

# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## *A Service of Lessons and Carols*

Christmas Day 2016

10:00 am

Prelude

Opening Sentences

Elder Jim Sills

*Leader: Rejoice! Merry Christmas to everyone!*

**All: Merry Christmas to you!**

*Leader: Christ our Savior is born.*

**All: God's Light is poured into the world.**

*Leader: O come, let us celebrate this wonderful gift.*

**All: Let us praise God with shouts of joy and singing!**

*Leader: The words and promises of God are all true!*

**All: God has given us the best gift of all!**

*Leader: Rejoice! God is with us!*

**All: Praise be to God! Glory to God in the highest!**

Carol

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

#133

First Lesson

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Elder Jim Sills

*Adam and Eve disobey God's command  
and disrupt the order and goodness of creation.*

Carol

**O Little Town of Bethlehem**

#121

Second Lesson

Genesis 22:15-18

Elder Harriet Farrow

*God promises that, through Abraham,  
all the peoples of the world will be blessed.*

Carol

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** (verses 1, 6, 7)

#88

Third Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Elder Fred Burroughs

*The people who walk in darkness  
receive the promise of the Messiah.*

*Christ*  
our SAVIOR  
is born

*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."*

*Titus 2:11*

*“She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”*  
Matthew  
1:21

*The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.”*

Luke 2:10-11

- Carol                            **It Came Upon the Midnight Clear**                            #123
- Fourth Lesson                            Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9                            Elder Curt Simpson  
*The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation.*
- Carol                            **Joy to the World!**                            #134
- Fifth Lesson                            Luke 1:26-35, 38                            Elder Brenda Long  
*An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child.*
- Carol                            **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**                            #119
- Sixth Lesson                            Luke 2:1-7                            Elder George Francis  
*Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child.*
- Carol                            **Away in a Manger**                            #115
- Seventh Lesson                            Luke 2:8-16                            Elder Susan Walters  
*Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah.*
- Carol                            **Angels We Have Heard on High**                            #113
- Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering
- Children’s Sermon                            The Baby in the Manger
- Eighth Lesson                            Matthew 2:1-11                            Elder Jim Sills  
*Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus.*
- Carol                            **We Three Kings of Orient Are**                            #151
- Ninth Lesson                            John 1:1-14                            Dr. Philip Gladden  
*The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth.*
- Carol                            **Silent Night, Holy Night**                            #122

Prayers of the People with the Lord’s Prayer

*"Love has come:  
a light in the  
darkness! Love  
shines forth in  
the Bethlehem  
skies. See, all  
heaven has  
come to  
proclaim it; hear  
how their song  
of joy arises:  
Love! Born unto  
you, a Savior!  
Love! Love!  
Glory to God on  
high."*

*Glory to God,  
"Love Has  
Come"*

*"I will honor  
Christmas in my  
heart, and try to  
keep it all the  
year."  
Charles  
Dickens*

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.  
Amen.

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

## Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Carol

## **Go, Tell It on the Mountain**

#136

## Unison Benediction

*We who walked in darkness have seen a great light.  
We who lived in deepest night are lit up with a brilliant sight.  
Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given.  
The spread of his influence and of his peace will never end.  
Therefore, let us go out into the world with great joy.*

*The grace of Bethlehem's matchless Child,  
the love of the God who never ceases to amaze,  
and the fellowship of the Spirit who never wearies,  
will be with us this day and evermore.  
Thanks be to God!*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*This morning** we receive our monthly Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering to supply school lunches and weekend food for students in seven Duplin County schools. Thank you for your generous support during the school year!

**\* The church office** will be closed on Monday-Tuesday, December 26-27 in observance of the Christmas holiday. Philip Gladden will be on vacation through Saturday, December 31. Cheryl Brinkley, church secretary, will be on vacation through Friday, December 29.

**\* Schedule for Sunday, January 1, 2017**

9:40 a.m. Opening Assembly

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper



*The beautiful flowers that were in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 18, by an oversight, were not acknowledged. My extreme apology for not having it in last Sunday's bulletin. The announcement follows:*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Fred John Burroughs and in celebration of our family weddings that have taken place in this sanctuary.*

*-Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Roland Johnson-November 22, 1962*

*-Mr. and Mrs. Fred Deane Burroughs-September 1, 1977*

*-Mr. and Mrs. Owen Heflin Rouse-July 30, 1989*

*-Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Sherrill Strickland- October 10, 2004*

*-Mr. and Mrs. Devan Ferrell Riley-December 17, 2016*



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