

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

"May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the

Apostle Paul, Galatians 6:14

world."

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 SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2017

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

arr. Wagner Attie C. Carlton Handbells

Welcome and Announcements

(During this time the friendship pads are passed to be signed.)

Minute for Mission

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Choral Call to Worship

"Spirit of the Living God"

Iverson

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Opening Sentences

Elder George Francis

Leader: Lent calls us to journey, this and every day, following Jesus wherever he leads us.

All: Lent calls us to journey: to the place where God covenants with us, to receive the new names we are given.

Leader: Lent calls us to worship together, to tell future generations the good news.

All: Lent calls us to practice justice, to bring God's hope to all people.

Leader: Lent calls us to faithful living, to trust the One who gives us life.

All: Lent calls each of us to take up our cross, to trust the One who bears it with us.

Leader: Lent calls us to journey with God.

All: Let us worship God, who walks with us, this and every day.

*Hymn #401

"Here in This Place" (Gather Us In)

GATHER US IN

"Lord Jesus, you are my righteousness, I am your sin. You took on you what was mine; yet set on me what was yours. You became what you were not, that I might become what I was not."

Martin Luther, 16th century reformer

"... looking to
Jesus the
pioneer and
perfecter of our
faith, who for the
sake of the joy
that was set
before him
endured the
cross,
disregarding its
shame, and has
taken his seat at

the right hand of the throne of God."

Hebrews 12:2

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, Jesus revealed the great depth of your love in his determination to defeat evil even when this meant giving up his own life. Forgive us, O God, when we allow the power of evil to flourish because we fear that taking up one's cross would be just too costly an exercise. Gracious and loving God, forgive our lack of trust in you; Have mercy on us and forgive us. Help us when we hesitate, and strengthen us when we are weak. Breathe your Spirit afresh into our hearts, minds, and lives, so that we have the courage to follow Jesus wherever he takes us. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

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

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear and believe these words about God's amazing grace, "Faith was reckoned as righteousness...to us who believe in the One who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death because of our sins and was raised for the sake of our righteousness." (Romans 4:20-25)

All: grace experienced through Jesus' sacrificial love, as forgiveness of sins. 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

P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) OFFERING

Children's Sermon

Anthem

"I Come to the Cross with Near the Cross" arr. Larson I come to the cross seeking mercy and grace,

I come to the cross where You died in my place.

Out of my weakness and into Your strength; Humbly I come to the cross. Your arms are open, You call me by name, You welcome this child that was lost. You paid the price for my guilt and my shame, Jesus, I come to the cross.

Jesus, keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain, Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain. In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,

Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;

Help me walk from day to day with its shadows o'er me.

Jesus, I come to the cross.

"For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him

Apostle Paul, 1 Corinthians 2:2

crucified."

"We give glory to you, Lord, who raised up your cross to span the jaws of death."

St. Ephrem the Syrian, 4th century A.D. Christian deacon and hymn writer

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, reveal your presence to us this day as we journey this path with your Son. Through all of life's trials and tribulations your Word sustains us for the journey ahead. Send your Spirit upon us that we might listen, discern, and take heart. Be near us this day and may your Word stay with us and dwell with us forever: through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

Epistle Lesson

Elder George Francis 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 +Page 926

*Hymn #228

"Were You There"

WERE YOU THERE

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 27 (Hymn #90 in Glory to God) +Page 437 New Testament Lesson

Acts 2:14-42

+Pages 885, 886 Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Spirit of God"

"Crucified, But Lord and Messiah"

McChesney Attie C. Carlton Handbells

*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 Christ Hymn (Philippians 2:5-11) Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

"The cross is not a symbol for general human suffering and oppression. Rather, the cross is a sign of what happens when one takes God's account of reality more seriously than Caesar's. The cross stands as God's (and our) eternal no to the powers of death, as well as God's eternal yes to humanity."

Stanley
Hauerwas,
professor
emeritus of
ethics at Duke
Divinity School
and Duke
School of Law

*Hymn #264

"At the Name of Jesus"

KING'S WESTON

*Benediction

Choral Benediction "There Is a Redeemer"

Green

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son, And leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done. Amen.

*Postlude

*All who are able may stand.

+The page number in the pew Bible.



