

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)

Minutes for Mission

“Sound Retreat”

Elizabeth Sills, Madelyn Coombs

Choral Call to Worship **“While We Are Waiting, Come”** Cason

While we are waiting, come. Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
While we are waiting, come.

Opening Sentences

Elder Pat Barrow

Leader: Sing to the Lord, for he has done wonderful things!

All: Tell the whole world what he has done.

Leader: Give thanks to God, and praise God's name!

All: For God is great and God is here — with us and among us.

Leader: God is our strength and our song.

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

Leader: May the joy of the Advent season with its message of hope be with you all!

People: And also with you!

*Hymn #88 **“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**

VENI EMMANUEL
(verses 1, 6, 7)

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

God of love, all year long we pursue power and money, yet you came in weakness, as a child. All season long we want more stuff, more for us, but you alone offer what is lasting. Through the work of our Lord Jesus, who comes among us full of grace and truth, forgive us, heal us, correct us. Then open our lips, that we may sing your praise with the angels. When we allow darkness to overcome the light, forgive us, Lord. When we reduce Christmas to plastic and tinsel, have mercy on us, Father. When hardness of heart keeps us from seeing and believing in your Son, let your grace fill us, O God. Forgive our doubt and renew our hopes in Christ alone, that we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Lord. **Amen.**

(Adapted from a prayer at re:Worship, an online worship planning resource)

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Jesus said, “There is joy in heaven over one sinner who repents.”

All: Truly, God is our salvation. We shall trust and not be afraid!

Leader: The angel said to Joseph, “She will bear a son and you will call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

All: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri Hymn #579

Glory Be to the Father

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon Lighting the Third Advent Candle: JOY

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!

The Meaning of Advent, Scripture Reading, Lighting the Candle

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.

Anthem

arr: Molly Ijames, 2013

“Of the Father's Love Begotten”

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!
O that birth forever blessed, when the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race;
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer first revealed His sacred face, evermore!
O ye heights of heaven, adore Him; angel hosts, His praises sing,
Powers, dominions, bow before Him, and extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore!

Prayer for Illumination (In Unison)

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.**

Epistle Lesson

Philippians 2:1-11

Elder Pat Barrow

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*Hymn #110

“Love Has Come”

BRING A TORCH

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 1:18-25

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Sermon

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

“There's Just Something About That Name”

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offering/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.

The Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Hymn #121

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ST. LOUIS

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

“Gloria”

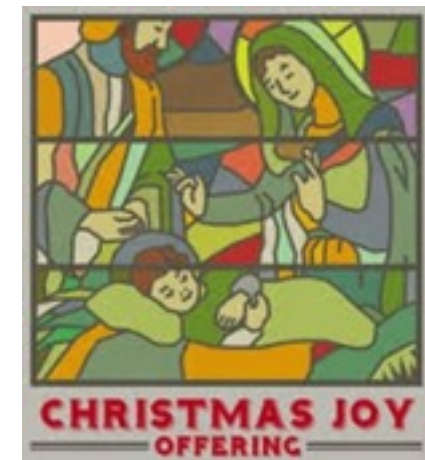
French Carol

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

*Postlude

*All who are able may stand.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 14	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:30 am Sound Retreat Planning Committee Mtg. 9:40 am Opening Assembly 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship/Christmas Joy Offering 6:00-8:00 pm Officer Education for Elders-Elect, Room 304
Monday, December 15	6:30 pm Presbyterians Dining Together-Western Sizzlin'
Tuesday, December 16	6:30 am Coffee in Room 304 7:00 am SonRise Worship, Room 304 6:00 pm Session Meeting, Room 304
Wednesday, December 17	10:00 am Bible Study LOGOS on Break 6:00 pm Handbell Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Thursday, December 18	12:05 pm Advent Worship & Luncheon
Friday, December 19	Pittman/Skinner Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday, December 20	2:00 pm Pittman/Skinner Wedding & Reception

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **This morning** we receive our annual Christmas Joy Offering. A gift to the Christmas Joy Offering 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.
- **The session** will meet on Tuesday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 304. If you have any business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or the minister.
- **Please join** the minister for a Bible study on Luke 1:39-56 on Wednesday, December 17 at 10:00 a.m. Check with the church office for the location.
- **Our third and final Advent Worship and Luncheon** will be Thursday, December 18 at 12:05 p.m. Karla Casteen, Vera Coombs, and Randy Bittner will provide a program of Christmas music.

