



# 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

**March 8, 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 Linda Burroughs

*Leader: Lent calls us to journey,*

**All: following Jesus wherever he leads us.**

*Leader: Lent calls us to worship together,*

**All: to tell future generations the good news.**

*Leader: Lent calls us to practice justice,*

**All: to bring God's hope to all people.**

*Leader: Lent calls us to faithful living,*

**All: to trust the One who gives us life.**

*Leader: Lent calls each of us to take up our cross,*

**All: to trust the One who bears it with us.**

*Leader: Let us worship God,*

**All: who walks with us, this and every day.**

*"God's love was  
revealed among  
us in this way:  
God sent his only  
Son into the  
world so that we  
might live through  
him. In this is  
love, not that we  
loved God but  
that he loved us  
and sent his Son  
to be the atoning  
sacrifice for our  
sins."*

1 John 4:9-10

\*Hymn #452

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

OPEN THE EYES

*"Lent is a time for discipline, for confession, for honesty, not because God is mean or fault-finding or finger-pointing but because he wants us to know the joy of being cleaned out, ready for all the good things he now has in store."*  
*N.T. Wright*  
*(born December 1, 1948), English New Testament scholar and Anglican bishop*



*"But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us."*  
*Romans 5:8*

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

**God of patience, your people grow weary. We complain and question. We put you to the test. Our mouths say yes, but our deeds say no. When we wander off your path, when we fail to follow through on our good intentions, when we give our attention to trivial things, gently call us back to you. Empty our hearts of anger and pride. Empty our souls of greed and selfishness. Empty our minds of envy, doubt, and mistrust. As you poured out your very self through your beloved Son, pour your Spirit into our hearts today. Forgive us our wrongdoing. Reclaim us with your love. Lord, hear our prayers . . .**

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

**\*Responsive Assurance of Pardon**

*Leader: Friends in Christ, our God is patient, steadfast, and understanding. Christ hears our cries of repentance.*

**All: The Lord knows our hearts, inside and out. The One who created us promises to care for us, even when we turn away.**

*Leader: Hear these words of forgiveness. Be strengthened to walk as disciples. Trust in God's mercy. Believe the good news.*

**All: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."  
 (John 3:16)**

**\*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**

**"Untitled Hymn"**

**Chris Rice**

**Randy Bittner, baritone**

*Weak and wounded sinner lost and left to die  
 O, raise your head, for love is passing by  
 Come to Jesus.. Come to Jesus and live!  
 Now your burden's lifted and carried far away  
 And precious blood has washed away the stain, so  
 Sing to Jesus.. Sing to Jesus and live!  
 And like a newborn baby don't be afraid to crawl  
 And remember when you walk sometimes we fall, so  
 Fall on Jesus.. Fall on Jesus and live!  
 Sometimes the way is lonely and steep and filled with pain  
 So if your sky is dark and pours the rain, then  
 Cry to Jesus.. Cry to Jesus and live!  
 O, and when the love spills over and music fills the night  
 And when you can't contain your joy inside, then  
 Dance for Jesus.. Dance for Jesus and live!  
 And with your final heartbeat kiss the world goodbye  
 Then go in peace, and laugh on Glory's side, and  
 Fly to Jesus.. Fly to Jesus and live!*

## Prayer for Illumination

**Speak to us, Lord, through these scriptures. Remind us again of your everlasting power. May we know your story and our place within it. May we remember your mighty works and deeds, that we might know that you are the God of all ages. May we claim your promise and share your love. We are listening, Lord; speak to us today. Amen.**

*"By the cross we know the gravity of sin and the greatness of God's love toward us."  
John  
Chrystostom  
(died 407 A.D.),  
Archbishop of Constantinople,  
known for his preaching  
(Chrysostom means "golden-mouthed")*

Epistle Lesson

*Philippians 2:5-11*

Elder Linda Burroughs  
+Page 954

\*Hymn #451

**"Open My Eyes, That I May See"**

OPEN MY EYES

Gospel Lesson

*John 3:1-21*

+Pages 863, 864

Sermon

**"Believing Is Seeing"**

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.*

*"He came down  
that we may  
have love. He  
came down that  
we may have  
light. He came  
down that we  
may have peace.  
He came down  
that we may  
have joy.  
Hallelujah  
forevermore!"  
Hymn #137,  
Glory to God*

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 #649

**"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"**

AMAZING GRACE

"O Lord, make  
this Lenten  
season different  
from the other  
ones. Let me  
find you again.  
Amen."

