



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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Holy Humor Sunday
The Sacrament of Baptism

April 23, 2017

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 Montreat Youth Conference Fundraiser Zach Casteen
BBQ Supper Dottie Obenour

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Sentences

Elder Jason Rouse

Leader: Joy is loose,

All: in the wiggles of the children, the whispers of the youth, and the smiles of the adults.

Leader: We praise God for this glorious day.

All: Let the praise break forth in the most unlikely places and in silly ways.

Leader: Joy and praise fill our hearts and are in our songs.

All: Let the laughter be deep, for we are God's people.

Leader: Let us worship God with joy! Christ is risen!

All: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Let us rejoice! Let us celebrate with holy humor.

All: Let us laugh, let us dance, let us sing praises of joy! Let us worship God!

*Hymn #482

"Baptized in Water"

BUNESSAN

*"If you're not
allowed to laugh
in heaven, I
don't want to go
there."*

Martin Luther



"We are all precious in the sight of the Lord . . . He may shake his head a lot, but we're still precious."



"Hear the Good News! In baptism you were buried with Christ. In baptism also you were raised to life with him, through faith in the power of God who raised Christ from the dead."

*Book of
Common
Worship*

Unison Prayer of Confession:

God of joy, we know that you have blessed us richly, yet so often we are down in the dumps over silly little disappointments. You have given us Jesus Christ, raised him from the dead, and promised us eternal life. But we act like we don't know it! Forgive us, God! Keep us mindful that you always have the last laugh, and that your promise is for true joy in every circumstance, and life forever. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

(A time for silent prayers . . .)

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Christ is raised from the dead! Love wins! Alleluia!

All: Christ lives and reigns for us! Alleluia!

Leader: The love of God is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, and for all eternity.

All: Let us rejoice, for this is the Good News of our Lord: In Jesus Christ, our sins 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

RECOGNITION AND WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Meaning of Baptism

The Presentation of William Monroe Blackwell Elder Michael Teachey

The Questions for the Parents

The Questions for the Congregation Elder Michael Teachey

Do we, the members of the congregation, in the name of the whole Church of Jesus Christ, undertake with Corey and Mary Stewart the Christian nurture of William Monroe, so that in due time he may confess his faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Will we endeavor by our example and fellowship to strengthen his family ties with the household of 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.



The Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Baptism of William Monroe Blackwell
The Welcome

Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering
Children's Sermon

Anthem "Hannah's Song" Aldous and Mandeville
(A Mother's Prayer) Dr. Joel Parker, solo

*My sweet baby on loan from above, No better treasure could I more love.
I stand beside your bed as I pray, I lay my hand on your head and I say:*

May you grow up to serve Him all of your days.

May He lead you and guide you in all of your ways.

May His hands bless your future with friendships that last.

May you cherish your youth and not grow up too fast.

I stare in wonder at your tiny frame. Just to think that God knows you by name.

He knows every hair on your beautiful head.

He knows all your thoughts before they are said.

May God grant you peace in the midst of a storm.

May God give you strength even when you're forlorn.

May you answer the door when Jesus comes knocking.

May wisdom guide when your mouth is talking.

May discretion protect you and keep you pure.

May you never stumble or fall for a lure.

May your heart remain humble to the very end.

May uprightness and truth be what you defend.

May the world not ensnare or change who you are.

May the light that's within you shine like the stars.

May angels surround you body, spirit, mind. May favor and peace be yours to find.

May rejection and pain never reach you.

May your spirit grow bold for what you're called to.

As you rest in God's care, I will rest too, Knowing that Jesus is watching over you.

*"For everything
there is a season,
and a time for
every matter
under heaven: a
time to weep, and
a time to laugh; a
time to mourn,
and a time to
dance."*

*Ecclesiastes
3:1, 4*

Prayer for Illumination

*Unstop our ears, O God, that we may hear your Word read and
proclaimed today. Open our minds and hearts to be changed. Free us
from the unclean spirits of worry, fear, destruction, and pride. Teach us,
Lord, that we may follow you more faithfully. Amen.*

"And there was greeting and kissing and handshaking and old jokes revived (you've no idea how good an old joke sounds after you take it out again after a rest of five or six hundred years)."

C.S. Lewis, depicting laughter in Heaven in The Last Battle

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."

Luke 6:21

"Remember your baptism and be thankful. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."
Hymns

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 148 with Hymn #240

Elder Jason Rouse
(See Insert)

*Hymn #246

"Christ Is Alive!"

TRURO

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

+Pages 936, 937

Sermon

"God Has the Last Laugh!"

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.*

*Hymn #480

"Take Me to the Water"

TAKE ME TO THE WATER

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*

+The page number in the pew Bible.

BBQ



**Come Join Us For a
BARBECUE SUPPER!**
on Friday, April 28, 2017 at 6:00 pm
Come and enjoy the fun,
fellowship, and BBQ!



**\$12.00 Adult
\$6.00 (Children under 10)**

Tickets will be required and may be purchased from any the following members: Cindy Barrow, Linda Burroughs, Mary Carone, Ann Carter, Lois Edgerton, Gerri Hanson, Brenda Long, or Dottie Obenour.

