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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 29, 2015

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

St. Nicholas Project

Elder Harriet Farrior

Choral Call to Worship

"While We Are Waiting, Come"

WAITING, 1986

*While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

The Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Jason, Mary Laine, J.J., and Lane Philip Rouse

Opening Sentences

Elder George Francis

Leader: The God who speaks comfort to us calls us here.

All: The God who addresses us with tenderness meets us here.

Leader: The God who guides us with gentleness cares for us here.

All: We come to prepare a way for the Lord.

Leader: We come to ready ourselves for the transformation of our lives.

All: For the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it.

*Hymn #88

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

VENI EMMANUEL

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

"Advent" comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." During the four weeks of Advent, we light candles as signs of the growing light of Christ who is coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our world. Until the dawning of that Great Day, we watch and wait in the Holy Spirit for Christ's coming into the darkness of our world, lighting candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, and remembering the promises of God with prayer.

The prayers in today's worship service are taken from Re:worship, an online worship planning resource, and from the Presbyterian Church (USA) worship resources.

*Unison Prayer of Confession

*Lord God, we praise you for sending light into this world. We confess that we live as though the light had never defeated darkness. We confess that we ignore the Savior you sent to be among us and to live in us. We have kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season and do not yearn for his coming each moment in our waiting hearts. Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus. Prepare us for his return. Help us rejoice in the light, so that your grace can illumine the darkened places of our hearts; through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. **Amen.***

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news of the psalmist's proclamation:

All: If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me, and the light around me will be night,"

Leader: Even the darkness is not dark to God, and the night is as bright as the day. The God who promised never to leave us or forsake us has come to us in Jesus Christ."

All: who binds up the brokenhearted, heals all our infirmities, and relieves our burden of sin.

Leader: So arise, shine; for your light has come,

All: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri Hymn #581

Glory Be to the Father

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

5th Sunday Building Offering

Children's Sermon

Anthem

arr. D. McCullough, 2006

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

*Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.
Born thy people to deliver. Born a child, and yet a king;
Born to reign in us forever. Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to your glorious throne.*

"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

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 40:1-11

Elder George Francis

+Pages 581, 582

*Hymn #96

WINCHESTER NEW

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

Gospel Lesson

John 1:19-28

+Page 862

Sermon

"Point It Out to Me"

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

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 #106

"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

*Let's approach
Christmas with an
expectant hush,
rather than a last-
minute rush."
Anonymous*

Benediction

*Choral Benediction **"The First Nowell"** English Carol, 1833
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell.
Born is the King of Israel.*

*Postlude

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

Save the Date! December 8, 2015



Dinner and Christmas Lights Hayride

5:30 pm

\$26.00 per person

**Get tickets from Dottie Obenour, Bill Walters,
Rick Batchelor, Brenda Long, Gerri Hanson,
Sandy Cobb,**

Lois Edgerton, or Bobby Ives

Meet at church to car pool

Please get tickets by November 29

Reservations already made.

**Come and have great food, entertainment, and
fellowship!**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 29	9:40 am	Opening Assembly
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
Tuesday, December 1	7:00 pm	Presbyterian Men Christmas Dinner, Rose Hill Restaurant
Wednesday, December 2	5:15-7:00 pm	LOGOS!
	6:00 pm	Handbells
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday, December 5	9:30 am	Called Meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina in Clinton, NC

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The congregational meeting** originally scheduled for Sunday, December 6 has been rescheduled for Sunday, December 20 immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the 2016 budget as information, to act on recommended changes in the minister's terms of call, and to hold the annual meeting of the congregation.
- **Today we receive** the 5th Sunday Building Offering. This offering helps us maintain the physical plant and provide facilities for worship, community ministries, preschool, and many other programs of nurture and outreach.
- **The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina** will have a called meeting on Saturday, December 5 at the Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church in Clinton. Elder George Francis and Rev. Philip Gladden will represent our congregation.



The 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 friends for the many cards, calls, meals and countless other acts of love following my knee surgery. What a wonderful blessing to belong to Wallace Presbyterian Church.

*With love,
Pat and Worth Wilson*



NURSERY

11/29: Pat & Jim Simpson

12/06: Madelyn Coombs & Hope Turnbull

Opening Church Building: November 16-30: Art Raymond December 1-15: Jim Simpson



GREETERS

11/29: Joey & Rita Brinkley

12/06: Dotsie Caproni & Dana Myers

USHERS

Joe Tillman, Leader

Joey Brinkley

Jim Sills

Harvey Knowles

Sam Rose



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

11/29: Sara Pearl Farrow & Hill Lanier

12/06: Joseph & Colby Phaneuf



Myree Bland, Avalee Bowman- The Oaks at Mayview, Raleigh, **Tammy Callihan-**(Frankie Coleman's daughter, stroke) **Ronnie Cox-**Pastor Watha PFWB Church, **Joe Dormagen** (Verlie Wells' son-in-law), **Phil Gladden-** recovering from knee replacement surgery, **Herman Hardy, Ozelle Kennedy-**(Joell Parker's Grandmother), **SPC William Krupitzer-**(nephew of Linda Burroughs), **Wright Lanier family, Pippa Larsen-**Two years ago we requested prayers for Pippa Larsen, a one-year old diagnosed with childhood leukemia. Pippa, now almost 3 years old, has responded extremely well to extensive treatment. She is expected to be able to stop her treatment in November. The family appreciates your prayers. (friends of Nick & Lee Baker), **Katie Merritt,** (Elizabeth Wells Merritt's mother-in-law) mild stroke, **Sharon Moore, Glenn Powell, Ann Quinn,** (Mary Carone's sister)-cancer, **Donna Roberts and family**(death of husband, Scott) **Judy Robinson, Cheryl Siddens-** cancer, **Beverly Smith-**cancer, **Emily Taylor-** (Grace Carter's niece from Chesapeake, VA) cancer, **Mimi Tarleton, Linda Wells,** recovering from shoulder surgery, **Kelsea Webster, Verlie Wells-**Rosemary, **Pat Wilson-**Cornelia Nixon Davis in Wilmington recovering from knee replacement surgery, **Members and friends in the armed services: Jason Payne.**

ST. NICHOLAS PROJECT



For many years the St. Nicholas Project has been an important mission of Wallace Presbyterian Church. The Outreach Committee has received families for this year. Below you will find the information concerning each family. 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. St. Nicholas Project family and gift information is located on the bulletin board in the church fellowship hall.

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 13

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.

Please bring gifts to the church or make donations by Sunday, December 13.