

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 26, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Elder Dan Robinson

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

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"He Is Born" setting by Vicki Collinsworth (In the style of a Barogue Hornpipe)

Welcome and Announcements

"So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose." Isaiah 55:11

Opening Sentences Leader: Joy to the world, the Lord is come! All: Let earth receive her King! Leader: A child has been born for us, a song given to us. All: Authority rests upon his shoulder, and he is named: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Leader: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. All: May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts; may the word of Christ dwell in us richly

*Hymn #134

"Joy to the World"

ANTIOCH

"Indeed, the word of God is livina and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart."

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we come to this moment knowing with certainty that we cannot free ourselves from the bondage of sin. In our thoughts, words, and deeds, by the things we have done and have left undone, we have sinned against you, O Lord. We have not loved you with our whole hearts, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we might delight in

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105 *Responsive Assurance of Pardon Leader: Friends, believe the Good News – In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven! All: Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri



"All scripture is

inspired by God

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

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Open us to hearing and receiving the scriptures that are read and your Word that is proclaimed, Holy God, with joy and thanksgiving. Amen.

Gospel Lesson

John 1:1-18

Elder Dan Robinson

Speaker

Gideon Bill Costin

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with 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.

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17 The Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!

Offertory	"Twas in the Moon	of Wintertime"	setting by Vicki Collinsworth
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(in Renaissance style) The Huron Carol O children of the forest free. O songs of Manitou. The Holy Child of earth and heaven is born today for you. Come kneel before the radiant Boy who brings you beauty, peace, and joy: Jesus, your King, is born. Jesus is born! In excelsis gloria!

NOTE:

The hornpipe dance rhythm was often used by composers in England in the Baroque period. Henry Purcell and George Frideric Handel composed hornpipes. Today . the most wellknown baroque hornpipe tune is from Handel's Water Music and is often used in traditional wedding services. The prelude in today's service incorporates the hornpipe dance rhythm.

*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.

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 "But be doers of the word. and not merely *Benediction hearers who deceive themselves."

James 1:22

*Postlude

*All who are able may stand.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 26



No Alternative Sunday School Class 10:00 am Sunday School Classes 11:00 am Worship in person and live streamed/ Feed Our Hungry Children and Backpack Ministry Offering Monday, December 27 Church Office Closed for Christmas Holiday No Zoom Bible Study Sunday, December 26 – Friday, December 31 Minister on Vacation Monday, December 27-Monday, January 3 Church Secretary on Vacation Wednesday, December 29 No Bible Study HAPPY NEW YEAR Saturday, January 1

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* Philip Gladden will be on vacation December 26 - January 1. Cheryl Brinkley will be on vacation December 27-Monday, January 3. Please contact Clerk of Session Hope Turnbull (910) 284-2813) in an emergency.



* We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship on Sunday, January 2.

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

*Wayne Casteen, Church Treasurer, will make the final 2021 deposit on Thursday, December 30. If you would like for your final contributions to be credited to 2021 for tax purposes, please submit them before December 30. Thank you for your faithful generosity!