Food provided by The Rose Hill Restaurant

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 23	9:40 am	Opening Assembly
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship/Baptism/New Members
Tuesday, April 25	6:30 pm	Presbyterian Enrichment Program (P.E.P)
		Board of Directors Meeting, Room 304
Wednesday, April 26	10:00 am	Bible Study, Church Office Building
	6:00 pm	Handbells
	7:15 pm	Bible Study, Room 304
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism** with William Monroe Blackwell, son of Corey and Mary Stewart Blackwell. Proud grandparents are Michael and Pam Teachey and Monroe and Carol Blackwell. May God bless this little boy and his family.
- **We welcome new members** into our congregation today by transfer of membership: Mary Stewart Teachey Blackwell from First Presbyterian Church in Wilmington and Donna Pigford from Wallace United Methodist Church. Welcome!
- **This morning** we receive our monthly Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering. This money supports the purchase of school lunches and weekend food packs for students in Duplin County Public Schools whose families are experiencing economic hardship. Financial report: July 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017: \$32,835 contributed from individuals, churches, and organizations. 6,017 food packs distributed to seven schools. Thank you!
- **The Board of Directors** of the Presbyterian Enrichment Program (P.E.P.) will meet on Tuesday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 304.
- **Please join** the minister for a Bible study on Mark 16:9-20 on Wednesday, April 26 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. (Church Office Building) or 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. (Room 304).
- **We extend** our Christian love and sympathy to the family of George Walker on his death on April 17.



The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Jack Robinson (April 15, 1926--March 4, 2016) by his children, Dan & Tanya Robinson, Scott Robinson, and Dee Robinson Mott.

*Thank
you*

To members of Wallace Presbyterian Church, Thank all of you for all your many kindnesses during our time of bereavement for our sisters Katrena and Rachel. The cards, phone calls, flowers and prayers were greatly appreciated.

*In Christ,
Joel & Frankie Coleman*



GREETERS

4/23: Greg & Geneva Maready

4/30: Gary & Joyce Ange

USHERS

Charley Farrison, Leader

Rick Batchelor

Jonathan Fussell

Bill Carone

Curt Simpson

Opening Church Building

April 16-30: Jack Blackney



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

4/23: Garrett Bullard & Hill Lanier

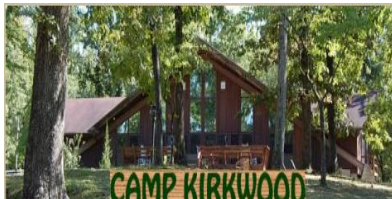
4/30: Elizabeth & James Sills



Prayer Requests

Joe Dormagen (Verlie Wells' son-in-law), **Betty Hall**, (Rosemary) **Candace Knowles**, (death of mother, Doris Mills), **Wright Lanier Family, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Matthews, Lorene Morgan** (at home), **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) **Nathan Pensinger** (River Landing: multiple organ transplants needed) **Brison Ricker** (just celebrated his 16th birthday- **His brother Preston** has just been diagnosed with thyroid cancer) **Judy Robinson, Pat Simpson**-recovering from knee surgery, **Family of George Walker, 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)



SAVE THE DATE!

KIRKWOOD VBS

2017

JUNE 12-17



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, May 20, 2017

Presbyterian Women Spring Celebration

Guest Speaker

Rev. Martha Highsmith

Lunch and Fellowship

All ladies in the church are invited!

11:00 AM

\$7.00



We are in the process of doing a 2017 Member directory. Please fill out the form below with your information. Please include home phone, cell phone numbers and email addresses.

If you attend here regularly and are not a member, but would like your information in the new directory, we invite you to fill out the form below. **April 23 is the deadline. If we do not receive a completed form, the same address and information that was in the last directory will stand as correct.**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ **Cell Phone** _____

email _____

Children _____

**PSALM 148 (The Message) and HYMN #240,
“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”**

REFRAIN

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

*Hallelujah! Praise God from heaven, praise him from the
mountaintops;*

**Praise him, all you his angels, praise him, all you his
warriors.**

Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, you morning stars.

**Praise him, high heaven, praise him,
heavenly rain clouds.**

*Praise, oh let them praise the name of God— he spoke the word,
and there they were!*

**He set them in place from all time to
eternity; He gave his orders, and that’s it!**

REFRAIN

*Praise God from earth, you sea dragons, you fathomless ocean
deeps;*

**Fire and hail, snow and ice, hurricanes
obeying his orders;**

Mountains and all hills, apple orchards and cedar forests;

**Wild beasts and herds of cattle, snakes, and birds in
flight;**

Earth’s kings and all races, leaders and important

people,

**Robust men and women in their prime, and yes,
graybeards and little children.**

REFRAIN

*Let them praise the name of God— it's the only Name worth
praising.*

**His radiance exceeds anything in earth and sky; he's
built a monument—his very own people!**

*Praise from all who love God! Israel's children, intimate friends of
God.*

Hallelujah!

REFRAIN, Verse 4, REFRAIN





**PRESBYTERIAN ENRICHMENT PROGRAM
P.E.P. SUNDAY
April 30**

P.E.P. Children will open our worship service with singing.
A special offering will be taken to support our P.E.P. community ministry.

Dee Thompson, Director



**May 21st Youth Sunday
Bag Lunch Fundraiser for
Montreat Youth Conference**

I would like to support the Youth of Wallace Presbyterian Church by ordering (please fill in the number of bag lunches for each type of sandwich). Each bag lunch includes sandwich, chips, cookies or brownies.

Place your order form in the offering plate or return to the church office.

Bag lunches may be picked up in the Fellowship Hall following worship on May 21.

- _____ Ham and cheese
- _____ Pimento cheese
- _____ Chicken salad