



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

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

**December 23, 2018**

**11:00 A.M.**

### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Mary McDonald

**"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" with "What Child Is This?"**

Welcome and Announcements

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

Minute for Mission

Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle: Love

Elder Curt Simpson and Elizabeth Sills

Choral Call to Worship **"While We Are Waiting, Come"** Don Cason

*While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

Opening Sentences

Elder Curt Simpson

*Leader: We sing of God's mercy and grace shown to all generations.*

**All: We praise God's constant and never-ending love and faithfulness.**

*Leader: We rejoice that God's promise of an anointed one—the Messiah—is about to be fulfilled.*

**All: O come, O come, Emmanuel—God with us—forever!**



\*Hymn #145

**"What Child Is This"**

GREENSLEEVES

*Today's Prayer  
of Confession is  
from  
Rev-o-lution, an  
online worship  
planning  
resource and  
was written for  
the fourth  
Sunday in  
Advent.*

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Author of Salvation, we confess that at times we do not share Your Good News. We complain and argue, we are bitter and resentful. We do not live out Your Good News in our daily lives. Sometimes we hide our faith out of fear of offending others or think our faith story is not important. You have written Your covenant on our hearts. Help us to break open and share Your love with others by caring for the poor and oppressed, and by sharing how Your love has carried us through. Guide us in ways of witnessing Your great love in word and deed. In the name of Jesus the Messiah we pray. Lord, hear our prayers . . .**

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

Unison Assurance of Pardon

**O Holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us we pray. Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell, O Come to us, abide in us, Our Lord, Emmanuel. Amen.**

*"But God proves  
his love for us in  
that while we  
still were  
sinners Christ  
died for us."  
Romans 5:8*

\*Gloria Patri

**Glory Be to the Father**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and  
to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

### **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING  
Children's Sermon**

*"For God so  
loved the world  
that he gave his  
only Son, so  
that everyone  
who believes in  
him may not  
perish but may  
have eternal  
life."  
John 3:16*

Anthem

**"Advent Carol on 'What Child Is This?'"** Don Besig  
Susie Gaus, Karla Casteen

*Amid the winter's cold embrace, clothed in a shroud of white,  
An anxious world in silence waits through the dark of night.  
As the lonely song of a dove echoes across the sky above,  
We can feel the moment is near; soon the Child of Peace will appear.  
What child is this the world awaits with quiet expectation?  
When will He come, the promised one, to bring us peace and salvation?  
Raise, raise your prayers on high. Prepare His way, the time is nigh.  
Come, come Emmanuel, O Child of Love and Peace.  
The air grows colder, the light grows dim with darkening sky above us.  
But soon the chill of the winter wind will warm with God's gift of love.  
And a star will brighten the sky; and songs of joy will echo in heaven on high!  
We will know the moment is here; the Child of Love and Peace will appear.*

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.**

*"Love came  
down at  
Christmas, Love  
all lovely, Love  
Divine, Love was  
born at  
Christmas, Star  
and Angels gave  
the sign. . . Love  
shall be our  
token, Love be  
yours and love  
be mine, Love to  
God and all men,  
Love for plea and  
gift and sign."  
From a poem by  
Christina  
Rossetti, 1885*

*"God loves each  
of us as if there  
were only one of  
us."  
St. Augustine*

*"Though our  
feelings come  
and go, God's  
love for us does  
not."  
C.S. Lewis, Mere  
Christianity  
(1952)*

Old Testament Lessons     *Psalm 96 & Psalm 150*     Elder Curt Simpson  
+Pages 479, 480, 481

\*Hymn 100     STAR OF THE COUNTRY DOWN  
**"My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"**

Gospel Lesson     *Luke 1:39-55*     +Pages 831, 832

Sermon     **"Let It All Be Praise"**     Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

### **GIVING THANKS TO GOD**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory     **"To the World, Joy"**     Joel Raney  
Attie Carlton Handbell Choir

\*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 #113     **"Angels We Have Heard on High"**     GLORIA

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction     **"Nowell"**     English Carol  
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.*

\*Postlude

*\*All who are able may stand.     +The page number in the pew Bible.*

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Saturday - Sunday, February 2-3,**  
**2019**

**WPC All Church Retreat**  
**at our Church\***

**“Weavings”**



*“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.” (1 Corinthians 12:12, 27)*

**Saturday, February 2 2:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

Story Telling Singing Bible Study  
Games Hot Dog/Hamburger Supper

Whole Group Activities Break Out Groups  
Activities for Adults, Teenagers, and Children of the Church

Adult Leader: Rachel Doll, Director of Christian Education  
Winter Park Presbyterian Church, Wilmington

Youth Leader: Zach Casteen, Youth Ministry Leader

No cost!

**Sunday, February 3 11:00 a.m.**

Worship with Rachel and Dr. Phil leading  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31

**Stay tuned for more information beginning January 2!**

\*We will return to The Trinity Center in Salterpath, NC in  
February 2020.



