

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

July 31, 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.)

Choral Call to Worship

"Celebrate"

Saylor

Celebrate, come celebrate. Join in as God's people in worship and singing.

Celebrate, come celebrate. Rejoice as we witness His love.

As we follow the path of life, may His strength be shown.

Celebrate, come celebrate His loving us as His own.

Opening Sentences

Elder Brenda Long

Leader: The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ:

"Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciple!"

All: We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.

Leader: In the name of Christ we accept the invitation to discipleship.

All: In the name of Christ, as his disciples, we worship and praise God.

Leader: In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds, we proclaim the God of compassion.

All: In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives, whole peoples, we proclaim the God of hope.

Leader: In the midst of indifference and apathy, we proclaim the God of love.

All: Come, let us worship together, and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

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

"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

Today's Prayer of Confession was written by James G. Kirk in *When We Gather: A Book of Prayers for Worship*.

Completed in 1562 and published in January 1563, the Heidelberg Catechism was written to settle a theological dispute between Lutheran and Reformed Christians. Each question of the catechism is personal, addressed to "you" or "we." Questions 86-129 deal with the manner in which we express gratitude to God for redemption. (From PCUSA Book of Confessions)

*Hymn #377 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" HOUSTON

*Unison Prayer of Confession (*inspired by Luke 14:25-35*)

God in Christ, who endured the cross in your own flesh for our sakes, hear us as we confess our sin. We would be your bold disciples, but we fear suffering; we would carry our cross, but it weighs too heavily. We count the cost of following you—as long as there are benefits; but to renounce all we have is a devastating prospect. Forgive the conditions we make when we try to obey, and free us by your grace to forsake all and follow you. Hear our prayers, O Lord . . .

(A time for silent confession)

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon
(*based on Question 86 of the Heidelberg Catechism*)

Leader: Friends, hear now the Good News:

All: God has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of Christ Jesus, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Thanks be to God!

Leader: Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

All: Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

*Gloria Patri Hymn #581

Glory Be to the Father

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

5TH SUNDAY BUILDING OFFERING

Children's Sermon

Special Music "It is Well With My Soul"

Spafford and Bliss
Joell Parker, Soloist

“Let this be thy whole endeavor, this thy prayer, this thy desire – that thou mayest be stripped of all selfishness, and with entire simplicity follow Jesus only.”

Thomas á Kempis, 15th century, author of The Imitation of Christ, a classic book on Christian devotion

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God, your Spirit enlightened those who wrote the Bible and enlightens us to hear your Word fresh each day. Help us always to rely on your promises in Scripture. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson:

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Elder Brenda Long

+Page 143

*Hymn #835

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

CLOSER WALK

Gospel Lesson

Luke 14:25-35

+Pages 849, 850

Sermon

On The Road with Jesus

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

“AT THE CROSSROADS”

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 #826

“Lift High the Cross”

CRUCIFER

“Whatever you do, begin with God.”

Matthew Henry, 17th/ 18th century English minister and author of a six-volume complete commentary on the Bible

*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.*



To Benefit the
Rainelle, West Virginia Public Library
which lost all its contents
due to the horrific flooding.

***You can donate any books
that can be used in a library.***

Book Drive continues through August 15.

Bring your books to the Fellowship Hall on
Sunday or to the Church Office Building
Monday-Thursday
(8:00 a.m. - 12 noon, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.)
or Friday
(8:00 a.m. - 12 noon)



**GREETINGS FROM
ZAMBIA!**

**Thursday, August 11
6:30 p.m.
Dessert Buffet**



Dr. Dustin Ellington, our mission co-worker in Lusaka, Zambia, will be our guest on Thursday, August 11. Dustin will give us an update on his work at the Justo Mwale Theological University. Bring your favorite dessert to share with your friends and join us to welcome Dustin.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 31	9:40 am	Opening Assembly
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship/5th Sunday Building Offering
Tuesday, August 2	6:30 am	Coffee, Room 304
	7:00-7:30 am	SonRise Worship, Room 304
	9:00 am-12 noon	Summer Reading Ministry
Wednesday, August 3	9:00 am-12 noon	Summer Reading Ministry
	10:00 am	Bible Study, Church Office Building
	2:00 pm	Community Conversation, Fellowship Hall
Thursday, August 4	12 noon	Lunch at the Mad Boar Restaurant

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Today we receive our 5th Sunday Building Offering.** This offering underwrites the ongoing repairs and maintenance of our physical plant that allows us to offer worship as well as educational and outreach ministries.
- **Please join** the minister for a Bible study on Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 on Wednesday, August 3 at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Office Building.
- **The Congregational Care Ministry Team** is having a “Meet for Lunch” at the Mad Boar on Thursday, August 4, 2016 at 12 noon. Everyone is invited. RSVP to Brenda Long at [910-285-0720](tel:910-285-0720) or email dtlong10@aol.com by July 28.
- **The session** has called a congregational meeting for next Sunday, August 7, immediately following worship for the purpose of electing the 2016 Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will be made up of two representatives from the Session, two representatives from Presbyterian Women, two representatives from the Sunday School Department, and a Youth representative. Rev. Philip Gladden will serve as an advisory member.
- **We extend** our Christian love and sympathy to Dr. Dan Robinson and family on the death of his mother, Jean Hawkins, on July 23.
- **Interested in providing the sanctuary flowers?** Let us know....Cindy Barrow @ 285-2561 or Lois Edgerton @ 285-2160.



The sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of Julienne Carone Diers by the Carone family.



NURSERY

7/31: Gerri Hanson & Hope Turnbull
08/07: Madelyn Coombs & Lydia Woodard



GREETERS

07/31: Leon & Jewel Wells
08/07: Ann Carter & Bobby Ives

Opening Church Building: July 16-31: Curt Simpson August 11-15: Nate Farrior

USHERS

Fred Burroughs, Leader

Blake Wallace Bill Walters
Greg Maready Susan Walters



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

07/31: Cameron & Reese Blue
08/07: Garrett Bullard & Rance Creech



Joe Dormagen (Verlie Wells' son-in-law), Amy Edgerton-cancer, Betty Hall, (Davis Health Care Center, Wilmington) Shelley Fussell-CFV Hospital, Fayetteville, Wright Lanier Family, Ann Quinn-cancer, (Mary Carone's sister) John & Joyce Rau, Brison Ricker (15 years old in Michigan, diagnosed with inoperable brain tumor) 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)



**Words to Live By
in Times Such as These**

**Preaching
August 7, 14, 21, 28
September 4, 11**

WORSHIP

August 7
August 14
August 21
August 28
September 4
September 11

WORD

FAITH
HOPE
LOVE
ENDURANCE
FAITHFULNESS
PEACE

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Romans 8:18-25
Matthew 5:43-48
2 Corinthians 4:7-15
2 Timothy 2:8-13
Philippians 4:4-7