



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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We support Presbyterian Church (USA) mission co-workers,
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

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 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

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 Susan Walters

Leader: Leave your exile behind; God is calling us home.

All: We'll follow the Way through the desert.

Leader: Enter the desert without fear; God's water will quench our thirst.

All: We'll walk the highway of God's people.

Leader: Travel the highway with joy; God is leading to life in abundance.

All: Let us strengthen weak hands and support feeble knees.

Leader: Let us encourage the fearful and calm the anxious. Rejoice! Be strong! God is with us!

All: Come, let us worship!

*Hymn #129

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

ES IST EIN' ROS'

*"Joy is the
serious business
of heaven."*

*C.S. Lewis,
Letters to
Malcolm*

“Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope which his presence will bestow, for he is Lord for ever and ever.”

“Good news from heaven the angels bring, Glad tidings to the earth they sing: To us this day a child is given, To crown us with the joy of heaven.”

Martin Luther

*Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, we are captive, exiled, because we have, each in our own way, chosen our own path, away from you. We are hungry for wisdom and knowledge, because we have, too often, substituted our judgment for yours. We are lost, in need of guidance. 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 . . .)

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God, our kind and loving Savior God, has stepped in and saved us.

All: God’s gift in Jesus Christ has restored our relationship with God and given us back our lives.

Leader: And there is more life to come — an eternity of life! Hear and believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Alleluia!

*Gloria Patri Hymn #581

Glory Be to the Father

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Sermon Lighting the Third Advent Candle: JOY

Special Music

“A Home for Jesus”

Schram, 2012

Sunday School Children

Let us make a home for Jesus.

In our heart, we’ll make a home for Jesus in our heart.

He will come to be born for us, born for us in Bethlehem.

He will come to be born for us. Will you make a place for Him?

Anthem

“Birthday in a Manger” arr. Pepper Choplin, 2016

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.

The stars in the sky look down where He lay, the Little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.

I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,

and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Happy birthday to You, happy birthday, dear Jesus, happy birthday to You.

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.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 11:2-6

Elder Susan Walters

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*Hymn #79

“Light Dawns on a Weary World”

TEMPLE OF PEACE

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-10

+Page 578

Sermon

“Home for Christmas”

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Reflection

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDER

DEAN HANSON

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

The Presentation of the Member 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 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.

The Constitutional Questions of the Ruling Elder

The Constitutional Questions of the Congregation

Elder George Francis, Clerk of Session

“Ordered ministries (deacons, teaching elders, and ruling elders), are gifts to the church to order its life so that the ministry of the whole people of God may flourish. The existence of these ordered ministries in no way diminishes the importance of the commitment of all members to the total ministry of the church.”

*Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Book of Order*

Do we, the members of the church, accept as our ruling elder, Dean Hanson, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Do we agree to pray for him, to encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides 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 Member of the Class of 2019

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

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.*

*Hymn #134

“Joy to the World”

ANTIOCH

*Benediction

*Congregational Choral Benediction

“You Shall Go Out with Joy”

Rubin, 1975

(The Trees of the Field)

*You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap, clap);
The trees of the field will clap their hands (clap, clap);
The trees of the field will clap their hands (clap, clap)
While you go out with joy.*

*Postlude

*All who are able may stand.

+The page number in the pew Bible.



Third Sunday of Advent



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Glory to God
Hymn #80

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 11	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: JOY
	9:40 am Opening Assembly
	10:00 am Sunday School
	11:00 am Worship/Christmas Joy Offering
	5:00 pm Second Sunday
	5:00-7:00 pm Youth Fellowship
Wednesday, December 12	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 15	12:05 pm Advent Worship & Luncheon
Friday, December 16	5:00 pm Rouse/Riley Rehearsal
Saturday, December 17	5:00 pm Rouse/Riley Wedding

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Today** we ordain and install Dean Hanson as a Ruling Elder for active service on the session in the Class of 2019.
- **Our third Advent worship service and luncheon** will be Thursday, December 15 at 12:05 p.m. Speaker: Judith Kunst. Music: Glen McCune.
- **The Wednesday Bible study will resume on January 11, 2017.**
- **Our Summer Reading Program** has received a grant from the Duplin Foundation for Youth Advancement through the Duplin County Community Foundation. This grant will support our fourth annual Summer Reading Program in Summer 2017.



Sunday, December 11

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 Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.



GREETERS

12/11: Dan & Tanya Robinson

12/18: Bill & Susan Carone

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

12/11: Garrett Bullard & Rance Creech

12/18: Ellie Carone & Madelyn Coombs



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.



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 Dorothy W. Ring and Alice R. Obenour
Given by Bob & Dottie Obenour*

*In memory of Evelyn Buckley
Given by Bill Buckley*

*In memory of Dr. & Mrs. John Robinson, Sr.
Given by Dan & Tanya Robinson*

*In memory of Dr. John D. "Jack" Robinson
Given by Dan & Tanya Robinson*

*In memory of Donald A. & Suzanne C. Thomas, Sr.
Given by Don & Debbie Thomas*

*In memory of Richard L. & Barbara Post Satterfield
Given by Don & Debbie Thomas*

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

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

*In memory of Attie Carr Carlton
Given by Greg & Geneva Maready*

*In memory of their granddaughter Ally Simpson
Given by Pat & Jim Simpson*

*In memory of Barbara McMaster Francis
Given by George & Mary Francis*

*In memory of Thomas Edgerton
Given by Thomas' loving family*

In memory of Ben & Suzan Hanson
Given by Dean & Gerri Hanson

In memory of Rev. Jesse Parks
Given by Jean Parks

In memory of William Lauren Blalock, Jr.
Given by the Blalock and Seger families

In memory of A.J. Cavanaugh
Given by the Farringham family

In memory of Rufus Freeman
Given by Bill, Susan & Ellie Carone

*Love and Joy Honoring our grandchildren Lucy, McNair, Hank, Juniper,
Myra Grace and Mackey*
Given by Jewel & Leon Wells



Christmas Music 2016

December 18, 2016 at 11:00 am and 5:00 pm—First Baptist of Wallace Church
Adult Choirs & Drama Team presents *“Light! Out of the Darkness”*.

December 24, 2016—*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



My Gift for
The Baby Jesus

