

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

"This is the end —
for me the
beginning of life."
Dietrich
Bonhoeffer's final
recorded words
before he was
hanged by the
Nazis on April 9,

1945.

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 24, 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

Peter Scholtes, 1966

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Opening Sentences

Elder Jim Sills

Leader: Open your hearts to God's loving mercy.

All: Lord, come into our hearts this day.

Leader: Having received God's mercy, bring that love to others.

All: Lord, be with us as we reach out to others in compassion.

Leader: Feel your spirits filled with the goodness of God.

All: Lord, we thank you for the many blessings which you pour into our lives.

Leader: In the midst of joy and celebration,

All: we lift our voices in praise to you, O Lord.

Leader: In the midst of trials and sorrows,

All: we lift our voices in prayer to you, O Lord. Leader: Throughout all our days we call out to God.

All: We rest confident in God's love for us in Jesus Christ.

*Hymn #627

"I Love You, Lord"

I LOVE YOU, LORD

Today's Prayer of Confession is adapted from a prayer by Thom Shuman at re:Worship, an online worship planning resource. *Unison Prayer of Confession:

God of grace and God of glory, it seems we cannot decide. We say we will live to serve others, but end up meeting only our needs. We claim to live in a way that honors Christ, but we do not take him to work, school, home. We believe that the gospel can transform lives, at least, for those who need it - not us. Forgive us, Lord. Instead of grumblers, may we be ambassadors of grace. Instead of continual complaining, may we carry compassion to the hurting. Instead of whiners, may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

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

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news: what we do matters, but our salvation is God's doing.

All: God hears our complaints, but also our prayers. God will not forget us. In Christ's name, we are forgiven. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

tri 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

"Savior, Redeemer of My Soul"

Randy Bittner, baritone Amanda Bittner, violin

Savior, Redeemer of my soul,
Whose mighty hand hath made me whole,
Whose wondrous power hath raised me up
And filled with sweet my bitter cup!
What tongue my gratitude can tell,
O gracious God of Israel.

Never can I repay thee, Lord, But I can love thee. Thy pure word, Hath it not been my one delight, My joy by day, my dream by night? Then let my lips proclaim it still, And all my life reflect they will.

O'er-rule mine acts to serve thine ends.
Change frowning foes to smiling friends.
Chasten my soul till I shall be
In perfect harmony with thee.
Make me more worthy of they love,
And fit me for the life above.

"We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's."

Romans 14:7-8

"We live and die: Christ died and lived!"

John Stott. English Christian leader and minister

death follows from the fear of life. A man who lives fully is prepared to die at any time." Mark Twain (an interesting way to think about what Paul says in

Philippians

1:21-26)

"The fear of

The saving is sure: "If we have died with him. we will also live with him."

2 Timothy 2:11

*Prayer of Illumination

Eternal God, in the reading of the Scriptures, may your Word be heard. In the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known. In the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

"Shepherd Me, O God (Psalm 23)" Hymn #473 +Pages 435, 436 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

*Hvmn #835

Epistle Lesson Philippians 1:21-30 +Pages 953, 954 Sermon "Gospel Living" 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 Declaration of Faith" (PCUSA, 1977, 1985) Christ calls us to pilgrimage toward the kingdom. Jesus announced the coming of God's kingdom and its hidden presence in the midst of the world's kingdoms. He taught his disciples to seek God's kingdom first. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

*Hymn #822

"When We Are Living"

SOMOS DEL SENOR

Elder Jim Sills

CLOSER WALK

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction "They'll Know We Are Christians" Scholtes

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

*Postlude

*All who are able may stand. +The page number in the pew Bible.



FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING **TODAY, SEPTEMBER 24** A NEW SCHOOL YEAR



An extension of the Duplin **Christian Outreach Ministries**







KIRKWOOD SUNDAY IS COMING! **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8**

10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

Coffee, juice, doughnuts, fellowship in Dining Hall 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







KIRKWOOD SUNDAY, RESERVATION FORM OCTOBER 8, 2017

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

NAME(S):	
Number of Paid Reservations:	Number of Children under 13:
Total Number of Reservations:	

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 24 9:40 am Opening Assembly

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship/Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Offering

4:00 pm Nominating Committee Meeting, Room 304

4:00-6:00 pm Pebbles Fellowship 5:00-7:30 pm Youth Fellowship

Wednesday, September 27 No Wednesday Bible Studies

6:00 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Choir Practice

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **Today we** receive our monthly Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering. During the 2016-2017 school year, 8,838 food packs at a cost of \$40,828 were distributed to seven Duplin County Schools. Individuals and thirty-three churches, businesses, and organizations contributed \$39,586. Thank you for your generous contributions!
- * The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team will meet tomorrow, Monday the 25th, at 5:15 in the Blue Room.
- * There will be no Wednesday Bible studies this week.
- * The Congregational Care Ministry Team has made reservations at the Duplin Winery for the Down Home Christmas Show and dinner on November 17, at 5:30 pm. It's \$55.00 per person. Final count and Money due Oct. 2. Brenda Long will be in the Fellowship Hall the next two Sundays to take reservations and payments.
- * Attention Ladies: We have a lot of dishes in the kitchen that don't belong to us. They have been there a long time and we need the space! Please go in the kitchen and check beside the refrigerator and see if any of these dishes are yours. Those that are not picked up by October 10 will be donated to the thrift store. Thank you!
- * **Dr. Dan Robinson,** a member of Gideons International, will be our preacher next Sunday.
- * **Philip Gladden** will be in Georgia next Sunday, joining in the second celebration of his mother's 95th birthday.



SPECIAL HURRICANE RELIEF OFFERING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

We will collect a special Hurricane Relief Offering on Sunday, October 15 during worship. The money will be sent to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program. This money will be used for relief and recovery efforts following Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria.

Money is often the most needed and helpful resource following disasters such as these devastating hurricanes. Needs are constantly changing and relief workers on-site know best what the people need. Also, money spent in the affected areas helps local businesses in their own recovery. Please consider a compassionate and generous donation to help people who have suffered so much during this hurricane season.



09/24: Ann Carter & Gerri Hanson 10/01: Rhonda & Freddie Hall

USHERS

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



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

09/24: Lydia & Kennedy Thompson 10/01: Elizabeth & James Sills

GREETERS

09/24: Greg & Geneva Maready 10/01: Gary & Joyce Ange

Opening Church Building

September 16-30: Dave Wells October 1-15: Bill Carone



June Blalock (Rosemary), 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), Dick Phillips (friend of Tim Peppe, pancreatic cancer-John Hopkins) Brison Ricker (just celebrated his 16th birthday- His brother Preston has just been diagnosed with thyroid 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)



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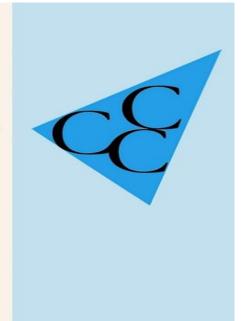
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BEGINNING THIS FALL

Yes, I am interested in learning more about God's Word from scratch.

CONTACT: Phone:		
Email:		
The best time(s) for me to meet are (check all that apply). We may be able to have more than one class!		
Monday	Tuesday	-
Wednesday	Thursday	_
Friday	Saturday	_
Sunday		
Morning	Afternoon	Evening

NAME: _____