



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

December 3, 2017

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

Choral Call to Worship

“Come, Come Emmanuel”

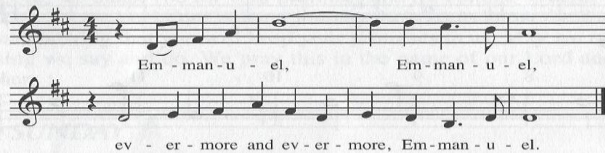
Chepponis

Come, come Emmanuel.

Come, Emmanuel.

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

Of the Father's Love
Congregational part:



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Opening Sentences

Elder Nick Baker

Leader: During Advent, we wait for the one promised in scripture.

All: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.

Leader: We wait for the one who will bring answers to a world full of questions.

All: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.

Leader: We wait for the one who can heal what has been wounded and mend what has been broken.

All: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.

Leader: We wait for the one who can renew our weary spirits and ignite our hearts with hope.

All: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.

“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

Lighting the First Advent Candle

*Hymn #88

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

VENI EMMANUEL

*Unison Prayer of Confession:)

God of love, through the work of our Lord Jesus, who comes among us full of grace and truth, forgive us, heal us, correct us. When we allow darkness to overcome the light, forgive us, Lord. When hardness of heart keeps us from believing in your Son, let your grace fill us, O God. Forgive our doubt and renew our hopes in Christ alone. May we watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Lord. In his name we we pray. . .

(A time for silent prayers . . .)

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: May the God of peace cleanse you through and through. The promise is that our whole being — spirit, soul, and body — will be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Let us rejoice, then, and give thanks as we receive forgiveness and healing in Christ's name.

*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

P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) Offering

Children's Sermon

Special Music

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Karla Casteen & Vera Coombs, Piano Duet

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 64:1-9

Elder Nick Baker

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

*Thomas Merton,
American
Catholic writer
and theologian*

*"Light one candle
to watch for
Messiah: let the
light banish
darkness. He
shall bring
salvation to
Israel, God fulfills
the promise."*

*Hymn #85, Glory
to God*

"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

"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"

2 Corinthians 9:15

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

*Hymn #92

"While We Are Waiting, Come"

WAITING

Epistle Lesson

2 Peter 3:1-10

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Gospel Lesson

Mark 13:24-37

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Sermon

"Don't Sleep Your Life Away"

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Silent 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: (*From "A Brief Statement of Faith"*)

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,**

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

**we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks**

and to live holy and joyful lives,

**even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Hymn #352

"My Lord! What a Morning"

MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

GO TELL IT

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*

+The page number in the pew Bible.



P.A.T.H. OFFERING
Presbyterian Answer to Hunger
Today, December 3

We will receive our quarterly P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) offering during worship on Sunday, December 3. 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!



Year-End Giving Deadline
For 2017 Tax Purposes
Sunday, December 24

Wayne Casteen, Church Treasurer, requests that all 2017 contributions be submitted by December 24 if you wish to have them credited in 2017. Thank you for your generous financial support of the Wallace Presbyterian Church!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 3	9:40 am Opening Assembly 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship/P.A.T.H. Offering 3:00-8:00 pm Pebbles & PYT
Monday, December 4	10:30 am Circle #1: Church Office Building
Tuesday, December 5	10:30 am Circle #3: Sandy Cobb 7:00 pm Circle #4: Emily Lee Presbyterian Men Christmas Dinner: Rose Hill Restaurant
Wednesday, December 6	No Bible Study
Thursday, December 7	7:30 pm Choir Practice, Music Room 12:05 pm Advent Worship & Luncheon

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **Join your friends** for Advent worship and lunch on Thursday, December 7 at 12:05 p.m. here in the sanctuary. Speaker: Hope Smith. Music: Arnie Young and Vera Coombs.
- * **Thanks to** your generosity and ongoing support of the work of Dustin and Sherri Ellington in Lusaka, Zambia, fifteen ministerial students at the Justo Mwale Theological University will receive personal copies of Greek and Hebrew grammars and dictionaries. The books were ordered and shipped last week, in time for the students to use them in January. Thank You!
- * **We extend** out Christian love and sympathy to Mary Carone and her family on the death of her brother, John DeNatale, on November 29.



