

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Rev. Dustin and Sherri Ellington, in Lusaka, Zambia, Africa.

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**All who are able may stand.*

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Sacrament of Baptism

October 14, 2018

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 **"We Gather Here in Jesus' Name"** Bryan Leech

We gather here in Jesus' name;

His love is burning in our hearts like living flame;

For through the loving Son, the Father makes us one:

Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come share the Lord.

Opening Sentences

Elder Curt Simpson

Leader: We gather together to worship God,

All: who comes to us when we least expect it,

Leader: who calls us out of the safety of our ordered lives

All: and invites us to join him in the adventure of faith.

Leader: I want to walk as a child of the light.

All: I want to follow Jesus.

Leader: Let us worship God together!

*Hymn #482

"Baptized in Water"

BUNESSAN



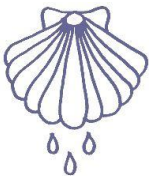
The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

The symbol of the seashell has been associated with baptism since the first centuries of the Christian church. The seashell reminds us that, in baptism, Christ calls us to discipleship, even as he called the first disciples by the seashore.

Presbyterian
Mission Agency

"In this new covenant of grace [Baptism] God washes us clean and makes us holy and whole. Baptism also represents God's call to justice and righteousness, rolling down like a mighty stream . . ."

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Book of Order



*Unison Prayer of Confession *(based on Matthew 14:22-33)*

God, you call us to step out in faith, to place our lives in Your hands, and to commit wholeheartedly to follow you. We confess that we find this difficult to do. It is not always easy to follow where you lead—to turn away from our own personal wants and desires, to let go of our safety nets and trust that you will provide for us in all things. Forgive us when we doubt you, God. Increase our faith. Open our eyes to see past our own interests and concerns, to your broader vision for us and for our world. In Jesus' name we pray. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

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

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*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.

INTRODUCTION AND RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBER

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Royal Pearson Johnson, IV
Elliana Grace Johnson

The Meaning and Purpose of Baptism

The Presentation of Royal Pearson Johnson, IV and Elliana Grace Johnson
Elder Fred Burroughs

The Questions for the Parents

The Questions for the Congregation
Elder Fred Burroughs

Do we, the members of the congregation, in the name of the whole Church of Jesus Christ, undertake with Royal and Jennifer the Christian nurture of Pearson and Elliana, so that in due time they may confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Will we endeavor by our example and fellowship to strengthen their family ties with the household of God?

***The Affirmation of Faith:** *[from "A Declaration of Faith" of the PC(USA)]*
Christ calls us to be disciples.

**In forming his people and sending them into the world
Jesus called individuals to be disciples.**

"The baptism of our young children witnesses to the truth that God claims people in love even before they are able to respond in faith."

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Book of Order

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Faith is stepping out into the unknown with nothing to guide us but a hand just beyond our grasp."

Frederick Buechner, The Magnificent Defeat

**They were to share the joy of his companionship,
to understand and obey his teachings,
and to follow him in life and death.**

**We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship.
Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ
is God's undeserved gift to each of us.**

**It is also God's demand upon every one of us,
never perfectly fulfilled by any of us.**

**Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters,
we strive to become more faithful and effective
in our daily practice of the Christian life.**

The Baptismal Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Baptisms of Royal Pearson Johnson, IV and Elliana Grace Johnson

The Welcome

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

Anthem

Fettke and Johnson, 2016

"Give Peace to Your People"

*Lord, we are yearning for peace in this valley,
Surrounded by mountains we fear to explore.
Grant us the courage to follow your footsteps,
Discovering the wonders that You have in store.
Give peace to Your People, we who are struggling,
Laden with petty disputes, and despair.
Give peace to Your people, we who are calling,
Knowing You'll answer, knowing You care.
Lord, we are burdened by fear and resentment,
Defeated by things we cannot understand.
Show us the pathway to peace and contentment,
That we may rest safely forever in Your hand.
Lord, grant us peace.*

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, even as you have written your Word long ago, and have preserved it through the generations, so today we ask that you speak to us through it. Illumine our minds to hear and receive your Word that we may know how to serve you; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Epistle Lesson

Hebrews 12:1-2

Elder Curt Simpson
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*Hymn #377

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

HOUSTON

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 14:22-33

+Page 796

Sermon

STEP UP. STEP OUT. Dr. Philip K. Gladden
"What Are You Looking At?"