Prayer Shawl Ministry Team Celebrates Their Second Year Anniversary On January 18, 2017

Members:

Mary Ayres
Shirley Carlton
Laura Hinson
Sandy Ward
Pat Wilson

Cindy Barrow Marilyn Frater Dottie Obenour Vanessa Ward Christy Wintrode

Mary Carone Susie Gaus Carol Potter Joan West

In the second year 87 prayer shawls were made. We gave away 66 prayer shawls 1 lap blanket 3 baptism shawls 9 baby afghans

We are very grateful for the generous donations to our ministry provided through our fellowship dinners sponsored by Congregational Care Ministry Team, Yarn donations, and money donated by the congregation that enabled us to provide these wonderful handmade items.

We have sent prayer shawls to Boston MA; Cedar Springs MI; Cape Cod MA; Indialantic FL; Philadelphia, PA; Atlanta GA; Annapolis, MD; Texas; Surf City, NC; Connecticut; Wisconsin; California; Utah; South Carolina; Raleigh, NC; Chicago, IL; New York City, NY; and Romania.

We are thankful for our ministry team and their interest in creating lovely prayer shawls for lovely people. If you can knit or crochet and would like to join our Ministry Team, please contact Dottie Obenour or one of the members. Thank you and God Bless.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 5	FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT	
•	9:40 am	Opening Assembly
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship with P.A.T.H. offering
	12:15 pm	Covered Dish Luncheon & Mission Program
	5:00 - 7:00 pm	Youth Fellowship
Tuesday, March 7	6:30 pm	Presbyterian Men, Oak Plain PC
Wednesday, March 8	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
Thursday, March 9	12 noon	Lenten Worship & Luncheon,
		Wallace United Methodist Church
Friday - Saturday, March 11-12		Presbytery Middle School Retreat, Camp
		Kirkwood

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- This morning we receive our quarterly P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) offering.
 This offering supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. The Hunger
 Program provides food for children in Haiti and Malawi as well as grants for congregational food
 ministries, such as our Helping Hands Food Pantry. Thank you for your generous contributions!
- Bruce and Barbara Lyon were received as members of our congregation by transfer from the North Raleigh Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, NC at a called session meeting last Sunday afternoon at the Rosemary Rest Home in Rose Hill. Bruce is a resident at The Rosemary and Barbara lives in River Landing. Welcome!
- Please join the minister for a Bible study on Mark 8:27 9:1 on Wednesday, March 8 from 10:00 11:00 a.m. (Church Office Building) or 7:15 8:15 p.m. (Room 304).
- The first Lenten worship service will be Thursday, March 9 at 12 noon at the Wallace United Methodist Church. Speaker: Rev. Philip Gladden. You are invited to stay for a light lunch after worship.



Wallace United Methodist Church Worship & Lunch 12:00 PM

Thursday, March 9, 2017

Rev. Philip Gladden (Wallace Presbyterian Church) preacher Lunch to follow

Thursday, March 16, 2017

Rev. Al Thompson (First Baptist Church) preacher Lunch to follow

Thursday, March 30, 2017

Rev. Buck Garrison (Bethel Wesleyan Church) preacher Lunch to follow



03/05: Bill & Susan Walters

03/12: Joey Fussell & Mary Carone

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Joe Tillman, Leader Jim Sills Dave Wells

Sam Rose Harvey Knowles

Opening Church Building
March 1-15: Chuck Farrior

March 16-31: Dave Wells



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

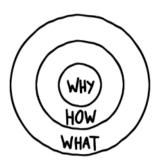
03/05: Madelyn Coombs & Ellie Carone

03/12: Garrett Bullard & HIII Lanier



Joe Dormagen (Verlie Wells' son-in-law), Linda Guglielmi (death of her husband, Ralph), Betty Hall, (Rosemary) Wright Lanier Family, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Matthews, Amy Moss (breast cancer, sister of Debbie Thomas) Matthew Parks (16 years old, snow-sledding accident, broken back, paralysis; parents are college friends of Hope Turnbull) Brison Ricker (just celebrated his 16th birthday- His brother Preston has just been diagnosed with thyroid cancer) Joyce Rau-broken ankle, Judy Robinson, 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)



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

What is Our Why?

Our Ministry & Mission catalog describes twenty-three ministry programs and opportunities to serve in our church. Have you ever wondered "Why?" Why do we do all of these ministries?

Join your fellow Christians for a conversation about "What Is Our Why?" on Sunday, March 5, following worship. Dr. Phil will lead us in discussion about what is most central in our life as a congregation and how our "why" is the basis for "how" and "what" we do in our ministry and mission.

Please join us immediately after church in the Currie building for a covered dish luncheon sponsored by the Wallace Presbyterian Women.