



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

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016

11:00 A.M.

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

Decorating the Chrismon Tree

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

Minute For Mission

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Sentences

Elder Joell Parker

Leader: With the rising of the sun, symbol of light, we gather on this first Sunday of Advent.

People: We are a community of hope, looking to the new day when the glory of God shall cover the earth. Let us worship God, giver of hope.

Leader: May God, the source of hope, fill you with all joy and peace, by means of your faith in him, so that your hope will continue to grow by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Hymn #88

“O, Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI EMMANUEL

*“For outlandish creatures like us,
on our way to a heart, a brain, and courage,
Bethlehem is not the end of our journey but only the beginning – not home but the place through which we must pass if ever we are to reach home at last.*

*Frederick Buechner,
The Magnificent Defeat*

"A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes . . . and is completely dependent on the fact that the door of freedom has to be opened from the outside, is not a bad picture of Advent."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1943, German pastor executed by the Nazis

"Into this world, this demented inn in which there is absolutely no room for him at all, Christ comes uninvited."

Thomas Merton, Trappist monk of the Abbey of Gethsemani, Kentucky

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we do not walk in your light. We study the ways of war; we stray from the paths of peace. By day we waste your gifts; by night we dishonor your name. Forgive us; deliver us; awaken us to your Word, so that we may be ready to welcome you with joy, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

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

Responsive Assurance of Pardon *(from Romans 13:11b-12)*

Leader: You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.

All: For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers.

Leader: The night is far gone, the day is near.

All: Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

*Gloria Patri Hymn #581

Glory Be to the Father

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN & BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING

Children's Sermon Lighting the First Advent Candle: HOPE

Elder Carol Steen

Special Music "**Come, Thous Long-Expected Jesus**" *arr.* Ijames
Piano Duet

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Speak to us, Lord. Speak to us in the waiting, the watching, the hoping, the longing, the sorrow, the sighing, the rejoicing. Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days, and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

Elder Joell Parker
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*Hymn #129

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

ES IST EIN' ROS'

“Optimism and hope are radically different attitudes. Optimism is the expectation that things — the weather, human relationships, the economy, the political situation, and so on — will get better. Hope is trust that God will fulfill God’s promises to us in a way that leads us to true freedom.”

*Henri Nouwen,
Dutch Catholic
priest, professor,
writer and
theologian.*

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.1 Peter 1:3

Sermon

“HOPE”

Rev. Clay Macaulay

“Those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined.”
Isaiah 9:2b (NRSV)

A Time for 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.*

*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 #82 “Come, Thous Long-Expected Jesus”

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*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*

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Wallace Presbyterian Church

Worship Service: 12:05 P.M.

Luncheon: 12:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, December 1, 2016

Speaker.....Rev. Buck Garrison
Bethel Wesleyan Church

Special Music.....Emily Saunders & Geneva Maready, Handbell Duet

Organist.....Vera Coombs

THURSDAY, December 8, 2016

Speaker.....Rev. Bobby Tyson
Wallace United Methodist Church

Special Music.....Plus Two

Organist.....Vera Coombs

THURSDAY, December 15, 2016

Speaker.....Judith Kunst

Special Music.....Glen McCune

Organist.....Vera Coombs



Christmas Music 2016

December 4, 2016 at 7:30 pm—“Handel’s Messiah” performed by Friends of the Arts Voices and the Wilmington Symphony String Ensemble. This will be presented at First Baptist Church of Wallace.

December 11, 2016 at 5:00 pm— Wallace United Methodist Church Chancel Choir presents “Noel Celebration” by Cindy Berry.

December 18, 2016 at 11:00 am and 5:00 pm—First Baptist of Wallace Church Adult Choirs & Drama Team presents “Light! Out of the Darkness”.