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



NURSERY

12/14: Georgette, Lydia & Kennedy Thompson
12/21: Kevin & Christy Johnson



GREETER

12/14: Greg & Sandy Miller
12/21: Rich & Kerri Phaneuf



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

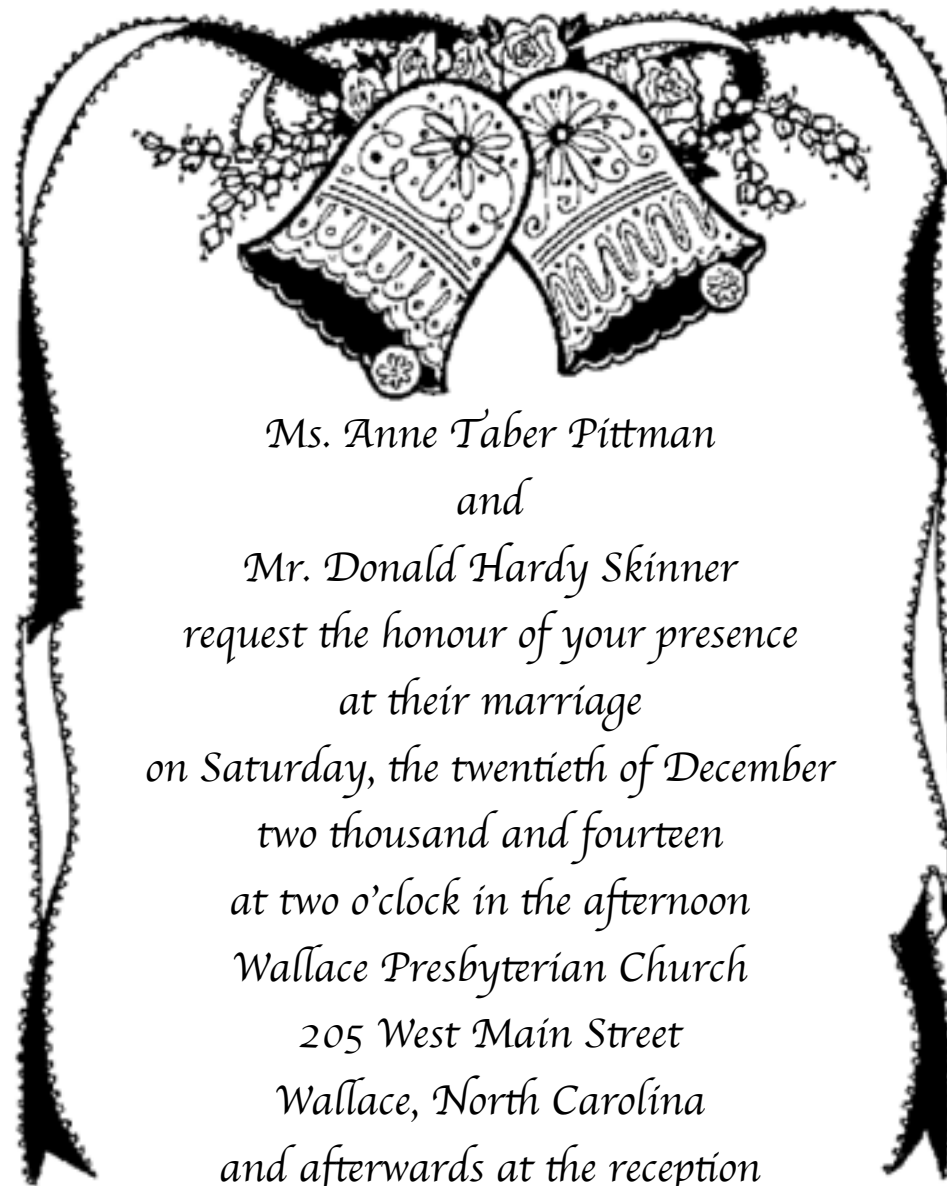
12/14: Elizabeth & James Sills
12/21: Riley & Neyland Tate



