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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 SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 1, 2020

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 **"Wondrous Love"** American Folk Hymn, 1811

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

Opening Sentences

Elder Jason Rouse

Leader: After he was baptized by John, Jesus went by himself to the wilderness where he was tempted.

All: Forty days in the desert, Jesus was tempted to become relevant, spectacular, and powerful.

Leader: Today, we begin the journey with Jesus through the season of Lent, which brings us to face some of our own weaknesses and temptations.

All: Let us worship God and walk the journey together, seeking the Spirit as our guide and companion along the way.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: God, you know our hearts. You have knitted our inmost being and you know our deepest desires, fears and worries. Help us to journey during this Lenten season into a new awareness of your presence in our lives. Save us from our own temptations, so that we may more freely follow you. Amen.

"And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one."

Matthew 6:13 in the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible

*"Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil."
Matthew 6:13 in The Message*

*Hymn #824

"There Is a Place of Quiet Rest"

MC AFEE

Today's Prayer
of Confession is
adapted from a
prayer written by
Moirá Laidlaw
and posted on
Liturgies Online.

"Temptation is
the devil looking
through the
keyhole. Yielding
is opening the
door and inviting
him in."

Billy Sunday
(1862-1935),
baseball
outfielder in the
National League,
American
evangelist

"Temptations are
never so
dangerous as
when they come
to us in a
religious garb."

Dwight L. Moody
(1837-1899),
American
evangelist and
publisher

"Once Upon a
Tree" is a
celebration of
the story that
lives in every
believer and
points TOWARD
the hope of
resurrection.

*Unison Prayer of Confession (*inspired by Matthew 4:1-11*)

Gracious and merciful God, we confess to you our reluctance to enter the wilderness places where we are confronted with our true selves: the places where we are tempted to put worldly values before our desire for you, and when our hunger for power and wealth is greater than our hunger for seeking and doing your will. Forgive us when we are tempted to use the gifts you give us to benefit ourselves at the expense of serving others. Forgive us when we are tempted to use sensational means to increase people's faith, rather than being guided by the humility of Christ. Forgive us when we are tempted to manipulate you, O God, to satisfy our own needs. Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you. Forgive us our sins and fill us with the joy and peace of your salvation. Strengthen us with your Spirit during this Lenten season that we may put our whole trust in you as confidently as Jesus did. This we pray in his name. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

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

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

Leader: *Friends, the promises of God are true:*

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Leader: *He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross*

All: that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.

Leader: *In the name of Jesus Christ*

All: 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

P.A.T.H. Offering

Anthem

"Once Upon a Tree"

Pepper Choplin

*Once upon a tree, a good man died, and though He did no crime, He was crucified.
If the story ended there, I would have no song to share, but my heart will ever sing the story.
Once upon a tree, so the story goes, and all its mystery surely no one knows.
Could the Father's will be done through the suffering of His Son?
And there comes the answer, "Once upon a tree."
For God so loved the world, He gave His priceless pearl. What greater love could there be?
He died, He rose again, still the story doesn't end, for His spirit is living in me.
What tale of human love could there ever be told?
What song could compare with the one I hold?
Through everything I am and through everything I'll be,
Let me sing my story, "Once Upon a Tree."*

Prayer for Illumination

Lord of life, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that as we hear these words they may become your living Word for us; to the glory of our living Lord Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

"God is better served in resisting a temptation to evil than in many formal prayers."
William Penn (1644-1718), member of the Religious Society of Friends and founder of the colony of Pennsylvania

"We usually know what we can do, but temptation shows us who we are."
Thomas à Kempis (1380-1471), German-Dutch theologian, author of *The Imitation of Christ*



Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 3:1-13

Elder Jason Rouse
+Pages 2,3

*Hymn #166

"Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days" ST. FLAVIAN

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 4:1-11

+Page 785

Sermon

"You're Not You When You're Hungry" 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: **"A Declaration of Faith" Presbyterian Church (U.S.)**

Jesus lived a truly human life. Jesus was what we are. He grew up in a family and a society troubled by the common problems of the world. His knowledge was limited by his time and place in history. He felt deeply the joy of friendship and the hurt of being rejected. Jesus prayed, struggled with temptation, knew anger, and was subject to suffering and death. He was like us in every way except sin. Jesus was what we should be. He served his Father with complete trust and unwavering obedience. He loved all kinds of people and accepted their love. In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit, Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to keep him from loving God with his whole being and his neighbor as himself. We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be. He exposes our failure to live as he lived. He demonstrates the new humanity God promises to give us through him.

*Hymn #275

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN' FESTE BURG

"Whatever your heart clings to and confides in, that is really your God."