December 24, 2016— **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services**

5:00 p.m.—Wallace First Baptist Church

6:00 p.m.—Wallace United Methodist Church

7:00 p.m.—Wallace Presbyterian Church



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 27	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	9:40 am Opening Assembly
	10:00 am Sunday School
	11:00 am Worship/Feed Our Hungry Children & Backpack Ministry Offering
Wednesday, November 30	10:00-11:00 am Bible Study, Church Office Building
	6:00 pm Handbells
	7:15-8:15 pm Bible Study, Room 304
	7:30 pm Choir Practice
Thursday, December 1	12 noon Advent Worship & Luncheon
Friday, December 2	5:00 pm Ange/Young Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday, December 3	4:30 pm Ange/Young Wedding

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **We welcome** Rev. Clay Macaulay as our preacher this morning. Rev. Macaulay is a graduate of Davidson College and Union Presbyterian Seminary and has served as a pastor for more than thirty years in Williamsburg, VA, Hillsboro, WV, Peoria, IL, and Weems, VA.
- **This morning** we receive our monthly Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering. This offering funds daily school lunches and weekend food for children in seven county schools whose families are experiencing financial challenges.
- **Our first Advent worship service and luncheon** will be Thursday, December 1 at 12 noon. Speaker: Rev. Buck Garrison, Bethel Wesleyan Church. Music: Emily Saunders & Geneva Maready, Handbell duet.
- **Members of the session's Class of 2019** will be ordained and installed during worship next Sunday, December 4. To be ordained and installed: Linda Burroughs and Dean Hanson. To be installed: Jason Rouse, Curt Simpson, and Geneva Maready.



The floral arrangements in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Harry "Toots" Carlton and William "Bill" Saunders.



Thank you to all our church family for the many cards, calls, prayers and countless other acts of love during and following my heart surgery. What a wonderful blessing to belong to Wallace Presbyterian Church. God Bless!

*In Christ,
Dave Long*



NURSERY

11/27: Ann Carter & Gerri Hanson
12/04: Lindsey & Stanley Skidmore



GREETERS

11/27: Gary & Joyce Ange
12/04: George & Elizabeth Hatch

Opening Church Building: November 16-30: Art Raymond

USHERS

Charley Fariior, Leader
Rick Batchelor Jonathan Fussell
Bill Carone Curt Simpson



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

11/27: Elizabeth & James Sills
12/04: Cameron & Reese Blue



Jim Alexander-at home, **Lee Baker**-at home, **Joe Dormagen** (Verlie Wells' son-in-law), **Betty Hall**, (Rosemary) **Wright Lanier Family**, **David Long**-recovering from heart surgery, **Philip Longest family**, **Amy Moss** (breast cancer, sister of Debbie Thomas) **Graham Phillips family**, **Ann Quinn**-cancer (Mary Carone's sister) **John Brison Ricker** 15 years old in Michigan, diagnosed with inoperable brain tumor) **John Rau family**, **Judy Robinson**, **Earleene Southerland**-at home, **Randy Thomas**-(Don Thomas' brother-by-pass surgery-Charlotte), **George Walker**-Rosemary, **Kelsea Webster**, **Verlie Wells**-Rosemary, **Members and friends in the armed services: Jason Payne.**

(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)

ST. NICHOLAS PROJECT



For many years the St. Nicholas Project has been an important mission of Wallace Presbyterian Church. The Outreach Ministry Team has received families for this year.

St. Nicholas Project family and gift information is located on the bulletin board in the church fellowship hall. Christmas is a time of sharing. May we continue to share Christ's love with others as we have been so richly blessed. Thank you for supporting this wonderful ministry of our church.

If you would like to participate in this project by buying a gift:

- Select and remove a labeled ornament tag or tags from the tree on the bulletin board.
- Wrap the gift and tape the labeled ornament tag on the wrapped gift.
- Place wrapped and labeled gifts in the box beneath the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.
- Bring gifts to the church by December 18

If you would like to make a donation to the St. Nicholas Fund:

- Please place a check, designated for "St. Nicholas Fund", in the offering plate. or donate online under "St. Nicholas"

Please bring gifts to the church or make donations by Sunday, December 18.



The Worship and Music Ministry team is buying wreaths to decorate the church for Advent. If you would like to purchase a wreath in honor or memory of a loved one or friend, this is the perfect opportunity to do so. The live wreaths will be Frazier fir, cedar and blue spruce. They will be hung in the sanctuary and on the doors of the church.

The price will be \$40.00 per wreath. There are marked offering envelopes in the pews for your donations. Please fill out the information on the envelopes with your donation and place into the collection plate.

Thanks,
Worship & Music Ministry Team