



# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Please silence your cell phones.*

*\*All who are able may stand.*

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 27, 2020

11:00 A.M.

### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Sentences

Elder Dan Robinson

*Leader: Praise the One who spoke and made everything!*

**People: Let the rivers ripple with joy; let the mountains stomp their feet.**

*Leader: Praise the One who adopts all of us as children!*

**People: Let old folks tell familiar stories; let little children swim with dolphins.**

*Leader: Praise God!*

**People: We will sing of God's glory; will shout our joy to the heavens.**

Hymn #82 (verses 1 & 4)

"Joy to the World"

ANTIOCH

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Father God: It is easy to become slave to our passions – it is harder to live as your children. We know that given the chance, we rarely praise others. We are guided more by meanness than by your gentleness. And we are seldom wise enough to listen to your voice, preferring instead the sweet, sweet songs of sin. Forgive us, Merciful Father. Strengthen us to be faithful sisters and brothers of your Son. Touch those inner places of hope and joy that they might become the gifts we can offer to those around us, as we seek to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. . .**

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

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

*Rejoice in the  
Lord always;  
again I will say,  
Rejoice."  
Philippians 4:4*

*"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*

“Good news from  
heaven the angels  
bring,  
Glad tidings to the  
earth they sing:  
To us this day a  
child is given,  
To crown us with  
the joy of heaven.”

Martin Luther

“Can I, will I forget  
how Love was born  
and burned its way  
into my heart:  
unasked, unforced,  
unearned:  
to die, to live, and  
not alone for me;  
to die, to live, and  
not alone for me.”

Hymn #120,  
“Where Shepherds  
Lately Knelt” in  
Glory to God: The  
Presbyterian  
Hymnal

## Responsive Assurance of Pardon

*Leader: Hear the good news. The time is now; the place is here: God has redeemed us from sin; God has claimed us as the children of Hope.*

**People: Praise God, all people, for life is given to us anew; eternity is our home. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

**Holy God, your Son Jesus Christ grew in wisdom as a child. Send your Spirit to this place that, in the reading of this scripture, we may, too, grow in wisdom by the proclamation of your Word. Amen.**

Epistle Lesson

*Galatians 4:4-7*

Elder Dan Robinson

Gospel Lesson

*Luke 2:22-40*

Sermon

**"Do You See What I See?"**

Elder Jay Bender

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

*What can I give  
him, poor as  
I am?*

*If I were a  
shepherd, I  
would bring  
a lamb;  
if I were a wise  
man, I would do  
my part;  
yet what I can I  
give him: give  
my heart.*

*Hymn #144, "In  
the Bleak  
Midwinter" in  
Glory to God:  
The Presbyterian  
Hymnal*

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: 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 (verses 1 & 3)

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

GO TELL IT

Benediction

Postlude

*"May the God of  
hope fill you with  
all joy and peace  
in believing, so  
that you may  
abound in hope  
by the power of  
the Holy Spirit."  
Romans 15:13*

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 27      10:00 am Zoom Sunday School Class for  
The Living Stones  
11:00 am Worship – in person and virtual  
Ruling Elder Jay Bender, preacher  
Monday, December 28-Friday, January 1    Church Office Closed

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* **We welcome Ruling Elder Jay Bender** as our preacher this morning. Jay is Clerk of Session at the Pollocksville Presbyterian Church, mayor of Pollocksville, and very active in the leadership of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. Welcome, Jay!

\***The church office** will be closed Monday, December 28 - Friday, January 1. Please contact Clerk of Session Hope Turnbull (910-284-2813) in an emergency.

\***This morning** we receive our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry that provides food for students in Duplin County Schools.

\***Church Treasurer Wayne Casteen** will make the final deposit of 2020 on Monday, December 28. If you wish to have your contributions credited to 2020, please submit them to Wayne before tomorrow morning. Thank you for your generous support of the ministry of Wallace Presbyterian Church.

\***We will celebrate** the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship on Sunday, January 3. Pre-packaged individual communion sets will be provided for worshipers in the sanctuary. People worshipping at home are encouraged to prepare the bread and cup and participate in the sacrament.

\***Congratulations to** Jonathan and Bettie Jo Tillman Rakestraw on the birth of their daughter, Sarah Pearl (7.5 pounds, 17 inches) on Saturday, December 19. Joe Tillman is the proud grandfather of his first granddaughter!

*Happy  
New Year*

