



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

August 27, 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

Choral Call to Worship

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

Courtney

*Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.*

Opening Sentences

Elder Curt Simpson

Leader: We gather together in the name of our God, the Maker of heaven and earth,

All: who calls us away from the customs and attitudes of the world around us, and invites us instead into a transforming relationship with Him and with one another.

Leader: Let us worship God together! Our help is in the name of the Lord our God, the Maker of heaven and earth,

All: who comes to our aid in times of need, who gives us the courage to do what we know is right, who invites us to turn away from the influences of the world around us and confess Him alone as Savior and Lord.

Leader: This is our God!

All: Let us worship God together!

Today's Opening Sentences and Prayer of Confession are from re:Worship, an online worship planning resource.

*Hymn #630

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

CRUSADERS HYMN

"If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ."

2 Corinthians
5:17-18

"A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances."

Ezekiel 36:
26-27

*Unison Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we confess how easy it is for us to begin to adopt the attitudes and actions of the world around us; to let our lives be shaped by contemporary culture rather than by your call. Lord, in your mercy, hear and forgive. We confess how often we think of our own interests first— more concerned with our own status and well-being than with the well-being of others. Lord, in your mercy, hear and forgive. We confess that we have not always treated one another as valued members of your body, the Church; that we have allowed intolerance and resentment to tear us apart. Lord, in your mercy, hear and forgive. We confess that we do not always acknowledge you as Lord, trusting in our own abilities and following our own goals rather than submitting ourselves to your will and your call. Lord, in your mercy, hear and forgive. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, transform us. Change us from the inside out, so that our words and our lives would bring honor and glory to you, our Savior and Lord. Lord, in your mercy, hear and forgive. . .

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

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: It is not our efforts, but Christ's gift, which transforms us into God's children and forgives our sin.

All: It is more than just how we think. In mercy and grace, our hearts, our lives, our spirits are transfigured and made new. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*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

Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering

Children's Sermon

Anthem

Festive Piece on "Simple Gifts"

arr. Martin

*Prayer of Illumination

*Your Word, O God, is like a lamp in the night. Help us to see it. Light our way forever. Your Word is like bread for the hungry. Help us to taste it. Feed our hearts forever. Give us joy in understanding your Word and courage to live out its costly claim on our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.***

Gospel Lesson

Mark 12:28-34

Elder Curt Simpson

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*Hymn #697

"Take My Life"

HENDON

"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you:

Take your everyday, ordinary life-your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life-and place it before God as an offering.

Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out.

Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you."

The Message

"And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit."

2 Corinthians 3:18

Epistle Lesson

Romans 12:1-8

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Sermon

"A New Way of Thinking" 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.*

*Affirmation of Faith: **From "A Brief Statement of Faith"**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Hymn #747

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"

ENVIADO

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction **"Lord of All Hopefulness"**

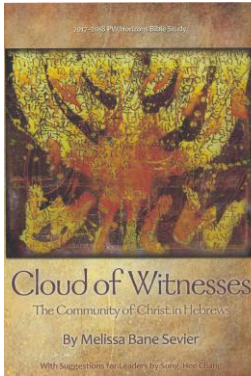
Courtney

*Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.*

*Postlude

*All who are able may stand.

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2017-2018 Horizons Bible Study

"Cloud of Witnesses"



Presbyterian
Women

Let's celebrate the community of Christ through Wallace Presbyterian Women

Our 2017-2018 *Horizons* Bible study, *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*, will begin in September. Author Melissa Bane Sevier invites us to explore major themes found in Hebrews, relate these themes to other parts of our faith tradition and tie them together with the overarching motif of community.

