



# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Please silence your cell phones.*

*\*All who are able may stand.*

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Second Sunday of Advent: PEACE*

**December 6, 2020**

**11:00 A.M.**

### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *setting by Mark Hayes*

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Second Advent Candle: PEACE The Skidmore Family

Opening Sentences

Elder Hope Turnbull

*Leader: Lift up your hearts, people of God, for the Lord has looked favorably upon us and is sending us his beloved Son.*

**All: He is raising up for us a mighty savior in the house of his servant David.**

*Leader: God is showing the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our ancestors Abraham and Sarah, that we might serve him without fear.*

**All: We go before the Lord, following John the Baptist, to prepare the way of the Lord. Come, let us worship God and listen to the voice crying out in the wilderness.**

*(Written by Rev. Stephen M. Fearing - [www.stephenmfearing.com](http://www.stephenmfearing.com))*

Hymn #88 (verses 1 & 6) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL

Unison Prayer of Confession

**O God, we need you to speak to us because we have forgotten your law, forgotten your love for us. We are in need of your deliverance because we have given ourselves to powers and practices that would destroy us. We are lost, in need of rescue. Come, Lord Jesus; forgive us and restore us. Come, Lord Jesus; guide us and deliver us. Come, Lord Jesus; teach us and renew us. Come, Lord Jesus; hear our prayers . . .**

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

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

*"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us . . . and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."  
Isaiah 9:6*

*"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful."  
Colossians 3:15*

*“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”  
John 14:27*

## Responsive Assurance of Pardon

*Leader: But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.*

**All: This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.**

*Leader: Believe the good news:*

**All: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven!**

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

Children's Sermon

Advent 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.**

*“And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”  
Philippians 4:7*

Old Testament Lesson

*Isaiah 40:1-11*

Elder Hope Turnbull

Gospel Lesson

*Mark 1:1-8*

Sermon

**"2020 Christmas Preparation"**

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**



## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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

*“Glory to God in  
the highest  
heaven, and on  
earth peace  
among those  
whom he  
favors!”  
Luke 2:14*

Offertory                    **“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**                    *setting by John Purifoy*  
*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.  
O come, Thou Rod 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.*

*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 #96 (verses 1 & 2)

**"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"**

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Benediction

Postlude

*“Now may the  
Lord of peace  
himself give you  
peace at all  
times in all ways.  
The Lord be with  
all of you.”  
2 Thessalonians  
3:16*



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 6	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: PEACE
	10:00 am Zoom Sunday School Classes
	11:00 am Worship – in person & virtual P.A.T.H. Offering
Monday, December 7	10:30 am Circle #1: Fellowship Hall
	7:00–8:00 pm Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday, December 8	10:30 am Circle #3: Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm Circle #4: Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, December 9	10:00–11:00 am Zoom Bible Study
Thursday, December 10	Advent Worship Service available online: Dr. Alan and Debbie Brown, Dillon Brown, speakers; Vera Simpson and Joell Parker, music

## 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 to be held today at 11:55 a.m. for the purpose of hearing a report from the 2020 Nominating Committee, electing three Ruling Elders to the session's Class of 2023, receiving the 2021 budget as information, and conducting the annual meeting of the corporation.

\* **Our second Advent worship service** will be available on our church website ([www.wallacepresbyterian.com](http://www.wallacepresbyterian.com)), YouTube, and Facebook on Thursday, December 10. Speakers: Dr. Alan, Debbie, and Dillon Brown. Music: Dr. Joell Parker, Vera Simpson.

\* **Congratulations** to Bailey and Devan Riley on the birth of their daughter, Addison Glyn Riley, on November 30. Addison Glyn is the great-granddaughter of Tommy Johnson and is named for her late great-grandmother, Mary Glyn Johnson.

\* **We extend** our Christian love and sympathy to Mary Carone and her family on the death of her brother, Andrew DeNatale, Sr., on Monday



*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in honor of Joe Wallace on the occasion of his 85th birthday on December 9. They are lovingly given by his family.*





## Advent Worship Services

### “Celebrating Advent During a Pandemic”

Unfortunately, due to the increasing threat of Covid-19 and the necessary precautions to keep our community safe, the session has decided we will not have our annual in person Advent worship services and luncheons this year. As disappointing as this is, we will not be without Advent worship. Our worship team (Karla, Vera, Bill, Phil, and Dr. Dan) have planned three Advent worship services with speakers and special music. The services will be pre-recorded and made available on our church website ([www.wallacepresbyterian.com](http://www.wallacepresbyterian.com)), YouTube, and Facebook.

DATE	SPEAKER	MUSIC
December 3	Jim Sills	Vera Simpson, Randy Bittner
December 10	Dr. Alan and Debbie Brown, Dillon Brown	Vera Simpson, Joell Parker
December 17	Philip Gladden	Piano Music



### CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE

Virtual Service Only  
Thursday, December 24

Due to the increasing number of Covid-19 cases, we will not have an in person Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion worship service on Thursday, December 24.

However, the Worship & Music Ministry Team and the Worship Team (Karla, Vera, Bill, and Phil) will pre-record our Christmas Eve service and will include all of the familiar elements that make the service so meaningful. The service will be available on December 24 and following and can be accessed on our church website ([www.wallacepresbyterian.com](http://www.wallacepresbyterian.com)), YouTube, and Facebook.

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during the Christmas Eve worship service. You are encouraged to prepare the elements of bread and cup and participate in the communion at the appropriate time. While it is true that we might not all be breaking bread and drinking from the cup at the exact same time, we trust that we will be in communion with one another and with our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by the power and through the grace of God.

You are also encouraged to have candles ready at the end of the service as we light candles from the Christ candle and sing “Silent Night, Holy Night.”

This is a most unusual Christmas season but, through the wonders of modern technology, we are able to worship God and celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

# St. Nicholas Project



For many years the St. Nicholas Project has been a mission of Wallace Presbyterian Church. The Outreach Ministry Team has received families from our community for this year. St. Nicholas Project family and gift information will be emailed to church members. Information on how to sign up to purchase a gift for the families will be in the email. Due to Covid-19 "Sign-up Genius" will be used for church members to sign up online to purchase a gift this year. If you would like to purchase a gift and need assistance with the sign-up, please call the church office (285-2808). Thank you for participating in this wonderful ministry and sharing the love of Christ with others.

## To participate by buying a gift:

- *Follow the instructions in the email from the church and sign up to purchase a specific gift.*
- *Wrap the gift.*
- *Label the wrapped gift with the **family # and person it is for.***
- *Bring the wrapped and labeled gift to the church office during church office hours (Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon and 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.; Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon)*
- ***Deadline to bring gifts to the church- Thursday, December 17.***

If you would like to make a donation to the St. Nicholas Fund:

- Make check payable to Wallace Presbyterian Church and designate for "St. Nicholas Fund".
- Mail to P.O. Box 717, Wallace, NC 28466, place in offering plate during worship on Sunday, put in the mail slot in the front door of the church office building, or contribute online at [www.wallacepresbyterian.com](http://www.wallacepresbyterian.com).

Please bring gifts to the church or make donations by **Thursday, December 17.**

*Merry Christmas*