

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 SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY *First Sunday after Christmas Day*

December 27, 2015

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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

Choral Call to Worship **“Adeste Fideles”** John Wade, 1743

*O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

Opening Sentences

Elder Zach Casteen

Leader: Wise men came from the East to worship one they had never seen.

All: They brought rich gifts to one they did not even know.

Leader: For them, a King had had come that would not be a tyrant.

All: The little child was for them the focus of all meaning.

Leader: This King would make all things new.

All: Come, come everyone, from the East and from everywhere.

Leader: Come and worship Christ, the newborn King.

*Hymn #121

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ST. LOUIS



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

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 2:1-23

+Pages 783, 784

Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering

Children's Sermon

Anthem

“Joy on the Mountain” Pepper Choplin, 2013

*Let there be joy on the mountain, singing in the valley.
Join the holy hosts of angels shouting “Christ the Lord is born.”
Shepherds on the hillside, watching all their sheep,
Everyone is weary but there will be no sleep.
Angels down from heaven bring the news to earth:
A child is born, now celebrate His birth.
When the shepherds heard the angels, they went into town.
They followed their directions and when the child was found,
They were so happy when they had seen the boy,
They went out a-shouting for joy, shouting for joy on the mountain.
Glory to God, peace on the earth. Christ the Lord is born!
Lift up your voice and sing for joy. Now Christ is born.
Let there be glory to God, let there be joy!*

The Fourth (Other) Wise Man Adapted from Henry Van Dyke By Joy Swartley Sawatzky

(We will sing Hymn #151, “We Three Kings of Orient Are,”
throughout the reading.)

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.*

Although Christians had begun by the 2nd century to speak of these visitors from eastern countries as "kings," perhaps because of passages like Psalm 72:10 ("may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts") and Isaiah 60:3 ("Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn."), it is more accurate to think of them as magi or astrologers, the scholars of their day.

"Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand."

Hymn #347, Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

*The Affirmation of Faith: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; John 1:14

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of darkness
— on them light has shined.

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.
And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father's only son,
full of grace and truth.

*Hymn #150

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

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*Benediction

*Choral Benediction **"Go Tell It on the Mountain"** Spiritual
*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

*Postlude

+The page number in the pew Bible.

ANNUAL SOUND RETREAT!!

“Casting your Net on the other side: Getting the Most out of Faith and Life”



SAVE THE DATE: February 5-7, 2016, at the beautiful Trinity Center, on Bogue Sound, Outer Banks, N.C. Great Leaders, Delicious food, Rest & Relaxation, Spiritual renewal, Fellowship & Fun, Worship, All ages welcome!



Reverend Owen Carriker



Jenna Carriker

Our spiritual leader for the adult program will be Reverend Owen Carriker, Pastor of Hope Presbyterian Church, Winter Haven, Florida. 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 Director, of our youth ministry program of the Wallace Presbyterian Church, 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!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 27

9:40 am Opening Assembly

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship/Feed Hungry Children & Backpack
Ministry Offering

Monday, December 28 - Friday, January 1

Church Office Closed

Minister on Vacation Secretary on Vacation

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **This morning** we receive our fourth Sunday Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering which, along with contributions from many area churches, organizations, businesses, and individuals, provides funding for school lunches and weekend food for public school children whose families are experiencing financial hardship. Thank you for your generosity!
- **Thank you** to everyone who helped some families in our community have a brighter Christmas by buying, wrapping, and delivering Christmas presents through our St. Nicholas project.
- **The church office** will be closed on Monday, December 28 in observance of the Christmas holiday and Friday, January 1 in observance of the New Year's holiday. The minister and secretary will both be on vacation Tuesday - Thursday, December 29-31.
- **We will celebrate** the sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship on Sunday, January 3. We will also ordain and install Nick Baker, Ann Carter, Nell Sloan, Joe Tillman, and Susan Walters as members of the session's Class of 2018.
- **The final bank deposit** for 2015 will be made on Monday, December 28. All contributions should be at the church by Sunday, December 27. Thank You!



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

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**



NURSERY

12/27: Lydia Woodard & Madelyn Coombs

01/03: Rhonda & Freddy Hall

Opening Church Building: December 16-30: Dave Long **January 1-15:** Charley Farrior



GREETERS

12/27: Charley & Harriet Farrior

01/03: Bill & Susan Walters

USHERS

Charley Farrior, Leader

Curt Simpson Jonathan Fussell

Rick Batchelor Bill Carone



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

12/27: Joe Wallace & Raechel Woodard

01/03: Cameron & Reese Blue



Myree Bland, Avalee Bowman- The Oaks at Mayview, Raleigh, **Tammy Callihan-**(Frankie Coleman's daughter, stroke) **Ronnie Cox-**Pastor Watha PFWB Church, **Joe Dormagen** (Verlie Wells' son-in-law), **Herman Hardy, Ozelle Kennedy-**(Joell Parker's Grandmother), **SPC William Krupitzer-**(nephew of Linda Burroughs), **Denny Lanier,** NHRMC- recovering from surgery, **Wright Lanier family, Pippa Larsen-**Two years ago we requested prayers for Pippa Larsen, a one-year old diagnosed with childhood leukemia. Pippa, now almost 3 years old, has responded extremely well to extensive treatment. She is expected to be able to stop her treatment in November. The family appreciates your prayers. (friends of Nick & Lee Baker), **Emily Lee-**recovering from knee replacement surgery, **Katie Merritt,** (Elizabeth Wells Merritt's mother-in-law)mild stroke, **Sharon Moore, Glenn Powell, Ann Quinn,** (Mary Carone's sister)-cancer, **Donna Roberts and family**(death of husband, Scott) **Judy Robinson, Cheryl Siddens-** cancer, **Beverly Smith-** cancer, **Emily Taylor-** (Grace Carter's niece from Chesapeake, VA) cancer, **Hope Turnbull-** recovering from wrist surgery, **Linda Wells,** recovering from shoulder surgery, **Kelsea Webster, Verlie Wells-**Rosemary, **Pat Wilson-**recovering from knee replacement surgery, **Members and friends in the armed services: Jason Payne.**

ANNUAL SESSION RETREAT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2016

9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Wallace Presbyterian Church



**Presbyterian
Elders in
Prayer**