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**All who are able may*

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 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

Elder Susie Bullard

South Carolina Flood Clean-Up Kits

St. Nicholas Project

Danielle Sills

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.*

The Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle: LOVE

J, Joell, Bella Peach, and Ireland Parker

Opening Sentences

Elder John Green

Leader: This is a time to rejoice in the wonderful 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. Let us be aware of God's loving gift of the Christ child.

All: May we slow down and realize God's 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.

The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Titus 2:11-14

*“In the beginning
was the Word, and
the Word was with
God, and the
Word was God.
And the Word
became flesh and
lived among us,
and we have seen
his glory, the glory
as of a father’s
only son.”*

John 1:1, 14

*Hymn #145

“What Child Is This”

GREENSLEEVES

*Unison Prayer of Confession

*Lord God, as we prepare our hearts to receive the one whom
you are sending, forgive us for all the times we have missed seeing you
in our midst, for all the times we have doubted your presence, and for
all the times we have failed to help other find their way. Forgive us, in
the name of Jesus, the one who is coming. **Amen.***

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

*Leader: Let us lay aside the works of darkness! Let us put on the
armor of light!*

**All: For in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven and made new. Salvation
is nearer to us now than when we first believed. Christ invites us
to be clothed in righteousness and to walk in the light of God.**

*Gloria Patri Hymn #581

Glory Be to the Father

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Sermon

Elder Carol Steen

Christmas Cantata

“A Noel Celebration”

Sounds and Stories of Christmas

Created by Lloyd Larson

Sing Noel!

O come, let us adore Him! Sing noel! On Christmas night all Christians
sing to hear the news the angels bring; news of great joy, news of great
mirth, news of our merciful King’s birth. All out of darkness we have light,
which made the angels sing this night: “Glory to God and peace on earth,
now and forevermore. Amen!” Angels we have heard on high sweetly
singing o’er the plains, and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous
strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose
birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the
newborn King! Gloria in excelsis Deo. O come, let us adore Him! Sing noel!

Zechariah Remembers

Clint Ayres

Prepare the Way

“Prepare the way of the Lord.” A voice cries out in the wilderness. Every valley shall be lifted high, every mountain and hill made low; the crooked paths shall be made straight, and the rough places plain. Comfort my people, for salvation shall come to them. The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, the glory of the Lord shall be revealed. “Prepare the way of the Lord.”

Mary Remembers

Susan Gaus

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming *with* Of the Father's Love Begotten

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming as saints of old have sung. It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-spent the night. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright she bore to use a Savior, when half-spent was the night. Of the Father's love begotten, ere the world 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!

Joseph Remembers

Louis DiDomenico

Manger Carol

Gentle Mary laid her Child lowly in a manger; there He lay, the undefiled, to the world a stranger: such a Babe in such a place, can He be the Savior? Ask the saved of every race who have found His favor. Gentle Mary laid her Child lowly in a manger; He is still the undefiled, but no more a stranger: Son of God, of humble birth, beautiful the story; praise His name in all the earth, hail the King of glory! Infant holy, infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

A Shepherd Remembers

Zachary Casteen

Noel Festival

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here! Hear our grateful praises to the Babe so dear. Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel! Angels called to shepherds, “Leave your flocks at rest; come and journey forth to Bethlehem, find the Lambkin blest.” Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel! Sing Noel. Sing we all Noel! Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel. In the stall they found Him; Joseph and Mary mild, they were seated 'round the manger, watching the holy Child. Sing Noel, sing Noel, sing we all Noel!

Simeon Remembers

David Sanderson

Noel! Christ the Lord Is Born

Noel, noel! Christ the Lord is born! Noel, noel! To a world of scorn and shame He came for us all, to redeem us from the fall. Noel, noel, sing noel! Forsaking heaven's glory, in bleak humanity, for refugees and prisoners bound for hell, Jesus Messiah, wrapped in perfect deity, came heralding salvation. Sing noel!

A Wise Man Remembers

Pat Barrow

What Child Is This?

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping? Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. O this, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring Him laud the Babe, the Son of Mary. Gloria! Sing gloria! So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, come peasant, king, to own Him. The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him.

A Noel Celebration

O come, let us adore Him! Sing noel! Noel, noel! Christ the Lord is born! Noel, noel! To a world of scorn and shame He came for us all, to redeem us from the fall. Noel, noel, sing noel! Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!" O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem! Come and behold Him, born the King of angels! O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord! Sing noel, noel!

Wallace Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir

Clint Ayres

Lee Baker

Pat Barrow

Karen Bittner

Randy Bittner

Lou Brinkley

Linda

Burroughs

NH Carter

Zach Casteen

Sandy Cobb

Louis DiDomenico

Susan Gaus

Judith Kunst

Sharon Moore

Jean Parks

Joyce Rau

David Sanderson

Chuck Slamenda

Earlene Southerland

Carol Steen

Emily Wells

Jan Zoesch

Vera Coombs, accompanist

Karla Casteen, director

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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, we praise you for the greatest gift, salvation in your Son Jesus. In him, we find deep and abiding joy. As we dedicate our offerings, we devote ourselves to your service. Help us to live faithfully, growing in wisdom in the light of the miracle of Christmas. Thank you for giving us opportunities to bring tidings of joy to our neighbors through the ministries of this congregation. **Amen.***

*The Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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.**

*Hymn #136

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

GO TELL IT

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*Benediction

**All who are able may stand.*

*“Get you up to a
high mountain, O
Zion, herald of
good tidings; lift up
your voice with
strength, O
Jerusalem, herald
of good tidings, lift
it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of
Judah, ‘Here is
your God!’”*

Isaiah 40:9



Christmas Music 2015

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 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



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

Merry Christmas

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 20	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:40 am Opening Assembly 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship/Christmas Cantata 5:00 pm Youth Christmas Party
Wednesday, December 23	LOGOS on break until January 6
Thursday, December 24	7:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
Friday, December 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS! Church office closed.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The session** has called a congregational meeting for today 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.
Thanks to everyone in Presbyterian Women and our music ministry who made our Advent worship services and luncheons such meaningful times of worship, preparation, and fellowship.
- **We will celebrate** the sacrament of the Lord's Supper during our Christmas Eve Candlelight service on Thursday, December 24, at 7:00 p.m. All who put their trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and have been baptized in his name are welcome at the table.
- **The church office** will be closed on Friday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday.
- **Congratulations** to Ryan & Nicole Sloan on the birth of their son, Owen Keith Sloan, born on December 11, 2015. Owen weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. and 19 1/2 inches long. The proud grandparents are Joey & Rita Brinkley. May God bless this little boy and his family.
- **Congratulations** to Raechel Woodard as she graduates from the Duplin Early College High School with a high school diploma and an associate's degree from James Sprunt Community College. She will enroll at UNC-Asheville in January.
- **The final bank deposit for 2015** will be made on Monday, December 28. All contributions should be at the church by Sunday, December 27. Thank You!





NURSERY

12/20: Lindsay & Stanley Skidmore
12/27: Lydia Woodard & Madelyn Coombs



GREETERS

12/20: Rich & Keri Phaneuf
12/27: Charley & Harriet Farrow

Opening Church Building: December 16-30: Dave Long

USHERS

Charley Farrow, Leader
Curt Simpson Jonathan Fussell
Rick Batchelor Bill Carone



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

12/20: Lydia & Kennedy Thompson
12/27: Joe Wallace & Raechel Woodard



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.**

Candlelight Communion Service



Thursday, December 24