021

Wayne Casteen  
Sam Rose  
Lindsay Skidmore

#### CLASS OF 2022

Fred Burroughs  
Patsy Ludlum  
Darleen Weller

#### CLASS OF 2023

Hayes Ludlum  
Greg Maready  
Kelli Norris



### FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING

**Sunday, January 24, 2021**



Although this year's school schedule is different right now due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this offering will help stock the shelves for backpack food to be distributed when students are able to return to their schools. Thank you for your generous support.