

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

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 Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"Fantasy on Joy to the World"

arr. Vandall

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

Minute for Mission

Choral Call to Worship "Of The Father's Love" Joel Raney

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the world began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He.

Congregation Emmanuel, Emmanuel, ever more and ever more, Emmanuel.

Responsive Reading and Candle Lighting

Let the heights of heaven adore Him; angel hosts His praises sing; Powers, dominions, bow before Him, and extol our God and King.

Congregation

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, ever more and ever more, Emmanuel.

Opening Sentences

Elder Susan Walters

Leader: During Advent, we wait for the one promised in scripture. All: And he will be called Mighty God.

Leader: We wait for the one whose power has no limits and whose strength knows no end.

All: And he will be called Mighty God.

Leader: We wait for the one whose everlasting light can illuminate the darkest night.

All: And he will be called Mighty God.

Leader: We wait for the one whose mercy never ends and whose faithfulness endures forever.

All: And he will be called Mighty God.

"What's more joyful than the good news of Christ's birth and what sounds more joyful than gospel music?"

Joel Raney, composer and arranger of Joy! A Gospel Christmas Celebration Lighting the Second Advent Candle

*Hymn #82 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

"Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts."

> Robert Louis Stevenson

"Light two candles to watch for Messiah: let light banish darkness. He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward."

Hymn #85, Glory to God

"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children." *Unison Prayer of Confession:)

Forgiving God, we confess to you that there are times when we would rather stay asleep in sin instead of awakening to live in your light. We confess that we would rather be people who do not lay aside the works of night. We do not trust that your armor of light is sufficient for us. Instead, we quarrel, we are jealous and live only to gratify our own desires. Give us courage, O God, to trust in your ways, in your peace, and in your good. In Christ's name we pray. Lord, hear our prayers ...

(A time for silent prayers . . .)

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The good news of Advent is Christ's love and forgiveness of sin. All: Thanks be to Christ who sets us free to love and to serve. Leader: Rejoice! All: For in Christ we are forgiven!

*Gloria Patri

a 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

JOY!

A Gospel Christmas Celebration Composed and Arranged by Joel Raney

Wallace Presbyterian Chancel Choir Vera Coombs, Accompanist Susan Walters, Scriptural Narration

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Galatians 4:4-5

Offertory

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

arr. Lani Smith

*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 #134

"Joy to the World"

ANTIOCH

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

"Sing Joy"

Joel Raney

Repeat the sounding joy. Sing joy to the world, Sing joy to the tiny little baby. Sing joy!

*Postlude

Chancel Choir

Clint Ayres Lee Baker Pat Barrow Karen Bittner Randy Bittner Lou Brinkley Linda Burroughs Zach Casteen Sandy Cobb Lou DiDomenico Susan Gauss Jean Parks Donna Pigford Joyce Rau David Sanderson Chuck Slemenda Earlene Southerland Carol Steen Emily Wells Jan Zoesch

*All who are able may stand.

+The page number in the pew Bible



We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper during our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Sunday, December 24 at 7:00 pm. All who have put their trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and have been baptized in His name are welcome at the table.



CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Sunday, December 17 during worship

Receiving the annual Christmas Joy Offering is a longstanding and important tradition in our congregation. Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor this gift by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterianrelated racial ethnic schools and colleges.

For more information about the Christmas Joy Offering, visit <u>www.specialofferings.pcusa.org/christmasjoy</u>.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 10	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:40 am Opening Assembly
	10:00 am Sunday School
	11:00 am Worship/Choir Cantata
	5:30-7:30 pm PYT
Wednesday, December 13	No Bible Study
	7:30 pm Choir Practice, Music Room
Thursday, December 14	12:05 pm Advent Worship & Luncheon

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **Congratulations** to Jenna Leigh Carrker and Alexander Doerr who were married on Friday, December 8 at Wrightsville Manor in Wilmington.

* There will be no Wednesday Bible study this week.

* **Join your friends and neighbors** for Advent worship and lunch on Thursday, December 14 at 12:05 p.m. Elder Jason Rouse will be our speaker. Dr. Joell Parker will provide special music.

* **The children and youth** of our church will share the Christmas story with us during worship next Sunday, December 17.



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.



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!



12/10: Susan & Ellie Carone 12/17: Georgia & Nate Farrior



12/10: Madelyn & Robert Coombs 12/17: Sarah Pearl Farrior & Ellie Carone

Opening Church Building

USHERS

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

MAGREETERS

12/10: Cindy Barrow & Effie Mobley 12/17: Joey & Rita Brinkley

December 1-15: Roger Coombs December 16-31: Dave Long



Clint Ayres (recovering from knee surgery), 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) Charlotte Rau (growth in skull), Judy Robinson, Zayne Rivenbark (cancer), Rylan Schubkegel (18 year-old nephew of Nick Baker diagnosed with Hodgkin's Disease), Robert Tart family, 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?



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 Bill Saunders Given by Greg & Geneva Maready *In memory of Virginia ''Sit'' Knowles* Given by Greg & Geneva Maready

In memory of Attie Carr Carlton and 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

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



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





JOY!

A Gospel Celebration Composed & Arranged by Joel Raney

Sing Joy!

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy! O tidings of comfort and joy! Sing "joy to the world" 'cause Mary had a baby, O, my Lord! Rejoice with the angels in heaven! Glory hallelujah to the newborn King! Sing joy! Sing joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing. Joy! Sing joy to the world! The Savior reigns; let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy! Sing joy!

Waiting

Waiting, we are waiting, we are waiting for the coming King. We are waiting for the bells of heaven to ring. When the valleys rise up and the mountains lie down. Savior's gonna come to claim his heavenly crown. Waiting, we are waiting for the coming King. Waiting, we are waiting for the sun to rise. We are waiting, till the clouds don't cover the skies. For the fighting to stop, for the quarrels to cease, Savior's gonna come and bring us heavenly peace. We are waiting for the coming King. 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! We are waiting for the coming King!

A Song in the Air

Nighttime is falling; shepherds are leaving their sheep. Angels come calling, singing the baby to sleep. Guarding the manger, Mary keeps watch in the night, holding the stranger, the King of love and light. There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky; a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry. The star rains its fire while the beautiful sing: "The manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!" Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Come to the manger, bow down and worship the King. Loud "Alleluias," lift up your voices and sing. There's a song in the air!

Jesus, What a Wonderful Child

Jesus, Jesus, O, what a wonderful Child. Jesus, Jesus, so lowly, meek and mild. New life, new hope, new joy he brings, won't you listen to the angels sing, "Glory, glory, glory" to the newborn King! He was herald by the angels; born in a lowly manger. The virgin Mary was his mother and Joseph was his early father. Three wise men came from a far; they were guided by a shining star to see King Jesus where he lay in a manger fill with hay. Amen. See the little baby. Amen. Lying in a manger. Amen. What did they call him? Amen. They named him King Jesus. Amen.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem. O come, and behold him, born the king of angels; O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord. Silent night, holy night; O, all is calm, all is bright 'round yon virgin mother and child; holy infant, so tender and mild. Sleep in heavenly peace. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above. Glory to God, all glory in the highest; O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

Tell It on the Mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere, O, go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born. Down in the lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.

Sing Joy!

Sing joy! Sing "joy to the world" 'cause Mary had a baby, O, my Lord! Rejoice with the angels in heaven! Glory hallelujah to the newborn King! Sing joy! Sing joy to the world! The Savior reigns; let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy. Sing joy! Sing joy!