

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

The First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 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

Dr. Dan Robinson

The Return of Sheepdog and Friends

Lighting the First Advent Candle Hope

Elder Michael Teachey and Mary Lila Blackburn

Choral Call to Worship **"While We Are Waiting, Come"** Don Cason

While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.

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

Opening Sentences

Elder Michael Teachey

Leader: The days are shorter and darkness comes early to our lives.

All: Lord, hear our prayers through the darkness.

Leader: Come, seek the Lord. Place your hope in God's mercy and love.

All: Lord, we seek your presence among us.

Leader: Look closely! God is making us ready.

All: Brighten our spirits this day, and help us to receive your Good News. Amen.

*Hymn #88 (Vs. 1, 6 & 7) **"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"** VENI EMMANUEL

Unison Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we confess that your time is not our time, that we are impatient and stubborn. You have called us to wait, and like a child we want to run before the street is safe to cross. We confess that at times we have given up because we have not experienced justice and righteousness as we imagined them. We confess that we have lost hope, for we have put our trust in the things and leaders of this world, instead of you, our Eternal Hope. You are the one who sent us Jesus,



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

*"Advent" means "coming" or "arrival." During the season of Advent, we celebrate Christ's coming into the world and watch with expectant hope for his coming again.
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Today's Prayer of Confession is taken from "Rev-olution," an online worship resource by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell.

and who promised to come again. Help us to know your faithfulness, mercy, and steadfast love, as we watch and wait this Advent. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

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

Unison Assurance of Pardon

O God, we thank you for the assurance of your grace and forgiveness, for hearing our prayers and challenging us to seek righteousness, and for your gift of love and acceptance. Amen.

*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

PRESBYTERIANS ANSWER TO HUNGER (P.A.T.H. OFFERING)

Children's Sermon

Anthem

"With Open Hearts" Pepper Choplin, 2013

With open hearts, we are waiting. With open hearts, now we pray.

In our quietness, we are calling, "Lord, come to us."

With open hearts, we are waiting. With open hearts, now we pray.

In our quietness, we are calling, "Lord, come to us today."

Emmanuel, O come, Emmanuel, and quench our thirsty souls.

Emmanuel, O come, Emmanuel, and make our spirits whole.

Our prayer is the same as the meaning of Your name, "God be with us."

Lord, come and touch our open hearts 'til our open hearts are full.

To the wounded hearts, come and heal them. Let the grieving hearts be consoled.

With open hearts, we are calling, "Lord come to us today."

With open hearts, we wait for you.

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may know that your kingdom is near and we may be alert and abounding in love for one another. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Elder Michael Teachey

+Page 645

*Hymn #357

"The Days Are Surely Coming"

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Gospel Lesson

Luke 21:25-36

+Pages 856, 857

*"Christ has come! Christ is risen! Christ will come again! In Advent, we are living between the first and the second coming of the Lord. The tension and paradox we find in Advent shapes our celebrations during the season."
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"Life in a prison cell may well be compared to Advent; one waits, hopes, and does this or that, or the other — things that are of no real consequence — the door is shut, and can be opened only from the outside."

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer,
Letters from
Prison —
November 21,
1943*

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

arr. Molly Ijames

*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 #349

"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

"Nowell"

English Carol

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

*Postlude

*All who are able may stand.

+The page number in the pew Bible.

*"O come, thou
Root of Jesse,
free thine own
from Satan's
tyranny; from
depths of hell thy
people save and
give them victory
o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall
come to thee, O
Israel."*



*"The one who
testifies to these
things says,
'Surely I am
coming soon.'
Amen. Come,
Lord Jesus!"
Revelation 22:20*



Join the Living Stones
on

Sunday, December 9th
at 2:30 pm
in the
Fellowship Hall

We will be cooking and decorating Christmas cookies, practicing handbells, having a devotion, and enjoying a movie. The Living Stones is all the younger youth (babies to 5th graders) in our church and their parents. Please come for fun and fellowship.

