



# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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We support Presbyterian Church (USA) mission co-workers,  
Rev. Dustin and Sherri Ellington, in Lusaka, Zambia, Africa.

*Please silence your cell phones.*

*\*All who are able may stand.*

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

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 22, 2017

11:00 A.M.

### 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"**

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*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 Brenda Long

*Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!*

**All: We long to be where you are; to stand in your very presence,  
and to behold you, face to face!**

*Leader: We have come to this place today.*

**All: We have gathered together to worship you, to offer the praise  
which belongs to you alone.**

*Leader: Bless us as we worship you together, and as we open our  
hearts and minds to your presence among us.*

**All: For you alone are our God, the One in who we trust.**

\*Hymn #402

**"How Lovely, Lord"** (Psalm 84)

MERLE'S TUNE

*Our first hymn, by  
Presbyterian  
minister Arlo  
Duba, is based  
on Psalm 84.  
Verse 1 is from  
Psalm 84:1-4;  
verse 2 from  
Psalm 84:10; and  
verse 3 from  
Psalm 84:11.*

*"I was glad when  
they said to me,  
'Let us go to the  
house of the  
Lord!'"*

*Psalm 122:1*

"If you ask why we should obey God, in the last resort the answer is, 'I am.' To know God is to know that our obedience is due to him."  
C.S. Lewis

"As worship begins in holy expectancy, it ends in holy obedience. Holy obedience saves worship from becoming an opiate, an escape from the pressing needs of modern life."  
Richard Foster, Christian theologian and author in the Quaker tradition

### \*Unison Prayer of Confession

*Eternal God, we confess that while our lips have said one thing, our lives have said another. We honor you one day, not the next. We live our love for you at some times, and become very selfish at other times. Sometimes we love the light and sometimes we live in darkness. We have failed to love you with all our heart and to be good stewards of your creation: Lord, have mercy. We have failed to take up the cross of discipleship and to be good stewards of your gospel: Christ, have mercy. We have failed to be faithful members of your church and to be good stewards of your spiritual gifts: Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us for Christ's sake. Amen.*

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

### Responsive Assurance of Pardon

*Leader: Hear the good news!*

**All: Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**

*Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.*

**All: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

*Leader: Believe the good news of the gospel:*

**All: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.**

### \*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

#### "One Song"

Pepper Choplin

*When God's people are wounded by holy war,  
And brother fights brother in the name of the Lord.  
I find myself praying that it won't be too long 'til we all join together in one song.  
When God's family is broken, each goes his own way.  
And I feel so lost, I don't know what to pray.  
But still I'll go forward to follow the call to join people together in one song.  
One song, like the one sung in heaven. One song, united in love.  
There will be no division. Everyone will belong  
As we stand before Christ singing one song.  
So come and build bridges and tear down the wall.  
Let our love for each other be a witness to all.  
They will see us united, and we'll sing it out strong  
As we praise our Great Savior in one song.*

"The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing."

Stephen Covey,  
American author,  
businessman,  
keynote speaker

## Unison Prayer for Illumination

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. For the Word of God written, for the Word of God proclaimed, for the Word of God made flesh, we give you thanks, O Lord. May your everlasting Word be written on our hearts this day.*

**Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

*Psalm 84*

Elder Brenda Long  
+Pages 472, 473

\*Hymn #370

**"This Is My Father's World"**

TERRA BEATA

Gospel Lesson

*Luke 2:41-52*

+Pages 833, 834

Sermon

**"First Things First"**

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

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 #175

**"Seek Ye First"**

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\*Benediction

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Jesus  
(in Mark 12:  
30-31)

## Choral Benediction

*"I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."*

Romans 12:1



**"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.

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



Dr. Bill Goodnight



Rachel Whaley Doll

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 22	8:30 am	Sound Retreat Planning Meeting
	9:40 am	Opening Assembly
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship/Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering
	5:00-7:00 pm	Youth Fellowship- Movie at Church & Out to Eat
Monday, January 23	5:15 pm	PW Coordinating Team Meeting, Blue Room
Wednesday, January 24	10:00 am	Bible Study, Church Office Building
	6:00 pm	Handbells
	7:15 - 8:15 pm	Bible Study, Room 304
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Today** we take up our monthly Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering. For the period 7/1/16 - 12/31/16: 2,925 food packs delivered to seven schools in Duplin County; donations totaling \$26,241 from 25 churches and organizations and 15-20 individuals; ending bank balance as of 12/31/16 of \$17,182 (includes \$3,500 designated for 2017 summer food). Thank you for your generous support of this community ministry!
- **The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team** will meet tomorrow evening, January 23, at 5:15 pm, in the Blue Room.
- **Please join** the minister for a Bible study on Luke 3:1-17, 21-22 (the baptism of Jesus) on Wednesday, January 25 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. (Church Office Building) or 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. (Room 304).
- **Congratulations** to J and Joell Parker on the birth of their son, Richmond Henry, on Friday, January 13 (7 lbs. 14 oz., 21.5 inches). Bella Peach and Ireland are his proud big sisters.
- **Congratulations and thanks** to these church officers for 2017: George Francis, Clerk of Session; Nick Baker, Assistant Clerk of Session; Wayne Casteen, Treasurer; and Curt Simpson, Corporation President.

You must define your  
**why** before you can  
begin with the **what**  
and the **how**.



## GREETERS

01/22: Emily Saunders & Effie Mobley

01/29: Art & Cheryl Raymond

## USHERS

Dan Robinson, Leader

Tim Peppe

Chuck Farrior

R.J. Peppe

Kevin Johnson

Opening Church Building  
January 16-31: Curt Simpson



## YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

01/22: Garrett Bullard & Rance Creech

01/29: Madelyn Coombs & Ellie Carone



**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**, **Lock Saunders** (recovering from breast cancer surgery, treatments), **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)



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 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