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 23		FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: LOVE
	9:40 am	Opening Assembly
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship/Feed Our Hungry Children & Backpack Ministry Offering
Monday, December 24		CHRISTMAS EVE
	7:00 pm	Candlelight Communion Worship Service
Monday, December 25		MERRY CHRISTMAS! Church Office Closed
Tuesday, December 26		Church Office Closed
Tuesday, December 26- Tuesday, January 1		Minister on vacation Church Secretary on Vacation

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* **Today** we receive our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering. This offering provides school lunches and weekend food for students in Duplin County Schools. Thank you for your generous support.

\* **We will celebrate** the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during our Christmas Eve Candlelight worship service on Monday, December 24, at 7:00 p.m.

\* **Congratulations to Madley Coombs and Elizabeth Sills** who have been selected to attend the 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium with the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. Presbyterian Youth Triennium is a gathering for high school age youth from the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church that occurs every three years. The 2019 event is July 16-20, 2019 at Purdue University. The theme for the 2019 event is "Here's My Heart."

\* **Thank you** for your generous contributions of coats and hoodies and money to purchase coats and hoodies for students in Duplin County Schools.

\* **We extend our Christian love and sympathy** to Emily Ludlum and her family on the death of her grandmother in Virginia on December 17.

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS



**Coats and Hoodies for Wallace Elementary School**  
**Buy a coat and/or hoodie and drop it off at the church office.**  
**Monetary donations: Make check payable to**  
**Wallace Presbyterian Church**  
**and mark "Coats & Hoodies."**  
**Deadline is Sunday, December 23.**



12/23: Georgette & Kennedy Thompson

12/30: Noel, Cameron & Reese Blue



## YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

12/23: Ayden & Camryn Fussell

12/30: William Powell & Garrett Bullard

## Opening Church Building

December 16-31: Dave Long



**June Blalock** (Rosemary), **Carla DeNatale** (Mary Carone's niece) diagnosed with Breast Cancer, **Joe Dormagen** (Verlie Wells' son-in-law), **Betty Hall**, (The Gardens), **Judy Holley** (recovering from surgery), **Royal & Jennifer Johnson family**, **Tom Johnson** (recovering from heart surgery), **Wright Lanier Family**, **Amy Moss** (breast cancer, sister of Debbie Thomas) **Nancy Pate**, (Libby Godwin's twin sister-inoperable brain tumor), **Nathan Pensinger** (Nathan is slowly gaining weight and energy. He did return to work this week and will continue on a limited schedule. Prayers for continued good health). **Jennifer Raynor** (Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome) **Judy Robinson**, **Zayne Rivenbark** (cancer), **Rev. Bobby Tyson**, Wallace United Methodist Church (heart issues), **Kelsea Webster**, **Verlie Wells-Rosemary**, **Members and friends in the armed services: Jason Payne**. **William Krupitzer**-(Linda Burroughs nephew).

(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)



Charley Fariior, Leader

Rick Batchelor

Jonathan Fussell

Curt Simpson

Bill Carone



## GREETERS

12/23: Effie Mobley & Georgia Longest

12/30: Dan & Tanya Robinson



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## **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 Thanksgiving*

Given by the Carone & Dier families

*In memory of Nancy Covington*

Given by Rick & Nettie Batchelor

*In memory of Ruth Buckner*

Given by Dave & Gloria Wells

*In memory of Harry L. "Toots" Carlton*

Given by Greg & Geneva Maready

*In honor of our church family members impacted by Hurricane Florence*

Given by Greg & Geneva Maready

*In memory of Attie Carr Carlton*

Given by Greg & Geneva Maready

*In honor of the Music Ministry of The Wallace Presbyterian Church*

Given by Greg & Geneva Maready

*In memory of Virginia "Sit" Knowles*

Given by Greg & Geneva Maready

*In memory of Jason Norris*

Given by Bill & Kelli Norris

*In memory of Dr. John D. Robinson, Sr.*

Given by Dan & Tanya Robinson

*In memory of Dr. John D. Robinson, Jr.*

Given by Dan & Tanya Robinson

*In memory of Lewellyn Robinson*

Given by Dan & Tanya Robinson

*In memory of Jean Hawkins*  
Given by Dan & Tanya Robinson

*In memory of Louise Brinson*  
Given by Dan & Tanya Robinson

*In honor of Judy Robinson*  
Given by Dan & Tanya Robinson

*In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Edward F. Johnston, Sr., and The Rev.  
Edward F. Johnston, Jr.*  
Given by C.J. & Dotsi Caproni

*In memory of our granddaughter Ally Simpson*  
Given by Pat & Jim Simpson

*In memory of my grandmother Barbara Ward*  
Given by Vanessa Ward



*The Chrismon Tree is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Harry  
"Toots" Carlton and William "Bill" Saunders.*

