

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

The Beatitudes are the agenda for kingdom people. They are not simply about how to behave, so that God will do something nice to you. They are about the way in which Jesus wants to rule the world."

N.T. Wright, (born 1948), English New Testament

scholar and

Anglican bishop

"Most people are willing to take the Sermon on the Mount as a flag to sail under, but few will use it as a rudder by which to steer."

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr. (1809-1894),

American

physician and poet

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 2, 2020

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

"Lord, Prepare Me"

SANCTUARY

Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Opening Sentences

Elder Clav Blue

Leader: With what shall we come before the Lord as we gather this sabbath day? What does God desire?

People: God desires that we do justice and love kindness and live in humility before God and with one another.

*Hymn #643

"Now Thank We All Our God"

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, few of us misunderstand you all of the time, but all of us misunderstand you some of the time. Your thoughts on happiness – Your ideas of giving – Your way of making whole –

These are not always our ready choices. Your ways too often are not our ways. Forgive us Lord. Give us faith, we pray, to risk a dangerous hope to be ready to think as you teach and to act as you lead. May our lives be a more true reflection of your abiding love for us and the world each day. May we be a representative presence of you in the world blessing all whom we meet. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

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

"We need to build up society in light of the Beatitudes. walking towards the Kingdom with the least among us."

Pope Francis

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon Leader: Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ, who

chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame. People: Let us rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great; Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace.

*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

Elder Lindsay Skidmore

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Holy God, your blessings are abundant, and your wisdom exceeds our grasp. Fill us with your Spirit as we hear your word this day, that we may be justice seekers and peacemakers, sharing your life among those who are forgotten, weak, or persecuted, and revealing to all your glory. Amen.

Micah 6:1-8

"The basis for the ethics of the Sermon on the Mount is not what works. but rather who God is." Stanley Hauerwas (born 1940), professor emeritus of

> Theological Ethics at Duke

Divinity School

*Hymn #738

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" **MARYTON**

Elder Clay Blue

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Gospel Lesson +Pages 785, 786 Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon "Silly God" Rev. Cynthia Williams

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

God said to
Abram, "I will
bless you so that
you will be
a blessing."
Genesis 12:2

*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 #450

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

"Blessed are the cracked, for they shall let in the light." Groucho Marx *Benediction

*Choral Benediction

"Amen" African American

Amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

*Postlude

*All who are able may stand.

+The page number in the pew Bible.











SOUPER BOWL OF CARING HUNGER OFFERING Today! Following Worship

The final score of tonight's Super Bowl LIV has yet to be determined, but we already know that our Helping Hands Food Pantry at the Wallace

Presbyterian Church will be a big winner because of today's Souper Bowl of Caring Offering

This offering was started by a Presbyterian Youth Fellowship Group in South Carolina and has spread to many other organizations. All money raised nationally remains local and supports many different ministries of assistance, such as our church's food pantry.

On your way out of worship today, drop a few dollars into the Souper Bowl of Caring. Thanks!





Sunday, February 2 Opening Assembly 9:40 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship/Rev. Cynthia Williams, preacher 11:00 am Souper Bowl of Caring Offering Circle #1: Room 304 Monday, February 3 10:30 am Disaster Recovery Group of Duplin County 6:00 pm Meeting, Fellowship Hall Tuesday, February 4 Circle #3: Fellowship Hall 10:30 am 6:30 pm Presbyterian Men, Mt. Zion PC, Rose Hill Circle #4: Room 304: Harriet Farrior Hostess 7:00 pm Wednesday, February 5 10:00-11:00 am Bible Study, Room 304 7:00 pm Choir Practice

WEEKLY CALENDAR

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **We welcome** Rev. Cynthia Williams as our guest preacher today and we thank Sharon Robison for providing the musical accompaniment in today's worship service.
- * **Presbyterian Men** will meet on Tuesday, February 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church in Rose Hill. All men are invited for supper and Bible study.
- * **Please join** the minister for a Bible study on Matthew 5:13-20 on Wednesday, February 5 from 10:00 11:00 a.m. in Room 304 (across from the Music Room). This scripture passage will be the sermon text for Sunday, February 9.



You Are Invited!

New Members Classes

Sunday, February 9 Sunday, March 1

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Room 304 (across from the Music Room)

Come and learn more about the history, mission, ministry, and future of the Wallace Presbyterian Church and how you can be involved in our church family.

The classes are open to all who are interested in learning more about the Wallace Presbyterian Church.



02/02: Susan & Ellie Carone 02/09: Ellie Newton & Gloria Wells

Joe Tillman, Leader Cameron Lee

USHERS

Kevin Johnson Jim Sills



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

02/02: Henry & Piper Moore 02/09: Ayden & Camryn Fussell **GREETERS**

Sam Rose

02/02: Freddy & Rhonda Hall 02/09: Greg & Geneva Maready

Opening Church Building February 1-15: Curt Simpson



Andrea Casteen (cancer treatments), Jeff Cavenaugh (stage 4 lung cancer), Andrew DeNatale (Mary Carone's brother), Joe Dormagen (Verlie Wells' son-in-law), Shella Farrior (recovering from surgery) George Hatch (cancer treatments), Karen Howard, (pancreatic cancer, wife of David White-friends of Curt Simpson), Hill Lanier, Maxine Lien, (cancer, friend of Harvey Knowles), Frank Lettieri, (cancer treatments). Amy Moss (breast cancer, sister of Debbie Thomas). Jennifer Raynor (Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome), Judy Robinson, Rodney Rogerson (Kidney Transplant, friend of Nell Sloan), Joe Tillman, (chemotherapy treatments), Leah Wallace & family (on the death of her mother on 12/30), Ronnie Watson (non-Hodgkins Lymphoma, stem cell transplant), Andy Wells (Headmaster at HCA-Neuromyelitis Optica), 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).





2020 MINISTRY TEAMS

Here is the leadership of our 2020 Ministry Teams of the Session:

Outreach: Christy Johnson, Fred Burroughs, Patsy Ludlum

Christian Education: Lindsay Skidmore

Worship & Music: Dan Robinson

Stewardship & Finance: Clay Blue, Wayne Casteen

Building & Grounds: Sam Rose Congregational Care: Darleen Weller

Personnel: Darleen Weller