Thomas Merton  
(1915-1968),  
American  
Trappist monk  
and theologian



The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26 and continues through Holy Saturday, April 11. This six week period before Easter provides us with the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of Jesus' life and teachings as we make our way toward Holy Week, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. Here is a reading by William Arthur Ward for you to use during this Lenten Season. It is called "Keeping a Holy Lent."

\*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

*Fast from judging others; feast on Christ's dwelling in them.*

*Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of life.*

*Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of life.*

*Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.*

*Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.*

*Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.*

*Fast from anger; feast on patience.*

*Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.*

*Fast from worry; feast on divine order.*

*Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.*

*Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives.*

*Fast from unrelenting pressure; feast on unceasing prayer.*

*Fast from hostility; feast on non-resistance.*

*Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.*

*Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.*

*Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal truth.*

*Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.*

*Fast from facts that depress; feast on verities that uplift.*

*Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm.*

*Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire.*

*Fast from shadows of sorrow; feast on the sunlight of serenity.*

*Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.*

*Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that strengthens.*



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 8

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

9:40 am Opening Assembly  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship

Wednesday, March 11

No Bible Study  
6:00 pm Handbells  
7:00 pm Choir Practice

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* **Many members of our session** are worshipping at the bridge Presbyterian Church in Leland today. After worship they will eat lunch and have conversation with the elders from the bridge. This visit is part of our session's 2020 study of what it means to be a faithful congregation in a new day.

\* **Dr. Phil** will have shoulder replacement surgery on Tuesday, March 10. Rev. Bill Goodnight, retired Presbyterian minister who lives in Wallace, has agreed to be on call for pastoral care emergencies in Phil's absence following surgery. In the event of an emergency, first contact Cheryl Brinkley in the church office (285-2808 or [cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com](mailto:cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com)) or Elder Hope Turnbull (910-284-2813 or [hturnbull@murfam.com](mailto:hturnbull@murfam.com)). Cheryl or Hope will then contact Rev. Goodnight. If you need to contact Rev. Goodnight after church office hours, call him at 910-890-0258 or contact him at [WCG53@aol.com](mailto:WCG53@aol.com).

\* **There will be no Wednesday morning Bible study on March 11 and March 18.**

\* **Rev. Cynthia Williams** will be our preacher on Sunday, March 15. Elder Jay Bender from the Pollockville Presbyterian Church will be our preacher on Sunday, March 22

\* **THANK YOU** for your response to the Presbyterian Women's call for plastic bags, empty pill bottles, and soft drink lids. **March 15** will be the final day of the collection.



*The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are in loving memory of  
Lacey Elizabeth Johnson  
March 8, 2017 - June 26, 2017  
Given by her grandparents Tom and Mary Glyn Johnson.*



**FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/  
BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING  
SUNDAY, MARCH 22**



This ministry is an offshoot of Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries and supplies weekend food for students in Duplin County Public Schools. Thank you for your generous support. Report from 7/31/19 - 12/31/19: 5 schools served; 3,419 food packs distributed (210 bags of food per week); \$24,239 received from individuals and nineteen churches, businesses, and other groups.



03/08: Tracy & Piper Moore  
 03/15: Mary Stewart Blackwell & Pam Teachey

**USHERS**  
THIS MONTH

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



**YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS**

03/08: Elizabeth & James Sills  
 03/15: JJ Rouse & Hayes Skidmore



**GREETERS**

03/08: Art & Cheryl Raymond  
 03/15: Ann Carter & Bobby Ives

**Opening Church Building**

March 1-15: Jason Rouse



**Andrea Casteen** (cancer treatments), **Jeff Cavenaugh** (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), **Charles Register** (stroke, Vidant, friend of Harvey Knowles), **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).**



Wallace Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team is pleased that Richard and Tammy Weeks have agreed to be our guest speakers for the annual mission program and covered dish meal on Sunday, March 29



at 5:30 PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring a covered dish.

Richard and Tammy Weeks are directors at the Charity Rebuild Center and will be talking about how the center works and helps with Disaster Recovery. Please plan to bring a covered dish and join us for an informative program immediately following the meal. This event is sponsored annually by the Wallace Presbyterian Women.