Dr. Phil will provide an introduction to our Bible study at our Fall Gathering, tomorrow evening, August 28, at 7:00 pm, in the Currie Building. ALL ladies are invited.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 27	9:40 am	Opening Assembly
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship/Feed Our Hungry Children & Backpack Ministry Offering
	3:00 pm	Piano Dedication Concert, Burgaw Presbyterian Church
Monday, August 28	7:00 pm	Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering
Tuesday - Friday, August 29-September 1		Minister on Continuing Education Leave
Wednesday, August 30		No Bible Studies
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **This morning** we receive our first Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering of the 2017-2018 school year. Report from the 2016-2017 school year: 8,838 food packs at a cost of \$40,828 delivered to seven schools in Duplin County: Wallace-Rose Hill High; Rose Hill-Magnolia Elementary; Charity Middle; Wallace Elementary; Chinquapin Elementary; Beulaville Elementary; B.F. Grady Elementary.

* **Philip Gladden** will be on Continuing Education Leave Tuesday - Friday, August 29 - September 1 at the Cedar Cross Retreat Center near Louisburg, NC. He will use this time to plan his preaching schedule for the months of September - December. The Stewardship & Finance Ministry Team has asked Phil to preach a series of sermons during October and November. Phil will also plan his preaching for the Advent season, as well as select hymns and responsive psalms for our weekly worship. Please contact the church office (285-2808) or Elder George Francis, Clerk of Session (285-0343) in an emergency.

* **There will be no Wednesday Bible studies this week.**

* **We extend** our Christian love and sympathy to Ann Carter and her family on the death of her brother, Robert Troy, on August 18.

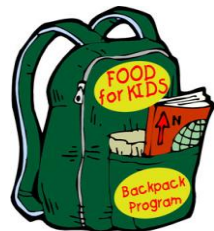


The sanctuary flowers are given in celebration of Wallace Presbyterian Women and in memory of Lorene G. Morgan and Doris J. Mills.



**FEED OUR HUNGRY
CHILDREN/BACKPACK
MINISTRY OFFERING**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27





8/27: Georgia & Nate Farrior
 9/03: Joell & J Parker



Joe Tillman, Leader
 Dave Wells Jim Sills
 Harvey Knowles Sam Rose



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

8/27: Elizabeth & James Sills
 9/03: Cameron & Reese Blue



GREETERS

8/27: Dave & Gloria Wells
 9/03: Catherine Blanchard & Hope Turnbull

Opening Church Building

August 16-31: Clay Blue
 September 1-15: Chuck Farrior



James Brice (automobile accident, suffering some paralysis), **Joe Dormagen** (Verlie Wells' son-in-law), **Betty Hall**, (Rosemary), **Royal & Jennifer Johnson family**, **Wright Lanier Family**, **Hope Lettieri** (cancer), **Mr. & Mrs. Ray Matthews**, **Amy Moss** (breast cancer, sister of Debbie Thomas) **Jason Norris** (cancer, Kelli Norris' brother-in-law) **Ronald Parkhurst** (Cheryl Brinkley's Brother-recuperating from brain surgery) **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) **Amanda Perry**, (cancer-niece of Margaret Toothman), **Rebecca June Phillips**-Premature birth complications (great-granddaughter of Harvey Knowles) **Brisson Ricker** (just celebrated his 16th birthday- **His brother Preston** has just been diagnosed with thyroid cancer) **Ronnie Rich** (treatments for throat cancer), **Judy Robinson**, **Zayne Rivenbark** (cancer), **Rylan Schubkegel** (18 year-old nephew of Nick Baker diagnosed with Hodgkin's Disease), **Robert Tart**, **Kelsea Webster**, **Jewel Wells**, **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)

CONCERT PIANISTS



*Vera Skidmore Coombs, Pianist and Organist
 Wallace Presbyterian Church
 Karla Uzzell Casteen, Music Director
 Wallace Presbyterian Church*

*The Session of Burgaw Presbyterian Church
 cordially invites you to a concert
 in dedication of our new
 Boston Grand Piano
 on Sunday, August 27, 2017
 at 3:00 p.m.
 A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall
 of the P. L. Clark
 Educational Building.*