



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

May 8, 2016

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

Choral Call to Worship

"Psalm 122"

Bernadette Farrell, 1993

I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to the house of God."

And now our feet are standing in your gates, O Jerusalem!

Shalom, shalom, the peace of God be here.

Shalom, shalom, God's justice be ever near.

Opening Sentences

Elder Zach Casteen

Leader: Today is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: Let us be glad this day, for life, for breath, and for freedom of worship.

Leader: Blessed are you who come in the name of the Lord.

All: We come to offer our gifts of praise and gratitude to the King of Creation.

Leader: Come, let us worship Almighty God.

All: Let us lift up our songs, our prayers, our praises.

Leader: Come, let us honor Christ Jesus.

All: Let us love Christ with our hearts, our minds, our spirits.

Leader: Come, let us be filled with the Spirit of the Living God.

All: Breathe in us, breath of God. Alleluia!

*Hymn 63

"The Lord Is God"

AZMON

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

"The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me. . . The Holy Scriptures require a humble reader who shows reverence and fear toward the Word of God, and constantly says, 'Teach me, teach me, teach me.'"

Martin Luther

"Only God can put
Scripture inside.
But reading
sacred text can
put it on your
hearts, and then
when your hearts
break, the holy
words fall inside."

Anne Lamotte

"The gospel is not
a doctrine of the
tongue, but of life.
It cannot be
grasped by reason
and memory only,
but it is fully
understood when
it possesses the
whole soul and
penetrates to the
inner recesses of
the heart."

John Calvin

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church: we have not done your will; we have broken your law. We have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors. We have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon (based on Titus 3:4-8)

Leader: Hear now God's assurance of pardon: "But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit."

All: "This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is sure."

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri Hymn #581

Glory Be to the Father

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

Anthem

"Vision Prayer"

Molly IJames, 2013

*Into this heart of darkness God made His light to shine,
And now the glorious knowledge of Jesus Christ is mine.
His light has cleared my vision of all its blinding lies,
And spread His truth and beauty before my wondering eyes.
Illumined in rich color and beautiful to see,
The dying of my Savior has given life to me.
And brighter still in radiance, His resurrection hour
Has left the dark tomb empty, and freed me from its power.
O let me guard this treasure, this knowledge in my heart,
This brightly burning candle that bids my doubts depart.
And as I shine this gospel in every darkened place,
O Savior, keep before me the vision of Your face.
Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.*

*"Hear, O Israel:
The Lord is our
God, the Lord
alone. You shall
love the Lord your
God with all your
soul, and with all
your might."*

*Deuteronomy
6:4-5*

*"You shall not take
vengeance or bear
a grudge against
any of your
people, but you
shall love your
neighbor as
yourself: I am the
Lord."*

Leviticus 19:18

*"The Scriptures of
God are my only
foundation and
substance in all
matters of weight
and importance."*

John Knox

Prayer for Illumination

*Lord Jesus, as we worship today, connect our lives to your life.
Let us feel your abiding presence. Strengthen us by your Word that we
might go forth to bear fruit in your name. Amen.*

Old Testament Lesson

Judges 11:29-33

Zach Casteen
+Pages 200, 201

*Hymn #707

"Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

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New Testament Lesson

Matthew 22:34-40

+Page 804

Sermon

"Weighting Scripture"

Rev. Matt Highfill

A Time for 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.**

*Hymn #697

"Take My Life"

HENDON

*Benediction

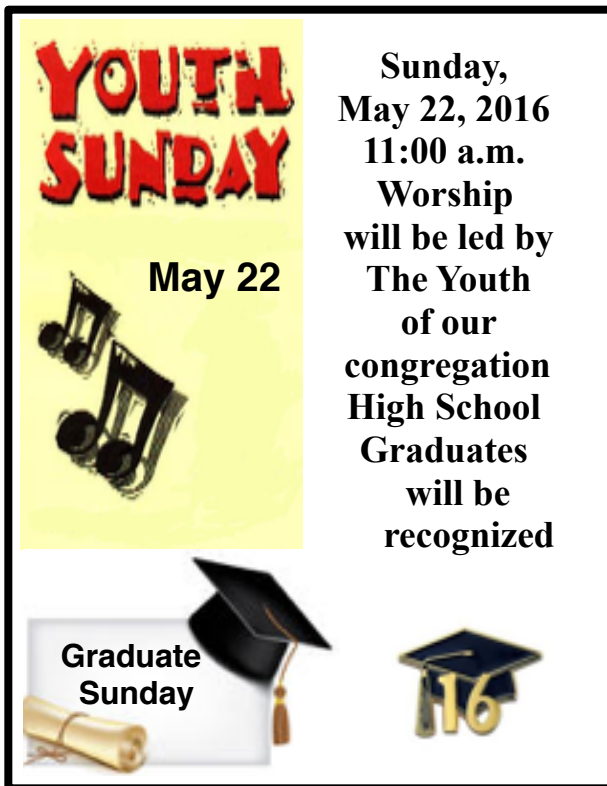
*Choral Benediction **“For Everyone Born”** Murray, Mann, 2006

*God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace;
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy*

*Postlude

*All who are able may stand.

