



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

September 3, 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

Opening Sentences

Elder Ann Carter

Leader: Gather us in, Lord, and hear our prayers.

All: We have come to this place in need of healing and hope.

Leader: Gather us in, Lord, and heal our spirits.

All: We come here seeking guidance and strength.

Leader: Gather us in, Lord, and open our hearts to receive your Word.

All: Open our hearts, our spirits, our souls to comprehend your Word and follow you faithfully.

Leader: Gather us in, Lord, and send your Holy Spirit upon us.

All: We come here to worship you, Almighty God. You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

The first is, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.

Mark 12:30-31

*Hymn #628

"Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord"

JE LOUERAI L'ETERNEL

Today's Prayer of
Confession is
from Re:Worship,
an online worship
planning
resource.

*Unison Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we confess how difficult it is to truly love the people around us; to care as deeply for their well-being as for our own, to delight in their good fortune without feeling envious. Forgive us. Teach us to whole-heartedly love one another. We confess how often we act out of our own self-interest; putting our needs and desires ahead of the needs of others, hoarding our resources rather than sharing them freely. Forgive us. Teach us to live with generosity and compassion. We confess how easy it is to do what we know is wrong: to rationalize our bad decisions and behaviors, to make excuses for our hurtful words and actions. Forgive us. Teach us to turn away from what is wrong and pursue what is right. We confess that we find it very difficult to love our enemies: to pray for their well-being, to act in their best interests, to leave thoughts of vengeance behind. Forgive us. Teach us to love even those who hurt or offend us. Lord, you call us to turn away from the behaviors and attitudes of the world around us, and to be renewed and transformed by your grace at work in our lives. Through your Holy Spirit, continue the work that you have begun in us, so that our words and deeds may bring honor and glory to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Hear our prayers, O Lord . . .

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

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the Good News:

All: Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have been set free from the power of sin! Our sins are forgiven! Let us live in the light of Christ. Thanks be to God!

*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

P.A.T.H. OFFERING

Children's Sermon

Anthem

"Come! Live in the Light!"

David Haas, 1988

*Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.
Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more.
Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.*

Refrain

*We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*



"Darkness cannot
drive out
darkness; only
light can do that.
Hate cannot drive
out hate; only
love can do that."
Dr. Martin Luther
King, Jr.

Go forth into
the world
With compassion
and justice in
your heart.
Give strength to
the weak.
Give voice to
the silent.
See one another.
Hear one
another.
Care for one
another.
And love one
another.
It's all that easy
And it's all
that hard.
Now may the
grace of God,
The love
of Christ,
And the power of
the Holy Spirit,
Be with us all,
now and forever
more. Amen.

*Prayer of Illumination

Dear Lord, open our minds to the truth of your Word by means of your Holy Spirit. Open our eyes to see Jesus. Open our hearts to love him more and more. Open our wills to do that which is righteous in your sight so that your name may be glorified. Amen.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 12:28-34

Elder Ann Carter
+Page 825

*Hymn #692

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

Epistle Lesson

Romans 12:9-21

+Pages 922, 923

Sermon

"A New Way of Acting"

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: 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 #313

"Lord, Make Us More Holy"

LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*

+The page number in the pew Bible.



KIRKWOOD SUNDAY IS COMING! SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee, juice, doughnuts, fellowship in Dining Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Worship with Communion in Vesper Area by Lake
- 12:00 noon Lunch in Dining Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Fellowship, Relaxation, Zip Line, Swing by Choice, and other activities

\$7.50 per person, Children under 13 FREE!



KIRKWOOD SUNDAY, RESERVATION FORM OCTOBER 8, 2017

Return to the church office or email Cheryl Brinkley at cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com by Sunday, October 1.

NAME(S):

Number of Paid Reservations: _____ Number of Children under 13: _____

Total Number of Reservations: _____

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 3	9:40 am Opening Assembly 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship/P.A.T.H. Offering
Monday, September 4	HAPPY LABOR DAY! Church Office Closed
Tuesday, September 5	6:30 pm Presbyterian Men, Mt. Zion PC, Rose Hill
Wednesday, September 6	10:00 am Bible Study, Church Office Building 6:00 pm Handbells 7:00 - 8:00 pm Bible Study, Room 304 7:30 pm Choir Practice

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **Today we receive** our quarterly P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) Offering. This offering supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. The Hunger Program supports feeding programs for children in Haiti and Malawi and provides grants to congregational feeding programs within the bounds of our presbytery. Our Helping Hands Food Pantry recently received a \$2,000 grant from the presbytery. Thank you for your generous and faithful support of this ministry!

* **Please join** the minister for a Bible study on Romans 13:8-14 on Wednesday, September 6 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. (Church Office Building) or 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. (Room 304).

* **Congratulations** to James and Joanna Whitfield on the birth of their son, Noah Gavin Whitfield, on August 24. Grandparents are Tom and Mary Whitfield. Congratulations also to Jim Alexander on the birth of his great-grandson, Thomas Owen Stevens, born August 26, 2017 (7 lbs., 10 oz., 20 inches). Parents are Rebekah Alexander and Matt Stevens. Grandparents are Jimbo and Sherri Alexander.



The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in celebration of Sandee and Louis DiDomenico's 30th wedding anniversary.



**Christian Education &
Sunday School
Rally Day
Sunday, September 17**



9/03: Joell & J Parker
 9/10: Andrea Casteen & Nettie Batchelor



Charlie Farrior, Leader
 Rick Batchelor Bill Carone
 Jonathan Fussell Curt Simpson



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

9/03: Cameron & Reese Blue
 9/10: Garrett Bullard & Hill Lanier



GREETERS

9/03: Catherine Blanchard & Hope Turnbull
 9/10: Jim & Sharon Robison

Opening Church Building 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) **Brison 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)

Congregational Meeting



The session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, September 10, 2017 following morning worship for the following purposes:

- 1) to amend the membership of the Nominating Committee to include two (2) youth representatives (the current formula includes only one youth representative) and
- 2) to elect the 2017 Nominating Committee that will present a slate of nominees for the session's Class of 2020.

All active members of the congregation are encouraged to attend this congregational meeting and to participate in our calling and election process of our spiritual leaders.