

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Please silence your cell phones.

**All who are able may stand.*

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 8, 2020

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude **"Open the Eyes of My Heart"** *setting* by Larry Moore, 1997
*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, I want to see You.
To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.*

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Sentences Elder Christy Johnson

Leader: Awake from your sleep for night is gone

All: and the dawn of a new day has arrived!

Leader: Darkness once ruled our lives,

All: but now the light of Jesus brings our salvation to life.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: You, O God, illumine our world with the light of a new day, the day of our salvation in Jesus' name. Bring his presence here as we lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light and truth. It is by the eternal hope of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Hymn #634 (verses 1 & 2) **"To God Be the Glory"** TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord, forgive us when we so easily turn our backs on you; when we choose not to help in times of need; when we utter words of anger and bitterness as ways to relate to one another. Heal our hearts and our wounded spirits. Lift us from the depths of our anguish into the light of your love that we may serve you faithfully. When the darkness becomes oppressive and we cling to our fears, O Lord, forgive us. Open our hearts and release us from all those things which block us from your love, for we ask these things in Jesus' name. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

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

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

*"Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers."
Romans 13:11*

Today's Prayer of Confession is taken from Ministry Matters Worship Connection, an online worship planning resource.





Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God will not delay giving help to all those who call upon God.

All: In Christ Jesus, we have been renewed in the glory of the resurrection.

Leader: Believe the good news:

All: our sin is forgiven! 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

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

Rise up and give us light; the

Bridegroom is in sight. Alleluia! Your lamps prepare and hasten there, that you the wedding feast may share."

From Hymn #349 in Glory to God,

"Sleepers, Wake!"

A Voice Astounds us

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 25:6-8

Elder Christy Johnson

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon

"Ready or Not, Here He Comes"

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.



GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“To God Be the Glory” setting by Mark Hayes, 2012

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice.

Come to the Father through Jesus, the Son.

Give Him the glory, great things He has done!

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 #313 (verses 1, 3, & 4)

LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

"Lord, Make Us More Holy"

Benediction

Postlude

*“The life, death,
resurrection, and
promised coming
of Jesus Christ
has set the
pattern for the
church’s
mission. In the
power of the
risen Christ and
the hope of his
coming, the
church sees the
promise of God’s
renewal of
human life in
society and of
God’s victory
over all wrong.”*
From “The
Confession of
1967” of the
Presbyterian
Church (U.S.A.)



*“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the
dead, and Christ
will shine
on you.”*
Ephesians 5:14,
perhaps from an
ancient Christian
hymn

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 8 10:00 am Zoom Sunday School Classes
11:00 am In Person and Live Stream Worship
Sunday afternoon, November 8 - Wednesday, November 11
Minister on Continuing Education Leave
Monday, November 9 No Monday Night Zoom Bible Study
Wednesday, November 11 No Wednesday Morning Zoom Bible Study

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **Philip Gladden** will be on Continuing Education leave Sunday afternoon - Wednesday, November 8 at the Cedar Cross Retreat Center in Louisburg, NC. Please contact Clerk of Session Hope Turnbull (910-284-2813) or the church office in an emergency.

* **There will be no** Monday night or Wednesday morning Zoom Bible Study this week.



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE CANCELED

Rev. Alan Thompson, pastor of First Baptist Church in Wallace, has announced that there will not be a Community Thanksgiving Service this month, due to concerns about the increasing spread of the Covid-19 virus and the danger of the community gathering resulting in a "super-spreader" event.

