



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Rev. Dustin and Sherri Ellington, in Lusaka, Zambia, Africa.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

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

"Gloria!"

Mary McDonald

Gloria! In excelsis Deo!

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Advent Candle

Hayes Skidmore and JJ Rouse

PREPARE for the Light

(See insert)

Opening Sentences

Windsor Farrior

Leader: Surely God is our salvation.

All: We will trust in God and not be afraid.

Leader: Surely God is our strength and our might.

All: We will make known God's deeds among the nations.

Leader: We gather in this season of Advent to wait, watch, and wonder.

All: We gather to share the joy we find in the Christ-child, and the joy that God finds in us!

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn #96

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Miller Ludlum

Holy God, during this season of anticipation, we confess that we busy ourselves with many preparations and neglect preparing our hearts for your coming. Our relationships with you and our neighbors are wounded. We have failed to love as you love us. We do not always live in the joy of the Good News of Jesus Christ, whose coming we both celebrate and await. Forgive us, and mend what is broken. Merciful God, open unto us light for our darkness, courage for our fear, strength for our weakness, compassion for our apathy. Prepare our hearts to receive Christ, who brings us hope in our despair, peace in our turmoil, joy in our sorrow, and love in our loneliness. Amen.

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Harry Chronis

Leader: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. Believe the good news of the gospel:

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

*Joseph went to
be registered with
Mary, to whom he
was engaged and
who was
expecting a child.
Luke 2:5*

*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.
Galatians 4:4-5*

The angel of the Lord said to Joseph in a dream, "She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:20-21



The angel said to the shepherds, "I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord." Luke 2:10-11

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

Prayer for Illumination

Fisher Blanton

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.



Mary, Joseph, and the Baby
By Tammy Waldrop

WPC Youth - Birth through 8th Grade

Fisher Blanton
Isla Blanton
Adlyn Casteen
Clara Casteen
Harry Chronis
Paul Chronis
Callie Jane Cottle
Hattie B Farrior
John Ward Farrior
Windsor Farrior
Hannah Floyd
Ken Floyd
Sadie Floyd
Elliana Johnson
Pearson Johnson
Harper Jane Ludlum
Miller Ludlum
Mary Cameron Matthews
Jack Newton
JJ Rouse
Lane Philip Rouse
Hayes Skidmore
Hollis Skidmore

Sheep Susie Gaus
Donkey Glenn Price

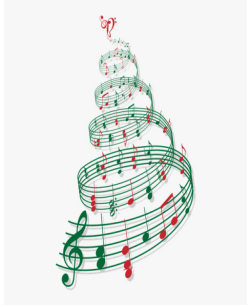
WPC ACC Handbells

Mary Ayres
Ann Carter
Wayne Casteen
Phil Gladden
Tut Hall
Geneva Maready
Debbie Price
Sharon Robison
Emily Saunders
LuAnn Rivenbark

Youth Leaders

Geneva Maready
Lindsay Skidmore
Karla Casteen

GIVING THANKS TO GOD



*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Little Drummer Boy"

Harry Simeone

*Come they told me, a newborn king to see, pa rum pum pum pum
Our finest gifts we bring, to lay before the king, pa rum pum pum pum
So to honor him, pa rum pum pum pum, when we come.
Little baby, I am a poor boy too, pa rum pum pum pum
I have no gift to bring, that's fit to give our king, pa rum pum pum
Shall I play for you, pa rum pum pum pum, on my drum.
Mary nodded, the ox and lamb kept time, pa rum pum pum
I played my drum for him. I played my best for him, pa rum pum pum
Then he smiled at me, pa rum pum pum pum, me and my drum.*

*Doxology

*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.*

Prayer of Dedication

Hannah Floyd



Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Harry Chronis

**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.**

*The shepherds
returned,
glorifying and
praising God
for all they had
heard and see,
as it had been
told them.
Luke 2:20*

*Hymn #115

"Away in a Manger"