A Time for Silent Reflection

Congregational Choral Response

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

*I will seek you in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in your ways.*

*And step by step you'll lead me,
and I will follow you all of my days.*

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.

*Hymn #463

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

"Amen"

Service Music

Amen, Amen, Amen.

*Postlude

*All who are able may stand.

+The page number in the pew Bible.

"The Christian journey, from start to finish, is a journey of faith."

*Watchman Nee,
20th century
Chinese church
leader and
teacher*



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 14	9:40 am	Opening Assembly
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship with Sacrament of Baptism
Monday - Saturday, October 15 -20		
	9:00 am -7:00 pm	FEMA uses Fellowship Hall
Monday, October 15	5:15 pm	PW Coordinating Team Meeting, Room 304
	6:15 pm	Presbyterians Dining Together, Mad Boar
Tuesday, October 16	6:00 pm	Session Meeting, Room 304
Wednesday, October 17	6:00 pm	Handbells
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **We welcome** Jennifer Lacey Johnson into the membership of the Wallace Presbyterian Church by transfer from the First Baptist Church of Newland, NC. Welcome, Jennifer!
- * **Today we celebrate** the Sacrament of Baptism with Royal Pearson Johnson, IV and Elliana Grace Johnson, children of Royal and Jennifer Johnson. Today is Pearson's 5th birthday. Happy Birthday Pearson! May God bless these children and their family as they grow in the knowledge and love of our Lord.
- * **We extend** our Christian love and sympathy to Sandy Cobb and her family on the death of her mother, Iona Williams, on October 6. Mrs. Williams was Curt Simpson's aunt.
- * **The Presbyterians Dining Together group** will meet at the Mad Boar for dinner on Monday, October 15 at 6:15 pm. Please join us for an evening of food and fellowship. Call Harvey Knowles at (910) 285-4155 if you plan to attend.
- * **The session** will meet on Tuesday, October 16 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 304. If you have any business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to the minister or one of the elders.
- * **The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina** will meet on Saturday, October 20 at the St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church in Wilmington. Elder Curt Simpson and Rev. Philip Gladden will attend from our congregation. Zach Casteen, Madelyn Coombs, Ellie Carone, and Elizabeth Sills will be installed as members of the 2018-2019 Presbyterian Youth Council. Thank you for your service!





10/14: Lydia Woodard & Andrea Casteen
 10/21: Danielle & Elizabeth Sills



Freddy Hall, Leader
 Wayne Casteen
 Roger Coombs
 Clay Blue
 Dave Wells



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

10/14: William Powell & Garrett Bullard
 10/21: Madelyn & Robert Coombs



GREETERS

10/14: Dotsie Caproni & Dana Myrick
 10/21: Bill & Susan Walters

Opening Church Building

October 1-15: Bill Carone October 16-31: Jack Blackney



June Blalock (Rosemary), **Lindsey Blackmon** (heart issues), **James Brice** (automobile accident, suffering some paralysis), **Allen Browers** (Cancer), **Carla DeNatale** (Mary Carone's niece) diagnosed with Breast Cancer, **Joe Dormagen** (Verlie Wells' son-in-law), **Betty Hall**, (The Gardens), **Judy Holley** (recovering from surgery), **Royal & Jennifer Johnson family**, **Tom Johnson** (recovering from heart surgery), **Tyler Lane** (Hope Turnbull's nephew, infectious sacroiliitis), **Wright Lanier Family**, **Amy Moss** (breast cancer, sister of Debbie Thomas) **Matthew Parks** (16 years old, snow-sledding accident, broken back, paralysis; parents are college friends of Hope Turnbull) **Nancy Pate**, (Libby Godwin's twin sister-inoperable brain tumor), **Nathan Pensinger** (Nathan is slowly gaining weight and energy. He did return to work this week and will continue on a limited schedule. Prayers for continued good health). **Jennifer Raynor** (Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome) **Judy Robinson**, **Ruth Roderick** (Harvey Knowles cousin), **Zayne Rivenbark** (cancer), **Rev. Bobby Tyson**, Wallace United Methodist Church (heart issues), **Kelsea Webster**, **Verlie Wells-Rosemary**, **Members and friends in the armed services: Jason Payne. William Krupitzer**-(Linda Burroughs nephew).



FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/ BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

An extension of the Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries Contributions from individuals, twenty plus churches, foundations, and other organizations provide lunches and weekend food to schoolchildren.
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