

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

Choral Call to Worship "Waiting" Cason, 1986

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

Opening Sentences Elder Karla Casteen

Leader: The time of waiting and watching is here! Are you ready?

People: We are waiting for the Lord of Peace to open our hearts.

Leader: The Lord of Peace comes to you this day to free you from your sins.

People: We are ready to receive the precious blessings of God.

Leader: Come, let us worship God who loves us dearly.

People: Let us praise God for God's blessings in our lives. Amen.

*Hymn #9 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

O Lord God, as we begin to prepare our hearts to receive the One whom you are sending, forgive us for all the time we have missed seeing you in our midst, for all the times we have doubted your presence, and for all the times we have failed to help others find their way. Forgive us in the name of Jesus, the One who is coming. **Amen.**

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear the good news of the gospel:

All: Let us lay aside the works of darkness! Let us put on the armor of light!

Leader: For in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven and made new.

All: Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.

And now, Christ invites us to be clothed in righteousness, to walk in the light of God.

*Gloria Patri Hymn #579 Glory Be to the Father

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

5th Sunday Building Offering

Children's Sermon **Lighting the First Advent Candle: HOPE**

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

The Meaning of Advent, Scripture Reading, Lighting the Candle

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 Thy glorious throne.

Anthem "Thankful" Foster and Sager
Randy Bittner, baritone

Some days we forget to look around us
Some days we can't see the joy that surrounds us
So caught up inside ourselves we take when we should give

So for tonight we pray for what we know can be
And on this day we hope for what we still can't see

It's up to us to be the change
And even though we all can still do more
There's so much to be thankful for

Look beyond ourselves, there's so much sorrow
It's way too late to say, I'll cry tomorrow
Each of us must find our truth we're so long overdue

So for tonight we pray for what we know can be
And every day we hope for what we still can't see

It's up to us to be the change
And even though we all can still do more
There's so much to be thankful for

Even with our differences
There is a place we're all connected
Each of us can find each others light

So for tonight we pray for what we know can be
And on this day we hope for what we still can't see

It's up to us to be the change
And even though this world needs so much more
There's so much to be thankful for

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 Elder Karla Casteen

Isaiah 55:1-9 +Page 598

*Hymn #399 "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" DUNLAP'S CREEK

Gospel Lesson Luke 19:1-10 +Page 854

Sermon "What Jesus Saw" Dr. Matt Highfill

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 #20 "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night" ABERYSTWYTH

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction "Ash Grove" Knight

Let all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

*Postlude

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



The LOGOS children would like to say a BIG "THANK YOU" to the congregation for your Operation Christmas Child donations. The LOGOS kids packed 22 shoeboxes for OCC! Thank you for giving so generously to this program sponsored by Samaritans Purse. This will enable 22 children to have a Christmas. Thank you for sharing in this ministry.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 30	9:40 am	Opening Assembly
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship/5 th Sunday Building Offering
Tuesday, December 2	6:30 am	Coffee in Room 304
	7:00 – 7:30 am	SonRise Worship, Room 304
	7:00 pm	Presbyterian Men Christmas Dinner, Rose Hill Restaurant
Wednesday, December 3	10:00 am	Bible Study, Blue Room (off of Fellowship Hall)
	4:30 – 7:30 pm	LOGOS!
	6:00 pm	Handbells
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday, December 4	12:05 pm	Advent Worship & Luncheon

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **We welcome** the Reverend Dr. Matt Highfill to our pulpit this morning. Matt retired two years ago from Winter Park Presbyterian Church in Wilmington where he had served as Pastor for 22 years. He is married to the Reverend Dr. June Highfill, Pastor of Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian Church. They have two grown Children.
- **This morning** we receive our 5th Sunday Building Offering. This offering helps underwrite the ongoing maintenance, repair, and upkeep costs of our church physical plant. Thank you for your contributions.
- **Please join** the minister for a Bible study on Matthew 1:1-17 on Wednesday, December 3 at 10:00 a.m. in the Blue Room (off of the Fellowship Hall).
- **Our first Advent worship service and luncheon** will be Thursday, December 4 at 12:05 p.m. Our speaker will be Brian Bullard from Faison, an attorney and elder in the Faison Presbyterian Church.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Anyone interested in joining a newly formed Prayer Shawl Ministry please contact Dottie Obenour. Tentative plans are to start in January on a Monday late morning or early afternoon gathering perhaps in Fellowship Hall? We will get together to discuss our projects, etc. once interest is expressed....You may reach Dottie 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!



