

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

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"Traditions"

Attie C. Carlton Handbell Choir

Welcome and Announcements

(During this time the friendship pads are passed to be signed)

Minutes for Mission **"Currie Building Heat and A/C"** Curt Simpson

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 Bill Walters

Leader: *This is the season of holy waiting.*

All: We watch for the One who scatters the proud and lifts up the lowly.

Leader: *We wait for the day when our spirits will rejoice to know God's favor.*

All: We watch while the light of day begins to fill the sky.

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

*Hymn #82 **"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"**

HYFRYDOL

Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Holy God, we confess that in preparing for Christmas there are times we forget to make room for the Christ who is with us in the hungry, the lonely, and the afraid people of the world. In our busyness we pass you by on the street corners, at our place of work, in our schools, and stores. We are unable to hear the cries of the needy. Forgive us, Lord. Open our eyes to see you in our everyday lives. Open our hands to reach out in compassion. Open our hearts to the possibility of your working in and through us; through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God-with-us. Amen.

(Today's prayer is adapted from a prayer from the Hummelstown United Church of Christ, Hummelstown, PA.)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: *Do you know what time it is?*

All: Time to wake up. Time to put our lives in order.

Leader: *It is time to rejoice in the mercy of God!*

All: It is time to remember that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri Hymn #579

Glory Be to the Father

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle: LOVE

*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

*We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

Anthem

"The Chill of the Nightfall"

K. Lee Scott, 1997

*Chill of the nightfall, lamps in the windows, letting their light fall clear on the snow;
Bitter December bids us remember Christ in the stable long, long ago.
Silence of midnight, voices of angels, singing to bid night yield to the dawn;
Darkness is ended, sinners befriended, where in the stable Jesus is born.
Splendor of starlight high on the hillside, faint is the far light burning below;
Kneeling before him shepherds adore him, Christ in the stable long, long ago.
Glory of daybreak! Sorrows and shadows, suddenly they break forth into morn;
Sing out and tell now all shall be well now, for in the stable Jesus is born!*

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.

Epistle Lesson

Galatians 4:1-7

Elder Bill Walters

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*Hymn #100

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

"My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

Gospel Lesson

Luke 1:39-56

+Pages 831, 832

Sermon

"Jumpin' for Joy"

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offering **"Dedication of 2015 Pledges"**

Offertory

"Joy to the World"

Attie C. Carlton Handbells

*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 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 #119

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

"Gloria"

French Carol

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

*Postlude

*All who are able may stand.

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Candlelight Communion Service



Wednesday, December 24, 2014
7:00 p.m.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 21	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:40 am Opening Assembly 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship
Tuesday, December 23	No SonRise Worship 3:30 pm Deliver St. Nicholas gifts/Meet in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, December 24	CHRISTMAS EVE No Bible Study 7:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service
Thursday, December 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS! Church Office Closed
Friday, December 26	Church Office Closed
Wednesday December 24 -Friday, January 2	Secretary on Vacation
Friday – Friday, December 26-January 2	Minister on Vacation

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Congratulations** to Anne Pittman and Donald Skinner who were married in this sanctuary yesterday afternoon. May God bless them as husband and wife.
- **During the offering and offertory**, you will have the opportunity to bring your 2015 pledge card forward, place it on the communion table, and dedicate your pledge to God. Thank you for your generous support of the mission and work of this church!
- **Our preacher next Sunday** will be Rev. Suzanne Simpson from Supply, NC. Suzanne retired after serving as pastor of the Jackson Springs Presbyterian Church in Jackson Springs (Moore County). She is actively involved with our presbytery's partnership with El Presbiterio del Golfo de Mexico.
- **Thank you** to everyone who contributed to this year's St. Nicholas Project. If you would like to help deliver the gifts, meet in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.
- **We will celebrate** the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at our Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service on Wednesday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m.
- **The church office** will be closed December 25 - January 2. Please contact Susie Bullard, clerk of session, in an emergency.



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



NURSERY

12/21: Kevin & Christy Johnson
12/28: Chuck & Gina Farris



GREETER

12/21: Rich & Kerri Phaneuf
12/28: Charley & Harriet Farris



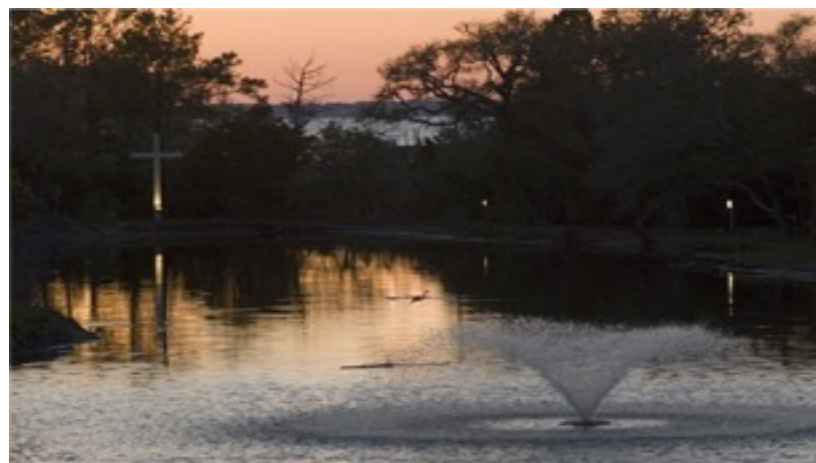
YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

12/21: Riley & Neyland Tate
12/28: Lydia & Kennedy Thompson



Charley Farris, Leader
Rick Batchelor Jonathan Fussell

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



ANNUAL SOUND RETREAT!!