Martin Luther (1483-1546), German priest and professor of theology, Protestant Reformer

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

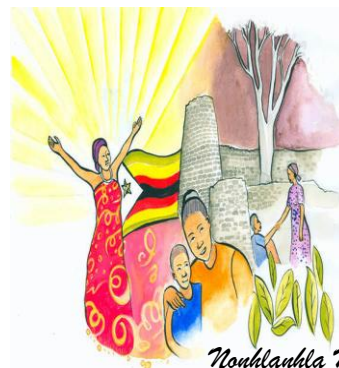
"Were You There" African American Spiritual
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*

+The page number in the pew Bible

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020



Nonhlanhla Mathe

Wallace Presbyterian Church

Friday, March 6, 2020

Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk

World Day of Prayer will be held at Wallace Presbyterian Church on Friday, March 6, at 10:00 am. Wallace United Methodist Women will lead the program. This year the women of the World Day of Prayer Committee of Zimbabwe call us to worship with the words: "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk."

The World Day of Prayer 2020 program is based on Jesus' encounter with a person who, although positioned for healing, had not acted upon the opportunities given. Jesus asked –"Do you want to be made well?" You are faced with this life-changing question. What are you going to do? "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk," said Jesus. Our sisters from Zimbabwe are taking Jesus' encounter to be a call to act in love for peace and reconciliation. "The action verbs suggest that we should not be afraid to act on the word of God. God is offering us the steps for personal and social transformation."

We are empowered to take up our mats. No more waiting powerlessly on the mat. As expressed in the World Day of Prayer 2020 painting by Nonhlanhla Mathe, let us give a healing hand to the needy, let us embrace children with love as their future is ahead, and let us open our arms in joy as the time to rise up has come. This is the time for change! Everyone is invited to attend this annual prayer service.



Zimbabwe



World Day of Prayer Zimbabwe Committee

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 1	FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT	
	9:40 am	Opening Assembly
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship/P.A.T.H. Offering
	3:00 - 5:00 pm	New Members Class, Room 304
Monday, March 2	10:30 am	Circle #1: Room 304
	6:00 pm	Disaster Recovery Group of Duplin County meeting, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, March 3	10:30 am	Circle #3: Fellowship Hall
	6:30 pm	Presbyterian Men, Oak Plain Presbyterian Church
Wednesday, March 4	10:00-11:00 am	Bible Study, Room 304
	6:00 pm	Handbells
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday, March 6	10:00 am	World Day of Prayer, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, March 7	9:30 am-2:00 pm	Meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, Jones County Civic Center, Trenton, NC

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **Today we receive** our quarterly (March, June, September, December) P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) offering. This offering supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina which, in turn, funds feeding programs for children in Haiti and Malawi. The Hunger Program also provides funds for congregational food ministries such as our Helping Hands Food Pantry.

* **Presbyterian Men** will meet on Tuesday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Oak Plain Presbyterian Church in Rose Hill for supper and Bible study. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.

* **Please join** the minister for a Bible study on John 3: 1-17 on Wednesday, March 4 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in Room 304 (across from the Music Room). This scripture lesson will be the sermon text on Sunday, March 8.

* **The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina** will hold its 118th stated meeting on Saturday, March 7 at the Jones County Civic Center. Elder Fred Burroughs and Rev. Philip Gladden will attend from our congregation. Please keep elders, ministers, and presbytery staff in your prayers as the presbytery meets.

Spring Schedule: March



Our spring Bible lessons will be based on kids' favorite fruits. God created a world full of yummy fruits that are sweet to eat and also give us vitamins and minerals our bodies need to stay healthy. These fruits will also show us some of the other great blessings God has given us in this world, as well as ways He wants us to live. Memory Verse: *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit, apart from me you can do nothing."*

March 1: Bananas- The Most Useful Fruit
 March 8: Apples- Bye, Bye Doctor
 March 15: Cranberries- Through the Flood

March 22: Coconuts- What's Inside
 March 29: Grapes- Sticking Together



03/01: Noel, Cameron & Reese Blue
 03/08: Tracy & Piper Moore

USHERS
THIS MONTH

Charley Fariior, Leader
 Curt Simpson Bill Carone
 Rick Batchelor Jonathan Fussell



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

03/01: Madelyn & Robert Coombs
 03/08: Elizabeth & James Sills



GREETERS

03/01: Bill & Susan Carone
 03/08: Art & Cheryl Raymond

Opening Church Building

March 1-15: Jason Rouse



Andrea Casteen (cancer treatments), **Jeff Cavanaugh** (stage 4 lung cancer), **Andrew DeNatale** (Mary Carone's brother), **Joe Dormagen** (Verlie Wells' son-in-law), **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), **Doug Kennedy** (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**, (recovering from surgery), **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).



You Are Invited!
New Members Classes
Sunday, March 1
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
“What We Believe as Presbyterians”
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.