



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**All who are able may stand.*

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 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.
With power and glory, come; with power and glory, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.
Come, Savior, quickly come; come, Savior, quickly come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

The Lighting of the Third Advent Candle: JOY

Nate, Georgia, Windsor, John Ward, and Hattie B Farrior

Opening Sentences

Elder Rick Batchelor

Leader: In days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains; all the nations shall stream to it.

All: They shall not hurt or destroy on all God's holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Leader: And the ransomed of the Lord shall return with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season. Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

All: Look, the young woman is with child, and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel: God is with us.

Leader: A child has been born to us, a son given to us; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

All: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

*Hymn #82

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

*Unison Prayer of Confession

*Gracious God, you sent your Son in simple and humble circumstances and asked that our lives be offered in humble service, yet we have been proud in our hearts. We have been rich and trusted in our assets, sending the poor away empty and the mourners uncomforted. You have given us your promises to live by, but we have not always trusted them. We have questioned your faithfulness and chosen our own ideas and our own way. Forgive us, O God, and raise up the lowly in our midst, so that those the world calls least we will call first. Help us, O God, and remember us in your mercy, according to your promise. We pray in the name of the Promised One, **Amen.***

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Jesus calls us, "Come to me,

All: all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Leader: May we know the peace of God,

All: and the joy that comes from knowing our sins are forgiven in Jesus Christ.

*Gloria Patri Hymn #581

Glory Be to the Father

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon LOGOS AND WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH

Christmas Pageant **"Behind the Pageant"** WPC Youth Fellowship

Pageant Cast:

The Director: Mary Lila Blackburn

Joseph: Hill Lanier

Mary: Lydia Thompson

Inn Keeper: Aiden Kunst

Gabriel: Madelyn Coombs

Guard 1: Zach Casteen

Inn Keeper's Wife: Anna Grace Carr

Guard 2: Curt Simpson

Zechariah: William Powell

Elizabeth: Ellie Carone

Star: Elizabeth Sills

Wise Man 1: Garrett Bullard

King Herod: James Sills

Wise Man 2: Matthew Thornton

Shepherd: Molly Beth Roberts

Angels: Mary Kellan Creech, Sarah Pearl Farrior, Cameron Blue

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Christmas Joy Offering

Offertory

*Doxology and Unison 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.*

Gracious God, you have promised to be present to us. You have called us to follow you and been our guide and comfort. May our gifts be multiplied and may they be our witness to your continued blessing. May we hold fast to the hope that is our calling, and be found faithful in our promises. Lead us again, O God, as we walk in your truth and light.
Amen.

*The Affirmation of Faith:

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We
believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

*Hymn #134

“Joy to the World”

ANTIOCH

*Benediction

**All who are able may stand.*

The Christmas Joy Offering dates back to the 1930s when the former Presbyterian Church in the United States (PCUS) began an offering to supplement inadequate retirement income and provide supplemental medical insurance for former ministers, missionaries, church workers, and their families. In 1949, this offering was first officially called the "Joy Gift." It has seen its share of changes in this time, but the heart of the offering has remained the same.



COMMUNITY ADVENT SERVICES

Wallace Presbyterian Church

Worship Service: 12:05 P.M.

Luncheon: 12:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, December 17, 2015

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



Christmas Music 2015

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



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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 13	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	9:40 am Opening Assembly
	10:00 am Sunday School
	11:00 am Worship/Youth Christmas Pageant Joy Offering
Tuesday, December 15	6:00 pm Session Meeting
Wednesday, December 16	6:00 pm Handbell Practice
	7:30 pm Choir Practice
Thursday, December 17	12:05 pm Advent Worship & Luncheon

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **This morning** we receive our annual Christmas Joy Offering. A gift helps provide financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families and also enables deserving students to attend Presbyterian related racial/ethnic colleges and schools. Christmas Joy Envelopes have been placed in the pew pockets. Thank you!
- **The session** will meet on Tuesday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m. If you have any business for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or the minister.
- **Our third and final Advent worship and luncheon** will be Thursday, December 17 at 12:05 p.m. Speaker: Dona Lanier. Special Music: Men + One.
- **The congregational meeting** originally scheduled for Sunday, December 6 has been rescheduled for Sunday, December 20, immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to present the 2016 budget as information, to act on recommended changes in the minister's terms of call, and to hold the annual meeting of the corporation. The session will present a narrative budget that will interpret the important and ongoing ministries of our congregation. A narrative budget apportions the various line items among the different areas of ministry which we think are most important and gives a true picture of what is required of us to do what we think God is calling us to do. Please plan to attend on December 20.



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



NURSERY

12/13: Ann Carter & Gerri Hanson
12/20: Lindsay & Stanley Skidmore



GREETERS

12/13: Sandee DiDomenico, Greg & Sandy Miller
12/20: Rich & Keri Phaneuf

Opening Church Building: December 1-15: Jim Simpson **December 16-30:** Art Raymond

USHERS

Charley Fariior, Leader

Curt Simpson Jonathan Fussell
Rick Batchelor Bill Carone



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

12/13: Elizabeth & James Sills
12/20: Lydia & Kennedy Thompson



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), **Denny Lanier,** NHRMC- recovering from surgery, **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, **Hope Turnbull-** recovering from wrist surgery, **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.