MUELLER

*Benediction

Hayes Skidmore and JJ Rouse

Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*



Advent Wreaths

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 12	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	10:00 am Sunday School Classes
	11:00 am Worship in person & live stream/ Handbells & Children's Christmas Pageant
	2:00-7:00 pm Elder Training in Room 304
Monday, December 13	7:00 pm Zoom Bible Study
Wednesday, December 14	10:00 am Bible Study/in person (304) & via zoom
	6:00 pm Handbells
	7:00 pm Choir Practice
Thursday, December 15	12:00 Noon Advent Worship Service in Sanctuary

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **Congratulations to** Joyce Ange, Danielle Sills, and Curt Simpson who were elected as Ruling Elder in the session's Class of 2024. They will participate in elder training today from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. in preparation for their ordination and/or installation on Sunday, January 16, 2022. Please keep Joyce, Danielle, Curt, and all of our ruling elders in your prayers.

* **Please join** the minister for Bible Study on either Monday night, December 13 via Zoom from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. or Wednesday, December 15 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in person (Room 304) or via Zoom. This week we will read and discuss Luke 1:39-56, Mary's song of praise for the coming birth of her son. Check your email on Monday for the Zoom links.

* **Our third and final Advent Worship Service** will be Thursday, December 16 at 12 noon. Karla Casteen and Vera Coombs will provide a program of Advent and Christmas music. The service will be live-streamed on our church website (www.wallacepresbyterian.com) and archived on YouTube.

* **Christian love and sympathy** are extended to Tommy Johnson and his family on the death of his sister Ann Moody on December 6.



The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Leon and Jewel Wells in loving memory of all the Wells Family that sat on the third pew in front of the pulpit throughout the history of this church.



THIRD SUNDAY in Advent -- *PREPARE for the Light*

Hayes Skidmore and JJ Rouse

Advent is a time to prepare

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Advent is a time to prepare our eyes to see the light of Christ.

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Advent is a time to prepare our hearts to receive the Word of Christ.

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Advent is a time to prepare to share the joy of Christ.

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Advent is a time to embrace the promise of Christ.

Prepare for Jesus, the Light of the World.

Candle Lighting

Hymn


Closing Prayer

Jesus, the Light of the World

Congregational Part

ELDERKIN
GEORGE D. ELDERKIN

(Sing twice)



The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and suitable for congregational singing. The lyrics are written below the notes.

We'll walk in the light, beau-ti - ful
light, come, where the dew-drops of mer-cy shine
bright, O, shine all a-round us by day and by
night, Je - sus, the light of the world.

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ST. NICHOLAS PROJECT



For many years the St. Nicholas Project has been a mission of Wallace Presbyterian Church. The Outreach Committee has received families from our community for this year. St. Nicholas Project family and gift information will be available on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall, and will also be emailed to church members. This year you will be able to select a gift either from the tree in the fellowship hall or through “Sign-up Genius”, which will be emailed. Please check the bulletin board or your email. If you would like to purchase a gift and need assistance with the sign-up, please call the church office. Thank you for participating in this wonderful ministry and sharing the love of Christ with others. To participate by buying a gift:

- *Select and remove labeled ornament tags from the bulletin board.or*
- *Follow the instructions in the email from the church and sign up through “Sign-up Genius” to purchase a specific gift (a link to “Sign Up Genius” will be in the email)*
- *Wrap the gift*
- *Label the wrapped gift with the **family # and person it is for.** (may use same tag)*
- *Place wrapped and labeled gifts on the table in front of the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall*

Deadline to bring gifts to the church- Sunday, December 19.

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 19.**





CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

We will receive our traditional and annual Christmas Joy Offering on Sunday, December 19. You may contribute in the offering plate, by mailing a contribution to the church (P.O. Box 717, Wallace, NC 28466), by putting a contribution in the mail slot of the church office door, or donating online at our church's website (www.wallacepresbyterian.com).

The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years. For more information, visit www.specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/christmas-joy/



**We will celebrate the sacrament of
the Lord's Supper during our
Christmas Eve Candlelight
Communion Service on
Friday, December 24, at 7:00 pm.
You are also invited to
join us online.**