



# 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

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

**December 18, 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

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Sentences

Elder George Francis

*Leader: This is the fourth Sunday of Advent, a time to rejoice in the wondrous things that God is doing.*

**All: Our hearts are filled with the hope that is coming into the world.**

*Leader: The time is fast approaching, not for parties or presents, but for the awareness of God's loving gift to us — the gift of the Christ child.*

**All: Help slow us down, Lord, that we may realize that your gift of love is at the center of our lives and our celebrations.**

*Leader: Thanks be to God who again reminds us of God's eternal love.*

**All: Open our hearts, O Lord, to receive your blessed gift.**

*"He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore."*

*Hymn #137 in Glory to God, "He Came Down"*

\*Hymn #144

**"In the Bleak Midwinter"**

CRANHAM

Today's Prayer of Confession is taken from the Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church.

"Angel Band" is an arrangement of a William Bradbury tune from 1862. Bradbury is also known for writing the tune or harmonization for "Jesus Loves Me," "Just As I Am, Without One Plea," and "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us."

### \*Unison Prayer of Confession

*Gracious God, we confess that we have not always turned to you for guidance. At times, we have allowed the world's time to dominate your time. Forgive us for our sins of hurriedness and impatience. Forgive us when we have slumbered instead of remaining alert, waiting and watching for you. Forgive us for allowing the world's fears to become our fears. Shine upon us this Advent season so that we may be restored unto you. Guide us into your time. As we call upon your name, hear our prayers and give us life. . .*

*(A time for silent prayers of confession . . .)*

### Responsive Assurance of Pardon

*Leader: May our God make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all.*

**All: Christ promises to strengthen our hearts in holiness that we may be blameless before our God and creator at the coming of the Lord.**

*Leader: Hear the good news:*

**All: In the name of Jesus, Savior-from-our-sin, our compassionate God forgives us, and gives us the grace to start over.**

\*Gloria Patri Hymn #581

*Glory Be to the Father*

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle: LOVE

Anthem

**"Angel Band"**

Pepper Choplin, 2016

*Now there were shepherds out in the field. They watched their flocks by night.*

*Then all of a sudden the angel came; the shepherds shook with fright.*

*O come, angel band. Come and around us stand.*

*O bear us sweet news of the Baby's birth, our Savior, Christ the Lord.*

*The angel said, "Be not afraid. I bring you news of joy.*

*For unto you is born this day a newborn baby boy."*

*O come, angel band. Come and around us stand.*

*O bear us sweet news of the Baby's birth, our Savior, Christ the Lord.*

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.***

\*Hymn #108

**“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”**

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

(Verses 1, 3, 5, 6)

Gospel Lesson

*Matthew 1:18-25*

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Sermon

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

**“Putting Joseph in the Manger Scene”**

A Time for Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with The Lord’s Prayer

**GIVING THANKS TO GOD**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

**“Joy on the Mountain”**

Pepper Choplin, 2013

*Let there be joy on the mountain, singing in the valley.*

*Join the holy hosts of angels shouting, “Christ the Lord is born.”*

*Shepherds on the hillside, watching all their sheep,*

*Everyone is weary, but there will be no sleep.*

*Angels down from heaven bring the news to earth:*

*A child is born, now celebrate His birth.*

*When the shepherds heard the angels, they went into town.*

*They followed their directions and when the child was found,*

*They were so happy when they had seen the boy, they went out a-shouting for joy.*

*Glory to God, peace on the earth. Christ the Lord is born!*

*Lift up your voice and sing for joy. Now Christ is born.*

*Let there be glory to God, let there be joy, joy!*

\*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" PCUSA)

We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve

*Jesus, Jesus,  
Jesus  
There's just  
something about  
that name  
Master, Savior,  
Jesus  
Like the  
fragrance after  
the rain  
Jesus, Jesus,  
Jesus  
Let all heaven  
and earth  
proclaim  
Kings and  
kingdoms shall  
all pass away  
But there's  
something about  
that name.*

*Bill & Gloria  
Gaither*



*Love came  
down at  
Christmas,  
Love all lovely,  
Love divine;  
Love was born  
at Christmas;  
Star and angels  
gave the sign.*

*Christina  
Rossetti, English  
poet and author  
of our opening  
hymn,*

*"In the Bleak  
Midwinter"*



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.

\*Hymn #121

**"O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

STILLE NACHT

\*Benediction

Choral Benediction

**"Gloria"**

French Carol

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

\*Postlude

*\*All who are able may stand.*

*+The page number in the pew Bible.*



**Saturday, December 24, 2016  
7:00 pm**

**Sunday, December 25, 2016  
10:00 am**

**Worship with Scripture & Carols  
Come as you are!**

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 18	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: LOVE 9:40 am Opening Assembly 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 5:00-7:00 pm Youth Fellowship
Monday, December 19	5:30 pm Presbyterians Dining Together (see announcement below for new location)
Tuesday, December 20	6:00 pm Session Meeting, Room 304
Wednesday, December 21	7:30 pm Choir Practice
Saturday, December 24	CHRISTMAS EVE 7:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service
Sunday, December 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS! 10:00 am Christmas Worship with Scripture Readings and Christmas Carols
Monday, December 26	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, December 27	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Monday, December 26 -Saturday, December 31	Minister and Secretary on Vacation

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Presbyterian Pickers** join Vera in accompanying the choir this morning. We are grateful to have Greg, Dan, Phil and Grayson join us for our special music, mountain style. "Joy on the Mountain" was a favorite of NH Carter's and we are thankful for the privilege we were given to witness his joy when singing this song.
- **The session** will meet on Tuesday, December 20 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 304. If you have any concerns or business for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or the minister. Please keep our elders and minister in your prayers as the session meets.
- **Presbyterians Dining Together** will meet at 5:30 pm, on Monday, December 19, at Sensation Farm House Restaurant (next to Wal-mart).
- **Wednesday Bible Study (morning and evening) will resume on January 11, 2017.**
- **We will celebrate** the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship on Saturday evening during our Christmas Eve candlelight service.
- **There will be no Opening Assembly or Sunday School classes** next Sunday, December 25. Come as you are for Christmas worship at 10:00 a.m. as we hear the Christmas story from God's Word and sing Christmas carols.
- **We extend** our Christian love and sympathy to RJ Peppe on the death of her brother (December 9) and Mary Carone on the death of her sister (December 14).

**Merry Christmas**



## **GREETERS**

12/18: **Bill & Susan Carone**

12/25: **Leon & Jewel Wells**

## **USHERS**

**Fred Burroughs, Leader**

**Blake Wallace**

**Susan Walters**

**Bill Walters**

**Greg Maready**

**Opening Church Building:**

**December 16-30: Dave Long**



## **YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS**

12/18: **Ellie Carone & Madelyn Coombs**

12/25: **Sarah Pearl Farrior & Hill Lanier**



**Jim Alexander**-at home, **Lee Baker**-at home, **Joe Dormagen** (Verlie Wells' son-in-law), **Betty Hall**, (Rosemary) **Wright Lanier Family**, **Philip Longest family**, **Mr. & Mrs. Ray Matthews**, **Amy Moss** (breast cancer, sister of Debbie Thomas) **Graham Phillips family**, **John DeNatale**-cancer (Mary Carone's brother) **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 today 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

*In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Edward F. Johnston and The Rev. Edward F.  
Johnston, Jr.*

Given by C.J. & Dotsie Caproni



## **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