Charley Fariior, Leader

Rick Batchelor Jonathan Fussell
Bill Carone Curt Simpson

OPENING & CLOSING: December 1-15: Roger Coombs
December 16-31: Dave Long



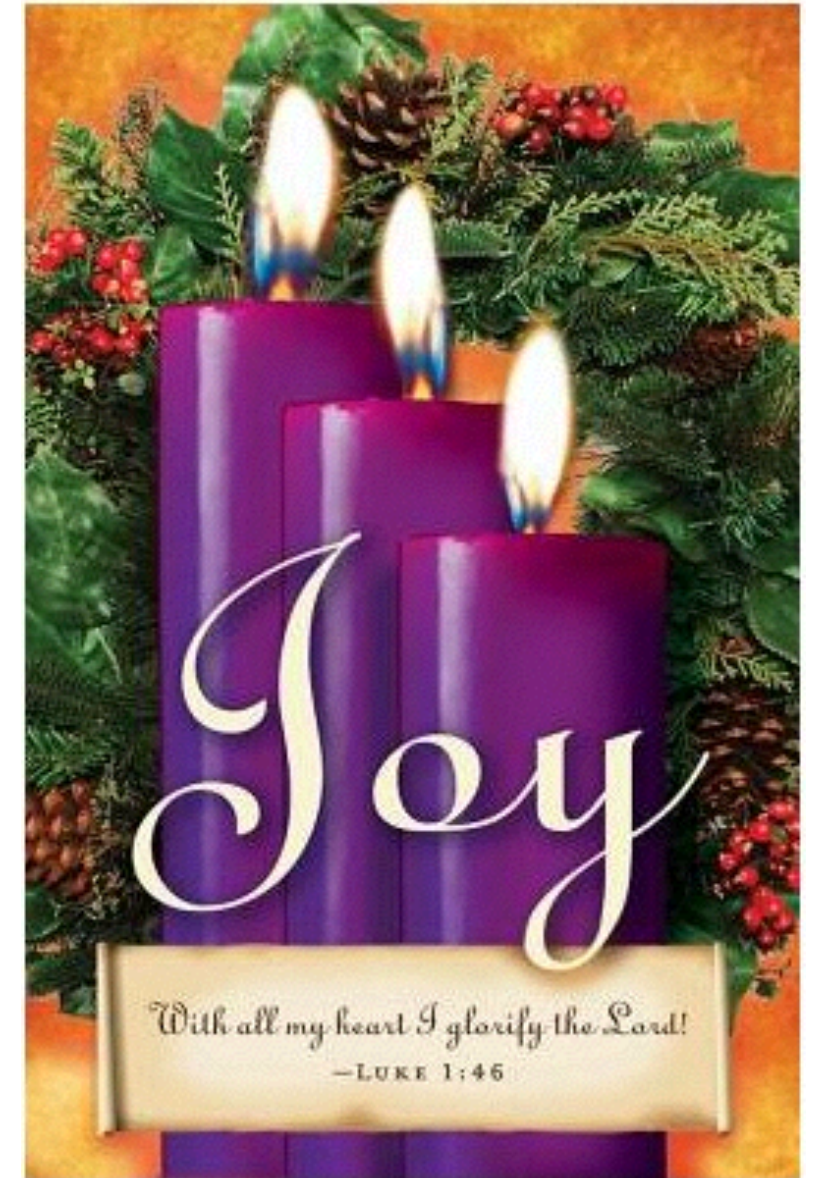
*Ms. Anne Taber Pittman
and
Mr. Donald Hardy Skinner
request the honour of your presence
at their marriage
on Saturday, the twentieth of December
two thousand and fourteen
at two o'clock in the afternoon
Wallace Presbyterian Church
205 West Main Street
Wallace, North Carolina
and afterwards at the reception
Church Fellowship Hall*

ST. NICHOLAS PROJECT



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 Today, December 14.

Wallace Presbyterian Church



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2014

Eleven O'clock in the Morning

We support Presbyterian Church (USA) mission co-workers,
Rev. Dustin and Sherri Ellington, in Lusaka, Zambia, Africa.

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