+The page number in the pew Bible.



**YOUTH
SUNDAY**

May 22

**Sunday,
May 22, 2016
11:00 a.m.
Worship
will be led by
The Youth
of our
congregation
High School
Graduates
will be
recognized**

**Graduate
Sunday**

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**Graduate Breakfast
Sunday, May 22, 2016
8:30 a.m.**

**Given in honor of our graduates
and their parents
by
The Wallace Presbyterian Women**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 8		Happy Mother's Day!
	9:40 am	Opening Assembly
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship/Rev. Matt Highfill, preacher
		No Youth Fellowship
		No SonRise Worship
Tuesday, May 10		
Wednesday, May 11	10:00 am	Bible Study, Church Office Building
	6:00 pm	Handbells
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Friday, May 12	5:00 pm	Powell/Stone Wedding, Sanctuary
Friday-Saturday May 12-13		Carolina Strawberry Festival

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **We welcome Rev. Matt Highfill** as our preacher today. Rev. Highfill is honorably retired after serving as pastor of the Winter Park Presbyterian Church in Wilmington for more than twenty years. He and his wife, Rev. June Highfill (also honorably retired), live in Wilmington.
- **Please join** the minister for a Bible study on John 14:1-27 on Wednesday, May 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Office Building.
- **Kirkwood Summer Vespers** begin Sunday, May 15, at 5:00 pm with refreshments under the large Pavilion and Worship by the Lake at 6:00 pm. Sponsored by Friends of Kirkwood. Hosted by Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church in Rose Hill.



Presbyterian Women 2016
Birthday Offering
Monday, May 23
at 7:00 PM



The flowers in the sanctuary this Mother's Day are given in loving memory of their grandmother Lewellyn Williams Robinson, child of this church by the Robinson family.



NURSERY

05/08: Ann Carter & Hope Turnbull
05/15: Lindsay & Stanley Skidmore

Opening Church Building: May 1-15: Jim Simpson



GREETERS

05/08: Joey Fussell & Mary Carone
05/15: Rick & Nettie Batchelor

USHERS

Joe Tillman, Leader

Joey Brinkley **Sam Rose**
Jonathan Fussell **Jim Sills**



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

05/08: Ellie Carone & Anna Grace Carr
05/15: Madelyn Coombs & Mary Kellan Creech



Myree Bland home, Avalee Bowman- The Oaks at Mayview, Raleigh, **N.H. Carter, Billy Cavanaugh,** Leukemia, **Joe Dormagen** (Verlie Wells' son-in-law), **Amy Edgerton-**cancer, **Betty Hall,** (Davis Health Care Center, Wilmington) **Paul Lambert-**cancer(friend of Dottie Obenour) **Wright Lanier Family, Ann Quinn-**cancer, (Mary Carone's sister) **John Rau, Brison Ricker** (15 years old in Michigan, diagnosed with inoperable brain tumor) **Dr. Jack Robinson Family, Judy Robinson, George Walker-**Rosemary, **Kelsea Webster, Verlie Wells-**Rosemary, **Members and friends in the armed services: Jason Payne.**

(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)



Group leaders needed for Camp Kirkwood Vacation Bible School Camp, June 13-16

This summer, Vacation Bible School returns to Camp Kirkwood with many other Presbyterian churches from our area. Last summer's camp was a huge success, and this year we expect it to be even bigger.

One of our needs is for adults who can commit to being a Group Leader for the week. This job entails making sure your group of campers makes it from station to station during the day. Activities, such as Bible Stories, Music, Crafts and Games, will be headed up by other individuals. Your main job will be to make sure that everyone in your group stays safe and is where they need to be.

Each day will begin at 9 a.m., and end at 3 p.m., Monday thru Thursday, June 13-16. To help, please see Curt Simpson, or call him at [\(910\) 290-2194](tel:9102902194), or email him at curt.simpson@gmail.com.

More details on registration for campers (K-5th grade) and all helpers will be coming soon. Let's help make this the best VBS ever!