The sanctuary flowers for the month of December are given in memory of Lacey Elizabeth Johnson, Fred and Bertha Mae Burroughs, and William and Doris Krupitzer by the Johnson and Burroughs families.

*Thank
you*

Thank you for surrounding Lock, Burke, and family throughout this year with prayers and support. The encouragement, cards, kind words, and the prayer shawl have been special blessings of hope and comfort. The many expressions of love you shared are deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.

Emily Saunders

*Thank
you*

Dear Friends, Thank you for your loving care, encouragement, cards, calls, prayers, gifts, and understanding as I went through my throat/voice box surgery. I'm on the mend and grateful to God for Dr. Robert Buckmire at the UNC Head and Neck Center.

*Love in Christ,
Phil*



12/03: Gina & Sarah Pearl Farrior
 12/10: Susan & Ellie Carone



Freddy Hall, Leader
 J Parker
 Wayne Casteen
 Dave Wells
 Clay Blue
 Roger Coombs



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

12/03: Cameron & Reese Blue
 12/10: Madelyn & Robert Coombs



GREETERS

12/03: Leon & Jewel Wells
 12/10: Cindy Barrow & Effie Mobley

Opening Church Building

December 1-15: Roger Coombs



June Blalock (Rosemary). **James Brice** (automobile accident, suffering some paralysis), **Joe Dormagen** (Verlie Wells' son-in-law), **Betty Hall**, (Rosemary), **Royal & Jennifer Johnson family**, **Wright Lanier Family**, **Amy Moss** (breast cancer, sister of Debbie Thomas) **Jason Norris** (cancer, Kelli Norris' brother-in-law) **Matthew Parks** (16 years old, snow-sledding accident, broken back, paralysis; parents are college friends of Hope Turnbull) **Nathan Pensinger** (back in hospital due to vomiting caused by internal bleeding) **Amanda Perry**, (cancer-niece of Margaret Toothman), **Dick Phillips** (friend of Tim Peppe-pancreatic cancer, John Hopkins), **Jennifer Raynor** (Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome) **Brison Ricker** (just celebrated his 16th birthday- **His brother Preston** has just been diagnosed with thyroid cancer) **Judy Robinson**, **Zayne Rivenbark** (cancer), **Rylan Schubkegel** (Nick Baker's great-nephew successfully completed treatment for Hodgkin's Lymphoma. He's being monitored regularly. The family appreciates your prayers), **Robert Tart family**, **Margaret Toothman**, **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)



BEGINNING DATES RE-SCHEDULED
New Start Dates

Monday, January 8 (7:00 - 8:30 p.m.)
and Tuesday, January 9 (10:00 - 11:30 a.m.)
Room 304 (across from the Music Room)

Bring your Bible and your questions!
 Session 1: What is the Bible?



ADVENT WREATHS

These Wreaths were bought for the Church during Advent Season and given in honor and memory of the following loved ones by the names listed below.

*In memory of Isadore and Cynthia Peppe and
Dell and Marty Jones*
Given by Tim & RJ Peppe

In memory of Marie Pettey Laufer
Given by George and Mary Laufer Francis

In honor of Andrea Casteen
Given by Zach, Adlyn Jo and Clara Gray Casteen

In memory of Bettisue Tillman
Given by Joe Tillman

In memory of our granddaughter Ally Simpson
Given by Jim & Pat Simpson

In memory of Alice Obenour and Dorothy W. Ring
Given by Bob & Dottie Obenour

In memory of Philip Longest
Given by Georgia Longest

In memory of Ruth Buckner
Given by Dave & Gloria Wells

In memory of Harry L. "Toots" Carlton
Given by Greg & Geneva Maready

In memory of Doris B. Barfield
Given by Leon & Jewell Wells and children

In memory of Virginia "Sit" Knowles
Given by Greg & Geneva Maready

In honor of the Music Ministry of Wallace Presbyterian Church
Given by Greg & Geneva Maready

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Edward F. Johnston, Sr., and The Rev. Edward F. Johnston, Jr.
Given by C.J. & Dotsi Caproni and family



The Chrismon Tree is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Harry "Toots" Carlton and William "Bill" Saunders.

