



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

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 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

"Joy To The World"

arr. Larson

The Attie Carlton Handbell Choir

Welcome and Announcements

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

Minute For Mission

St. Nicholas Project

Danielle Sills

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Sentences

Elder Dottie Obenour

*Leader: The prophet Isaiah declared that justice and peace shall come
through the family of Jesse.*

All: This justice shall be for all of creation.

Leader: Peace shall be established in all the world.

All: Get ready! Prepare for God's peace to reign!

*Leader: Get ready, people of God! The time of hope and peace is at
hand.*

All: We are called to action rather than reaction.

Leader: Come, draw near to God in faith.

All: Let us prepare our hearts to receive the wondrous gifts of God.

*Hymn #97

"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"

ABERYSTWYTH

*"Steadfast love
and faithfulness
will meet;
righteousness
and peace will
kiss each other."*

Psalms 85:10

*The authentically
hopeful*

*Christmas spirit
has not looked
away from the
darkness, but
straight into it.*

*The true and
victorious
Christmas spirit
does not look
away from death,
but directly at it.*

*Otherwise, the
message is
cheap and false.*

*Instead of
pointing to
someone else's
sin, we confess
our own. 'In our
sins we have
been a long time.'
Advent begins in
the dark."*

Fleming

*Rutledge,
"Advent Begins in
the Dark"*

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord of mercy and peace, open our hearts to receive your words of hope. We live far too much in darkness and fear. We have let the fears invade the very center of our lives and find ourselves changing, moving from your light to the darkness of despair. It seems that this world and its people are more pleased to fight and destroy than they are to have peace and harmony. We become part of that crowd when we wallow in anger, resentment, apathy, and greed. Forgive us, patient and merciful God. Help us be people who will look at the ways in which we have blocked your presence; ways in which we have truly failed to be your people. Give us courage and strength to change our lives, that your peace may become a reality in this world, right now, this day. For we offer this prayer in the name of Jesus. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

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

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: May our God make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all.

All: Christ promises to strengthen our hearts in holiness that we may be blameless before our God and Creator at the coming of the Lord.

Leader: Believe the good news:

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven. Alleluia!

*Gloria Patri Hymn #581

Glory Be to the Father

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

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

Children's Sermon Lighting the Second Advent Candle: PEACE

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."

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

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

Our prayer is the same and 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.

“Ordination serves Jesus Christ by attending to the way Christ the Word gathers his people through the word written, proclaimed, confessed, and lived out in unity. In serving Jesus Christ in this way, those who are ordained build up the church as a community whose life together and mission in the world witness to the One who is truly Lord.”

Rev. Thomas Currie

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 11:1-10

Elder Dottie Obenour

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*Hymn #372

“O for a World”

AZMON

Epistle Lesson

Romans 15:1-13

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Sermon

“Advent’s Present”

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Reflection

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS

The Office of Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

The Presentation of the Members of the Class of 2019

Elder George Francis, Clerk of Session

*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 true 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.

The Constitutional Questions of the Ruling Elders

The Constitutional Questions of the Congregation

Elder George Francis, Clerk of Session

Do we, the members of the church, accept Linda Burroughs, Geneva Maready, Jason Rouse, and Curt Simpson as ruling elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

The Laying On of Hands and Prayer of Ordination and Installation

The Statement of Ordination and Installation

The Welcome to the Members of the Class of 2019

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

arr. McChesney

The Attie Carlton Handbell Choir

*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.*

*Hymn #119

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

MENDELSSOHN

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

*Postlude

*All who are able may stand.

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Second Sunday of Advent



*“The peace of
God, which
surpasses all
understanding,
will guard your
hearts and your
minds in Christ
Jesus.”*

Philippians 4:7

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 4	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: PEACE
	9:40 am Opening Assembly
	10:00 am Sunday School
	11:00 am Worship/P.A.T.H. Offering
	Elder Ordination & Installation
	5:00-7:00 pm Youth Fellowship
	7:30 pm "Messiah" at First Baptist Church
Monday, December 5	10:30 am Circle #1: Meet at Church
Tuesday, December 6	10:30 am Circle #3: Fellowship Hall
	6:30 pm Presbyterian Men Christmas Dinner, Rose Hill Restaurant
	7:00 pm Circle #4: Emily Lee
Wednesday, December 7	10:00 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 8	12:05 pm Advent Worship & Luncheon

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Today** we ordain and install Ruling Elders for active service on the session in the Class of 2019. For ordination and installation: Linda Burroughs. For installation: Curt Simpson, Geneva Maready, Jason Rouse. Elder Dean Hanson will be ordained and installed next Sunday.
- **Thank you** to the members of the Session's Class of 2016 for their three years of faithful service as Ruling Elders: Rick Batchelor (Building & Grounds), Zach Casteen (Worship & Music), Harriet Farrow (Outreach), Dottie Obenour (Congregational Care), and Joell Parker (Christian Education).
- **Today** we receive our quarterly P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) offering. This quarterly offering supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina and funds children's feeding programs in Haiti and Malawi, and congregational food programs in our presbytery.
- **Our second Advent worship service and luncheon** will be Thursday, December 8 at 12:05 p.m. Speaker: Rev. Bobby Tyson, Wallace United Methodist Church. Music: Plus 2.
- **Please join** the minister for a Bible study on Philippians 4:4-7 and Isaiah 35:1-10 on Wednesday, December 7 from 10:00 - 11:00 (Church Office Building) or 7:15-8:15 p.m. (Room 304).
- **Congratulations** to Mary Blair Ange and Matt Young who were married in our sanctuary yesterday afternoon.



GREETERS

12/04: George & Elizabeth Hatch

12/11: Dan & Tanya Robinson

USHERS

Fred Burroughs, Leader

Blake Wallace

Susan Walters

Bill Walters

Greg Maready

Opening Church Building:

December 1-15: Roger Coombs

December 16-30: Dave Long



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

12/04: Cameron & Reese Blue

12/11: Garrett Bullard & Rance Creech



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**, **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.