

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

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(During this time the friendship pads are passed to be signed)

Minutes for Mission

“Sound Retreat”

Choral Call to Worship **“Our God Is an Awesome God”** Mullins

Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!

Opening Sentences

Elder Rick Batchelor

Leader: *Here we are, Lord!*

All: You have seen us and known us from before the beginning.

Leader: *Here we are, Lord!*

All: Jesus, you have called us to this place.

Leader: *Here we are, Lord!*

All: Gracious Holy Spirit, inspire our hearts with courage and joy.

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

All: And also with you.

Leader: *Let us worship God.*

*Hymn #838

“Standing on the Promises”

PROMISES

Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Gracious God, we have come to see that our lives fall far short of your glory. You have given your Son for us, and poured out your Spirit, yet we fail to return your love with all our heart. Too often we are selfish and proud, ignoring you and neglecting others. When we do not truly trust and obey you, we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear, and worry. In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure love, yet we follow the false hopes and desires of this world. Father, through the redeeming death of your Son, by your Spirit, and through your Word, strengthen us to follow you with joy. We ask all of this, confident of your faithfulness and love; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Today's Prayer of Confession is from bettergatherings.com, an online worship resource.)

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: *The Good News is this: Christ entered the world*

All: to free us, to accept us, to love us to be the women and men we were created to be.

Leader: *Friends, through the love of Christ,*

All: we are forgiven and welcomed home. Alleluia! Amen!

*Gloria Patri Hymn #579

Glory Be to the Father

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

Anthem

“I Will Come to You (You Are Mine)” David Haas

I will come to you in the silence; I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here. I am hope for all who are hopeless; I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me. I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and all will know my name. I am the Word that leads all to freedom; I am the peace the world cannot give. I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live!

Refrain

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home.

Prayer for Illumination *(based on Psalm 119:49-50 and Isaiah 40:8)*

Almighty God, remember your word to your servant, in which you have made me hope. This is my comfort in my distress, that your promise gives me life. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of God will stand forever. Help us to hear your word, O God, so we may have hope, comfort, and life; through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 84

Elder Rick Batchelor

+Pages 472, 473

*Hymn #725

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

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Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:41-52

+Pages 833, 834

Sermon

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

“Moving Jesus Out of the Manger”

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

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 #726

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

THE SERVANT SONG

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

“Christ Be Beside Me”

Grotenhuis, 1985

*Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me,
King of my heart. Christ be within me; Christ be below me;
Christ be above me, never to part. Amen.*

*Postlude

*All who are able may stand.

+The page number in pew Bible.



“A Casual Afternoon of Music with Friends”

Sunday, January 25, 2015

3:00 p.m.

Wallace Presbyterian Church

Free Admission

Featuring:

Randy Bittner

Karla Casteen

Vera Coombs

Joell Parker

Sponsored by Wallace Friends of the Arts

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 11	8:30 am	Sound Retreat Planning Committee
	9:40 am	Opening Assembly
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
Tuesday, January 13	6:30 am	Coffee in Room 304
	7:00-7:30 am	SonRise Worship, Room 304
Wednesday, January 14	10:00 am	Bible Study, Manse Living Room
	4:30-7:30 pm	LOGOS!
	6:00 pm	Handbell Practice
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Please join** the minister for a Bible study on John 13:1-20 on Wednesday, January 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the living room of the Church Office Building.
- **Congratulations** to Jason and Mary Laine Rouse on the birth of their son, Lane Philip Rouse, on December 31 (7 lbs., 4 oz.; 20 inches). JJ is Lane's big brother. Proud grandparents are Philip and Georgia Longest.
- **Congratulations** to Rev. Lauren Deer who was sworn in as the chaplain of the Wallace Police Department on Thursday, January 8.
- **We extend** our Christian love and sympathy to Andrea Casteen and her family on the death of her grandmother on December 24.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** If you are interested in joining a newly formed Prayer Shawl Ministry please meet in Room 304 immediately after worship on January 18. We will discuss projects we are planning to do. You may reach Dottie Obenour at [910.285.6464](tel:910.285.6464) or email: obie12@embarqmail.com. This ministry is very popular at numerous churches and would be welcome to any member needing comfort, prayers, baby baptism, etc. Your thoughts are welcome!
- **Member Directory:** We are in the process of doing a new member directory. A form is included in the bulletin for you to fill out with updated information. Please fill out and put in the offering plate. Please include cell phone numbers and email addresses. Thank you!
- **Christian love** and sympathy is extended to Jan Zoesch on the death of her father on December 26, 2014.



NURSERY

01/11: Rob & Ciria Lanier
01/18: Jim & Danielle Sills



GREETER

01/11: Joey Fussel & Mary Carone
01/18: Rick & Nettie Batchelor



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

01/11: Rance Creech & Cole Farris
01/18: Sarah Pearl Farris & Hill Lanier

USHERS

Jim Robison, Leader
Michael Teachey Dave Wells
Roger Coombs Clay Blue

OPENING & CLOSING: January 1-15: Charley Farris
January 16-31: Greg Maready



Prayer Requests
Bill Blalock, Autumn Care-Wilmington, Myree Bland, Avalee Bowman- Hampstead, Tammy Callahan-(Frankie Coleman's daughter, stroke) Warren Cavanaugh, Brain Tumor, Ronnie Cox-Pastor Watha PFWB Church, Rose Curth-Brain Cancer, Joe Dormagen (Verlie Wells' son-in-law), Rebecca Eaddy family, Herman Hardy, Ozelle Kennedy-(Joell Parker's Grandmother), SPC William Krupitzer-(nephew of Linda Burroughs), Wright Lanier family, Pippa Larsen-one year old diagnosed with AAL, a form of leukemia, (friends of Nick & Lee Baker), Frank Lettieri, Bruce & Barbara Lyon (Jim Sills mother and her husband; Mr. Lyon had a stroke), Sharon Moore, Bill Norris-River Landing, Glenn Powell, Judy Robinson, Bill Saunders family, Evelyn Shaver, Michael Sumner, Emily Taylor- (Grace Carter's niece from Chesapeake, VA) cancer, Mimi Tarleton, Bettisue Tillman-Dayspring, Jerle Turner-Brain tumor, Kelsea Webster, Verlie Wells-Rosemary, Members and friends in the armed services: Jason Payne.



BACKPACK
Ministry

FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN & BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING

Sunday, January 25

We collect this offering on the fourth Sunday of each month during the school year. Our offering is combined with donations from other area churches, businesses, and individuals to provide school lunches and backpacks of food for the weekends for public school children whose families are experiencing financial difficulties. Thanks for your contributions!



Pancake Breakfast

P.E.P. Fundraiser

Enjoy a Pancake Breakfast at Hwy 55 of Wallace (Former Andy's)

Time: 8:00 - 10:00 am

Tickets \$5.00 each

Saturday, February 14, 2015

Bring your sweetheart for a Pancake Breakfast!

(tickets available from PEP students, teachers, or board members)

Wallace Presbyterian Church



Organized in 1884

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 11, 2015

Eleven O'clock in the Morning

We support Presbyterian Church (USA) mission co-workers, Rev. Dustin and Sherri Ellington, in Lusaka, Zambia, Africa.

Visit our Website: www.wallacepresbyterian.com

