



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**All who are able may stand.*

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 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

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 Second Advent Candle: PEACE

Zach, Andrea, Adlyn Jo, and Clara Gray Casteen

Opening Sentences

Elder Harriet Farior

Leader: *Let us prepare our hearts as we await the coming of our Lord,*

All: **Let us watch for the one who heard our cries and shouldered the suffering of our world,**

Leader: *Let us anticipate the coming of Christ's eternal world with wholeness, reconciliation and plenty for all.*

All: **Let us wait in expectation for the day when God's glory is revealed in all its fullness.**

Leader: *Come, Lord Jesus!*

All: **Let us worship God!**

*Hymn #108

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

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.

*Unison Prayer of Confession

*Forgive us, O God, for it is never easy to confess our sins. Cleanse our hearts and minds of all that prevents us from loving you and loving our neighbor. May our lives be marked by faith active in love as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world once more. Forgive us, O God who comes near to us. When we have lost our way, show us yours. Lead us in humility down the streets of your kingdom. Teach us your truth, so we might be able to keep your Word, revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. **Amen.***

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God does not remember our sins, but does remember the promises which have been made to us.

All: Let us live in your hope, O God, and teach us your love. You are the God of our days, we wait for you to come to us.

Leader: May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

*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

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 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

*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.***

"All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,' which means, 'God is with us.'"

*Hymn #377 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

HOUSTON

Gospel Lessons

Luke 1:26-33; 3:23-38

+Pages 831, 834-835

Sermon “Humanity’s Family Tree”

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: Taken from “A Brief Statement of Faith” from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. 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.

*Hymn #119

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

MENDELSSOHN

“The Incarnation was God’s ‘weak moment’”: when Omnipotence becomes a baby in a manger it has ‘weakened’ itself. The temptation is precisely a temptation to evade the self-imposed weaknesses, to be strong, omnipotent again-to make stones into bread, to be emperor of the world, to do ‘levitations.’ The weakness was the strength.”

*C.S. Lewis,
Collected Letters*

“The one who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.”

*Revelation 22:
20-21*

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.*



COMMUNITY ADVENT SERVICES

Wallace Presbyterian Church

Worship Service: 12:05 P.M.

Luncheon: 12:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, December 10, 2015

Special Program of Christmas Music Vera Coombs and Karla Casteen

THURSDAY, December 17, 2015

Speaker.....Dona Lanier
Special Music.....Men Plus One
Organist.....Vera Coombs



December 13, 2015 at 5:00 pm— Wallace United Methodist Church Chancel Choir presents *“Believe in the True Meaning of Christmas,”* by Chris Anderson and Dan Forrest.

December 20, 2015 at 11:00 am and 5:00 pm—First Baptist Church in Wallace presents *“The Silence and the Sound”* by Heather Sorenson.

December 20, 2015 at 11:00 am—Wallace Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir will present their Cantata *“A Noel Celebration”* by Lloyd Larson.

December 24, 2015—Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services

5:00 p.m.—Wallace First Baptist Church

6:00 p.m.—Wallace United Methodist Church

7:00 p.m.—Wallace Presbyterian Church

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 6	Second Sunday of Advent 9:40 am Opening Assembly 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship/P.A.T.H. Offering 5:00 pm Youth Fellowship Pageant Practice
Monday, December 7	10:30 am Circle #2: Room 304
Tuesday, December 8	10:30 am Circle #3: Lois Edgerton 5:30 pm Mike's Farm Dinner & Hayride
Wednesday, December 9	5:15-7:00 pm LOGOS! 6:00 pm Handbell Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Thursday, December 10	12:05 pm Advent Worship & Luncheon
Saturday, December 12	10:00 am Wallace Christmas Parade

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **This morning** we receive our quarterly P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) offering. This offering supports the ministry of the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. The presbytery funds feeding programs for children in Haiti and Malawi and also awards grants to congregational food ministries, including our own Helping Hands Food Pantry. Thank you for your generous support.
- **Our second Advent worship and luncheon** will be Thursday, December 10 at 12:05 p.m. Join us for a special program of Christmas music presented by Karla Casteen and Vera Coombs. Plan to stay for lunch in the Fellowship Hall following worship.



The Poinsettias in the sanctuary during the month of December are given by Cameron & Emily Lee in loving memory of Bill & Mary Emily Browder.



We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Wednesday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m., during the Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service.



NURSERY

12/06: Jay & Joell Parker

12/13: Ann Carter & Gerri Hanson

Opening Church Building: December 1-15: Jim Simpson



GREETERS

12/06: Emily Saunders & Dana Myrick

12/13: Greg & Sandy Miller

USHERS

Charley Farrior, Leader

Curt Simpson Jonathan Fussell

Rick Batchelor Bill Carone



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

12/06: Cameron & Reese Blue

12/13: Elizabeth & James Sills



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), **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), **Emily Lee**-recovering from knee replacement surgery, **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, **Linda Wells**, recovering from shoulder surgery, **Kelsea Webster, Verlie Wells**-Rosemary, **Pat Wilson**-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.