



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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 24, 2017

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

Choral Call to Worship **"Of The Father's Love"** Joel Raney

*Of the Father's love begotten, ere the world began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He.*

Congregation

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, ever more and ever more, Emmanuel.

Responsive Reading and Candle Lighting

*Let the heights of heaven adore Him; angel hosts His praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before Him, and extol our God and King.*

Congregation

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, ever more and ever more, Emmanuel.

Opening Sentences

Elder Geneva Maready

Leader: During Advent, we wait for the one promised in scripture.

All: And he will be called Everlasting Father.

Leader: We wait for the one who knows our deepest thoughts and fulfills our every need.

All: And he will be called Everlasting Father.

Leader: We wait for the one who will love us unconditionally, as a parent loves a child.

All: And he will be called Everlasting Father.

Leader: We wait for the one whose grace and mercy will never end.

All: And he will be called Everlasting Father.

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

As Mary heard the angel, she wondered at his words. "Behold, I am your handmaid," she said unto her God. "So be it; I am ready according to your word."

Hymn #98, Glory to God

Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle

*Hymn #192 "Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining" SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

*Unison Prayer of Confession:)

Almighty God, Light of the World, you caused light to shine out of the darkness in the advent of Jesus our Christ. You continually open to us the ways we are to prepare. We confess our unwillingness to see the light and to walk in your ways. We have not always opened our eyes to the needs of others, and our feet have wandered from the paths of justice and peace. We ask that the Spirit of Christ be born anew within us, that our hearts may be stirred to glorify our Savior's birth with acts of compassion and service. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

(A time for silent prayers . . .)

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God has given ear to our confession and God's face has shined upon us! Hear and believe the good news!

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you and I are saved: saved from our sins, saved to our faithful savior, whose steadfast love is gifted to the world!

*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

Special Music "The Trumpet Shall Sound" Handel
Karen Berger, trumpet

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.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

Elder Geneva Maready
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Today's Prayer of
Confession is
from
www.GatheredPrayers.com, an
online worship
planning
resource.

*"Light four
candles to watch
for Messiah: let
the light banish
darkness. He is
coming; tell the
glad tidings. Let
your lights be
shining."*

Hymn #85, Glory
to God

No payment was promised, no promises made; no wedding was dated, no blueprint displayed. Yet Mary, consenting to what none could guess, replied with conviction, "Tell God I say, Yes."

Hymn #101,
Glory to God

"Mary, Nazareth girl: Could it be that you had been ready, waiting, listening for the footsteps of an angel? Could it be there are messages for us if we have the faith to listen?"

Ann Weems,
"Mary, Nazareth Girl"

"Come, Savior, quickly come; come, Savior, quickly come. Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come."

Hymn #92, Glory to God

*Hymn #121

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

ST. LOUIS

Gospel Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

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Sermon

"Let It Be"

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

*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"*)

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,**

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

**we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve 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.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Hymn #113

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

GO TELL IT

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

*Postlude

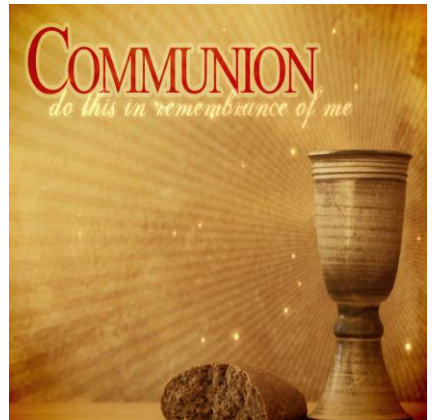
**All who are able may stand. +The page number in the pew Bible.*



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR
CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT
COMMUNION
JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL SERVICE



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017
7:00 P.M.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 24	CHRISTMAS EVE 9:40 am Opening Assembly 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship/Feed Our Hungry Children & Backpack Ministry Offering 7:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service
Monday, December 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS! Church Office Closed
Tuesday – Friday, December 26-29	Church Office Closed Minister and Church Secretary on Vacation

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- + **Today** we take up our monthly (during the school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering. Numerous churches, businesses, and individuals in Duplin County work together to provide school lunches and food for the weekend for students whose families are experiencing financial hardships.
- + **Join us** for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Worship Service tonight at 7:00 p.m. here in the sanctuary.
- + **The church office** will be closed this week. Philip Gladden, minister, and Cheryl Brinkley, church secretary, will both be on vacation.



The sanctuary flowers for the month of December are given in memory of Lacey Elizabeth Johnson, Fred and Bertha Mae Burroughs, and William and Doris Krupitzer by the Johnson and Burroughs families.

Merry

Christmas




YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

12/24: Garrett Bullard & Hill Lanier
12/31: Lydia & Kennedy Thompson

USHERS
THIS IS THE MONTH

Freddy Hall, Leader

J Parker

Clay Blue

Wayne Casteen

Roger Coombs

Dave Wells



GREETERS

12/24: Charley & Harriet Farring

12/31: Bill & Susan Walters

Opening Church Building

December 16-31: Dave Long



June Blalock (Rosemary), **James Brice** (automobile accident, suffering some paralysis), **Joe Dormagen** (Verlie Wells' son-in-law), **Betty Hall**, (Rosemary), **Royal & Jennifer Johnson family**, **Wright Lanier Family**, **Amy Moss** (breast cancer, sister of Debbie Thomas) **Jason Norris** (cancer, Kelli Norris' brother-in-law) **Matthew Parks** (16 years old, snow-sledding accident, broken back, paralysis; parents are college friends of Hope Turnbull) **Nancy Pate**, (Libby Godwin's twin sister-inoperable brain tumor), **Nathan Pensinger** (back in hospital due to vomiting caused by internal bleeding) **Amanda Perry**, (cancer-niece of Margaret Toothman), **Dick Phillips** (friend of Tim Peppes-pancreatic cancer, John Hopkins), **Jennifer Raynor** (Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome) **Brisson Ricker** (just celebrated his 16th birthday- **His brother Preston** has just been diagnosed with thyroid cancer) **Judy Robinson**, **Zayne Rivenbark** (cancer), **Rylan Schubkegel** (18 year-old nephew of Nick Baker diagnosed with Hodgkin's Disease), **Michael Sloan family**, **Robert Smith** (ear Surgery- Sandee DiDomenicos brother), **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)



BEGINNING DATES RE-SCHEDULED

New Start Dates

Monday, January 8 (7:00 - 8:30 p.m.)
and Tuesday, January 9 (10:00 - 11:30 a.m.)

Fellowship Hall

Bring your Bible and your questions!

Session 1: What is the Bible?



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 Isadore and Cynthia Peppe and
Dell and Marty Jones*
Given by Tim & RJ Peppe

In memory of Marie Pettey Laufer
Given by George and Mary Laufer Francis

In honor of Andrea Casteen
Given by Zach, Adlyn Jo and Clara Gray Casteen

In memory of Bettisue Tillman
Given by Joe Tillman

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

In memory of Alice Obenour and Dorothy W. Ring
Given by Bob & Dottie Obenour

In memory of Philip Longest
Given by Georgia Longest

In memory of Ruth Buckner
Given by Dave & Gloria Wells

In memory of Harry L. "Toots" Carlton
Given by Greg & Geneva Maready

In memory of Bill Saunders
Given by Greg & Geneva Maready

In memory of Virginia "Sit" Knowles
Given by Greg & Geneva Maready

*In memory of Attie Carr Carlton and in honor of the Music Ministry of Wallace
Presbyterian Church*
Given by Greg & Geneva Maready

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

In memory of Doris B. Barfield
Given by Leon & Jewell Wells and children



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