“Words with the Word: Conversations in the Gospel of John”

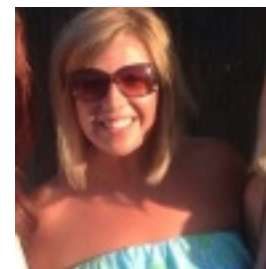
SAVE THE DATE: January 30-February 1, 2015, at the beautiful Trinity Center, on Bogue Sound, Salter Path, N.C.

All ages welcome.

- Great Leaders
- Delicious food
- Rest & Relaxation
- Spiritual renewal
- Fellowship & Fun
- Worship



Dr. George Anderson

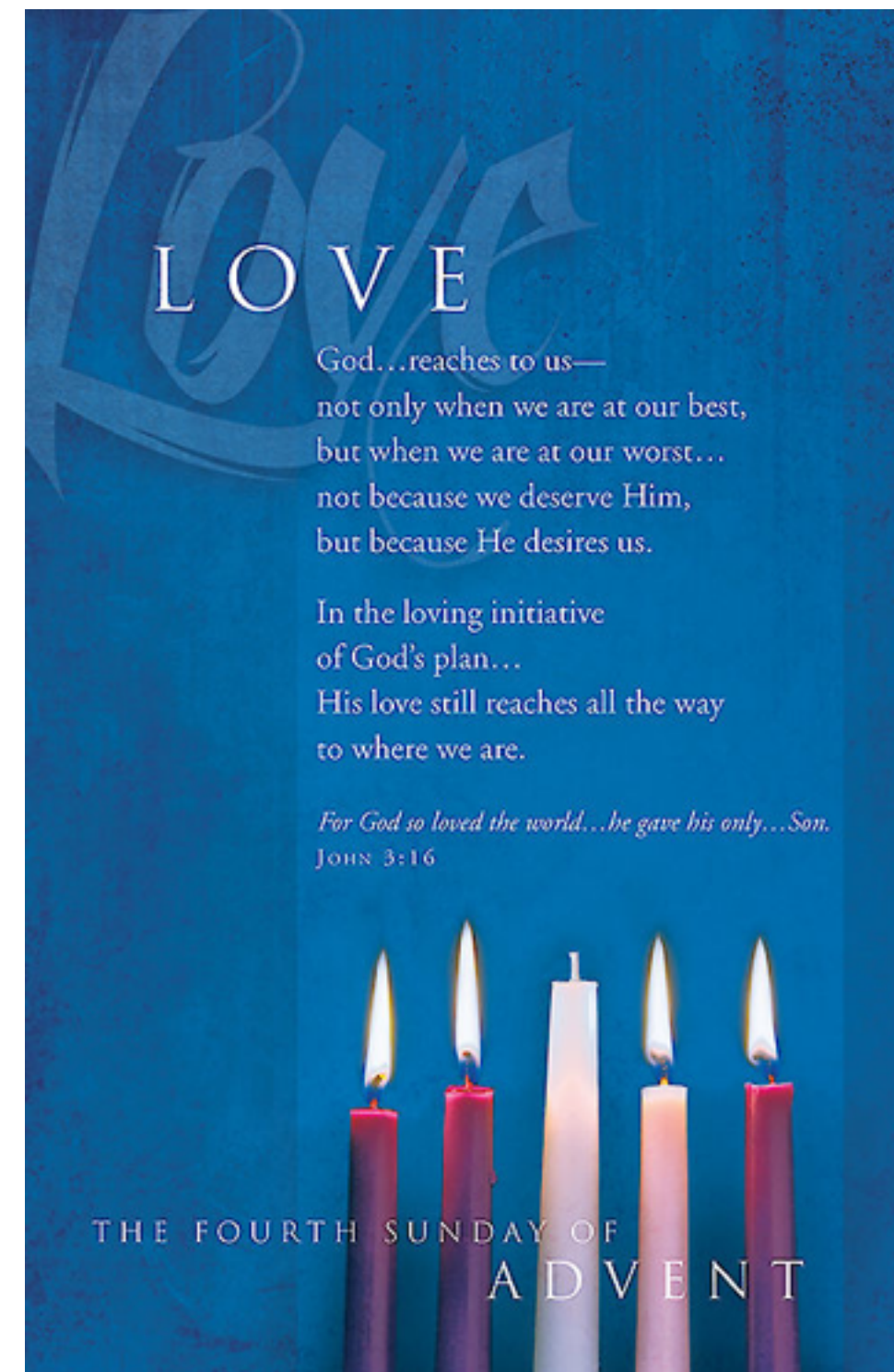


Jenna Carriker

Our spiritual leader for the adult program will be Dr. George C. Anderson. We are so fortunate to have him back! It will be a stimulating and exciting time. We will also have an exciting program for our school age kids, led by Jenna Carriker, Youth Minister from Topsail PC., and including Trinity led exploration of birds of prey and life in and around the Sound. Watch the church's bulletin board and website <http://wallacepresbyterian.com> for more information on our Sound Retreat; make your plans to join us. Don't miss out: Sign up now!

Merry Christmas

Wallace Presbyterian Church



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2014

Eleven O'clock in the Morning

