



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Rev. Dustin and Sherri Ellington, in Lusaka, Zambia, Africa.

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**All who are able may stand.*

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 18, 2018

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 **"Lord, Prepare Me"** Thompson & Scruggs

*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 (from Psalm 105)

Elder Christy Johnson

Leader: Sing to God, sing, sing praises to God; tell of all God's wonderful works.

All: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Leader: Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

All: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Leader: Seek the Lord and God's strength; seek God's presence continually.

All: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Leader: Remember the wonderful works God has done.

All: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples.

*Hymn #726

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

THE SUMMONS

"Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, early 20th century German pastor and theologian, killed by the Nazis

"Let us hear what the Bible says and what we as Christians are called to hear together: By grace you have been saved."

Karl Barth, 20th century Swiss Reformed theologian

*Unison Prayer of Confession

God you are good and more generous to us than we often perceive. In the noise of our daily lives we lose touch with your presence. The further away you seem the more fearful we become. We reduce life to a competition of win-lose, and endless comparison. Who is ahead of me? Who has more than me? There is never enough. So, we limit even your grace. Forgive us even as we fail and refuse to forgive ourselves much less each other. Forgive us as we turn aside from your loving invitations and presence in our endless striving. Help us to see your infinite love and mercy and your image in ourselves and our brothers and sisters. Your grace is not a zero-sum resource but as infinite as the furthest expanse of your universe in which we dwell and are never cast out. . .

(A time for silent prayers . . .)

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, God is for us and not against us. For that very reason, God sent the Son into the World not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Believe the Good News:

All: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

This tune which was derived from an Appalachian melody preserves a sense of humility and trust.

*Congregational Choral Response #437 "You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!"

The image shows a musical score for a congregational choral response. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: "You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy! You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy! You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!" The chords are indicated above the notes: Em, D, Em, Am, Em, D, Em for the first line; Am, D, C, D, Em, C, Em for the second line; Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E for the third line.

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*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

Zach Casteen

Anthem

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Lloyd Larson, 2002
Louis DiDomenico

*O Jesus, I have promised to serve You till the end;
Be forever near me, my Master and my Friend.
I shall not fear the battle if You ar by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if You will be my guide.
O let me feel You near me, the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within,
But, Jesus, now draw nearer, and shield my soul from sin.
I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby:
Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh.
I need Thee, O, I need The, every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.*

*"Grace teaches
us that God loves
us because of
who God is, not
because of who
we are."*

*Phillips Brooks,
author of "O Little
Town of
Bethlehem"*

Prayer for Illumination

Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. So shine on us in this time that we may more clearly see and hear your word for our lives and allow it to shape us into your people. Amen.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 20:1-16

Rev. Cynthia Williams
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*Hymn #720

"Jesus Calls Us"

GALILEE

*"As grace is first
from God, so it is
continually from
him, as much as
light is all day
long from the
sun, as well as at
first dawn or at
sun-rising."*

*Jonathan
Edwards, 18th
century American
revlvalist
preacher*

Sermon

"You Can't Always Get What You Want"

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

*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.

*"Amazing grace!
How sweet the
sound, that
saved a wretch
like me! I once
was lost but now
am found, was
blind but now I
see."*

John Newton

*Hymn #724

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

NYLAND

*Benediction

* Choral Benediction

"Amen"

African American

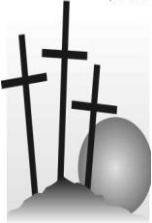
Amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*

+The page number in the pew Bible.

There they crucified him,
and with him two others,
one on either side,
with Jesus between them.
John 19:18



Friday, March 30, 2018

7:30 p.m.

Sanctuary

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during our Good Friday worship service. All who have been baptized and put their trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome at the table.



The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Thomas Edgerton by his loving family.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 18	FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT 9:40 am Opening Assembly 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship/Rev. Cynthia Williams
Monday, March 19	5:15 pm PW Coordinating Team Meeting-Blue Room Basic Bible 101 will not meet
Tuesday, March 20	Basic Bible 101 will not meet 6:00 pm Session meeting, Room 304
Wednesday, March 21	10:00 am Bible Study, Church Office Building 6:00 pm Handbells 7:00-8:15 pm Confirmation-Youth Room 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Thursday, March 22	12:05 pm Community Lenten Worship, Wallace United Methodist Church

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **We welcome Rev. Cynthia Williams** as our preacher today. She is a native of Duplin County and a graduate of St. Andrews Presbyterian College (Laurinburg, NC), the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, and San Francisco Theological Seminary. Cynthia has recently retired and moved back to the Kenansville area after serving churches in Charlotte, NC, Newton, NC, Dunedin, FL, and Dallas, TX. She has also served as interim pastor at the Beulaville, Warsaw, and Calypso Presbyterian Churches in Duplin County.
- * **The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team** will meet tomorrow, March 19, at 5:15 pm in the Blue Room.
- * **Basic Bible 101** will not meet this week.
- * **The session** will meet on Tuesday, March 20 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 304. If you have any business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or the minister.
- * **You are invited** to a Bible study on Matthew 21:1-11 on Wednesday, March 21 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the Church Office Building. This story from Matthew's gospel is the sermon text for Palm Sunday, March 25.
- * **This week's Lenten worship and luncheon** will be Thursday, March 22 at 12:05 p.m. at the Wallace United Methodist Church. Speaker: Rev. Kim Collins. Worship will be in the Worsley Chapel. Lunch in the Fellowship Hall will follow worship.
- * **Sunday School Assembly** starts at 9:40 am in the sanctuary. We sing a couple of hymns, recognize birthdays, and have a short devotion. Please come join us. It's a great time for fellowship before Sunday School, and everyone is invited. If you would like to do a devotion, please let Curt Simpson or Nell Sloan know.



03/18: Mary Laine & Jason Rouse
 03/25: Gina & Sarah Pearl Farrior

USHERS
THIS IS THE MONTH

Fred Burroughs, Leader
 Blake Wallace Susan Walters
 Bill Walters Greg Maready



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

03/18: Hill Lanier & Robert Coombs
 03/25: Garrett Bullard & Sara Pearl Farrior



GREETERS

03/18: Dan & Tanya Robinson
 03/25: Bill & Susan Carone

Opening Church Building

March 16-31: Dave Wells



Jim Alexander family, June Blalock (Rosemary). **Sidney E. Ball, James Brice** (automobile accident, suffering some paralysis), **Joe Dormagen** (Verlie Wells' son-in-law), **Betty Hall**, (Rosemary), **Royal & Jennifer Johnson family, Wright Lanier Family, Amy Moss** (breast cancer, sister of Debbie Thomas) **Jason Norris** (cancer, Kelli Norris' brother-in-law) **Matthew Parks** (16 years old, snow-sledding accident, broken back, paralysis; parents are college friends of Hope Turnbull) **Nancy Pate**, (Libby Godwin's twin sister-inoperable brain tumor), **Nathan Pensinger** (is currently at his home in Hampstead. Continued prayers for strength and a smooth recovery). **Amanda Perry**, (cancer-niece of Margaret Toothman), **Dick Phillips** (stable and still on chemo), **Jennifer Raynor** (Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome) **Preston Ricker** (diagnosed with thyroid cancer) **Judy Robinson, Zayne Rivenbark** (cancer), **Rev. Bobby Tyson**, Wallace United Methodist Church (heart issues), **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)



**FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/
 BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING
 SUNDAY, MARCH 25**



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 Contributions from individuals, twenty plus churches, foundations,
 and other organizations provide lunches and weekend food to schoolchildren.
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