The Return of Sheepdog and Friends
Sunday, December 16
5:00 p.m.
The Sanctuary



Join Shobal the Sheepdog and his friends – Reuben, Simeon, Eshban, Onam, Jotham, Elishama, Joseph and Mary, the Three Wisemen, the angels, and Geshan – to hear the Good News of the Christmas story as you’ve never heard it before! David Johnson’s world famous (okay, Duplin County famous – well, Wallace Presbyterian Church famous) stage plays are back for an encore performance –

Watching the Flock; The Bethlehem Inn; and So What! The evening entertainment will include a catered dinner from Billy’s Pork and Beef. The cost is \$5 per plate. You may pay ahead of time or put your money in the basket on your table during the meal. Dinner reservations are due by Sunday, December 9. Please make your reservation by:

- ** calling Cheryl at the church office at 285-2808
- ** emailing Cheryl at cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com
- ** emailing Dr. Phil at drphil@wallacepresbyterian.com
- ** filling out the form below and placing it in the offering plate

Catered dinner Reservation

Due December 9,

2018

Name _____ Number of
plates _____

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 2	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: HOPE 9:40 am Opening Assembly 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship/P.A.T.H. Offering 12:00 pm Congregational Meeting
Monday, December 3	10:30 am Circle #1: Church Office Building
Tuesday, December 4	10:30 am Circle #3: Blue Room 6:30 pm Presbyterian Men Christmas Dinner, Rose Hill Restaurant 7:00 pm Circle #4: Emily Lee
Wednesday, December 5	10:00 am Bible Study, Church Office Building 6:00 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Thursday, December 6	12:05 pm Advent Worship & Luncheon

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **Today we receive** our quarterly P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) offering. This offering supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. The Hunger Program supplies funding for feeding programs for children in Haiti and Malawi and grants for congregational food ministries within our presbytery, including our own Helping Hands Food Pantry. Thank you for your generous contributions!

* **The session** has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, December 2, immediately following worship for the following purposes: 1) to re-elect a Nominating Committee (due to a mistake at the November 11 congregational meeting). Representing: Session — Susan Walters and Joe Tillman; Presbyterian Women — Patsy Ludlum and Carol Steen; Sunday School — Danielle Sills and Mary Laine Rouse; Youth — Ellie Carone and Madelyn Coombs; Ex-officio — Philip Gladden; 2) to receive as information from the Stewardship & Finance Committee the 2019 budget that was approved by the session on November 20; and 3) to hold the annual meeting of the corporation. All active members of the Wallace Presbyterian Church are eligible to vote.

* **Please join** the minister for a Bible study on Luke 3:1-6 on Wednesday, December 5 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the Church Office Building. This is the sermon text for the Second Sunday in Advent, December 9.

* **Our first Community Advent Worship Service** and Luncheon will be Thursday, December 6 at 12:05 p.m. Speaker: Rev. Carey Carlberg, Wallace United Methodist Church. Special Music: Zach Casteen.



If you would like to purchase an Advent Wreath in honor of, or in memory of a friend or loved one, fill out the envelope provided in back of the pew and put it in the offering plate on Sunday, December 2. A list with the names of those honored will be in the Bulletin each Sunday through the month of December. Thank you!



12/02: Susan & Ellie Carone
 12/09: Ellie Newton & Mary Stewart



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



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

12/02: Cameron & Reese Blue
 12/09: Madelyn Coombs & Ellie Carone



GREETERS

12/02: Freddy & Rhonda Hall
 12/09: Greg & Geneva Maready

Opening Church Building December 1-15: Roger Coombs



June Blalock (Rosemary), **James Brice** (automobile accident, suffering some paralysis), **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), **Wright Lanier Family**, **Amy Moss** (breast cancer, sister of Debbie Thomas) **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).

(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)

You are invited to the Christmas Cantata