NURSERY

11/30: Watts & Tracey Carr
12/07: Freddy & Rhonda Hall



GREETERS

11/30: Dotsie Caproni & Dana Myrick
12/07: Greg & Sandy Miller



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

11/30: Will & Jane Caroline Minchew
12/07: Joseph & Colby Phaneuf



Joe Tillman, Leader Sam Rose
Harvey Knowles Jim Sills

OPENING & CLOSING: **November 16-30:** Art Raymond
December 1-15: Roger Coombs

ST. NICHOLAS PROJECT



For many years the St. Nicholas Project has been an important mission of Wallace Presbyterian Church. The Outreach Committee has selected 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.

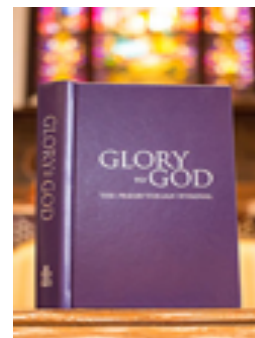
If you would like to participate in this project by buying a gift:

- 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.

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 14.



New Hymnal Dedication and Celebration

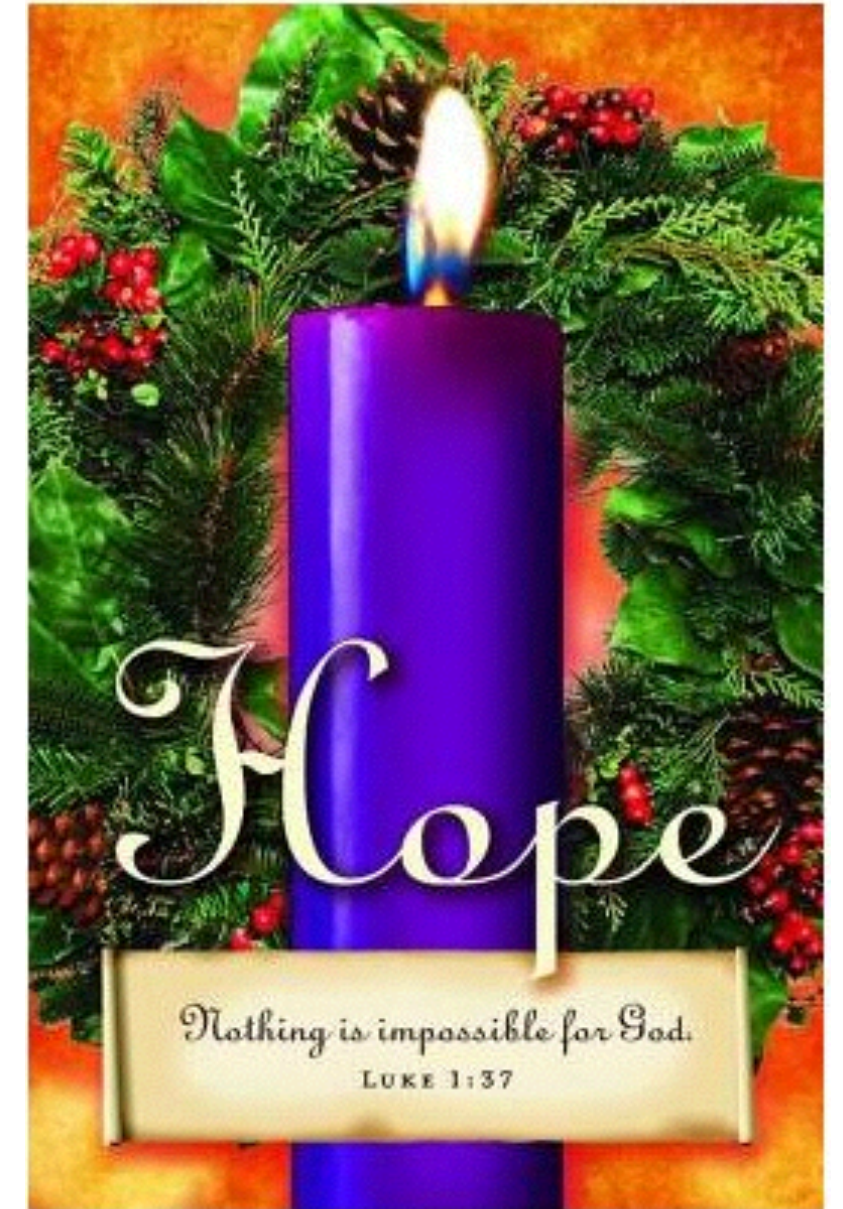
Sunday, December 7, 11:00 a.m.

We will give thanks for and retire the blue Presbyterian Hymnal which has served us faithfully for twenty years.

(You may take a copy of the retired hymnal home if you like.)

We will introduce and sing from our new hymnal, *Glory to God*.

Wallace Presbyterian Church



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2014

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

