

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

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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

Minutes for Mission

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Sentences

Elder Zach Casteen

Leader: *Arise, shine, for your light has come,*

All: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Leader: *For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;*

All: but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

Leader: *Nations shall come to your light,*

All: and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Leader: *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;*

All: those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

Leader: *Let us celebrate the Light of the world,*

All: for upon us has the Light shined.

*Hymn #134

"Joy to the World!"

ANTIOCH

Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Holy God, we know that you have been present to us throughout all of history, even throughout our own histories. We know you will be with us in our future. Yet often we don't live as if we know that. We recognize in Jesus' Way our own wholeness and health, yet we often fail to follow. We recognize in Jesus God's saving grace for us, yet we often fail to rejoice and to share this good news. Forgive us, make us wise and joyful and strong so that we live in the understanding of your never ending love in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

(The Prayer of Confession is adapted from "Worship Ways," a worship resource of the United Church of Christ.)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: *Hear the good news of Christmas. Today God reveals to us the wonders of divine love, for in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.*

All: For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given. His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

*Gloria Patri Hymn #579

Glory Be to the Father

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN & BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING

Children's Sermon

Elder Regina Simpson

Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, source of all that is, shine in our lives today.

Illumine our reading and hearing of your Word, that we may encounter the Word made flesh and receive him and believe. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Elder Zach Casteen

Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3

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*Hymn #113

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

Gospel Lesson

Rev. Suzanne Simpson

Luke 2:22-40

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Sermon **"Hopes and Fears"**

Rev. Suzanne Simpson

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

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 #546

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

SICILIAN MARINERS

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

*Postlude

*All who are able may stand.

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Feed Our Hungry Children & Backpack Ministry Offering Sunday, December 28



This offering is combined with offerings from other area congregations, individuals, and businesses to provide school lunches and weekend food for public school children whose families are experiencing economic hardships.

Congratulations to Our Newly Elected Elders!



Class of 2015 (one year term)

Curt Simpson

Class of 2017 (three year term)

Wayne Casteen

Vera Coombs

George Francis

Jim Sills

Our elders will be ordained and/or installed on Sunday, January 4.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 28 9:40 am Opening Assembly
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
Monday - Friday, December 29-January 2
Church Office Closed
Thursday, January 1
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **We welcome** Rev. Suzanne Simpson as our preacher this morning. Rev. Simpson is a retired minister of the PC(USA) and member of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. A native of Virginia, she is a graduate of Union Presbyterian Seminary. Prior to attending seminary, she was a teacher and assistant principal at Prince Edward County Elementary School. She and her husband, Harry, live near Holden Beach. They have four children and four grandchildren. Quilting has become her favorite retirement hobby. Welcome, Rev. Simpson!
- **There will be no** Tuesday Morning SonRise Worship Service or Wednesday morning Bible study this week.
- **Today** we receive our monthly Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering. This offering provides lunches and weekend food for public school students in the Wallace/Rose Hill/Chinquapin area whose families are experiencing financial difficulties. Thank you!
- **We extend** our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Rebecca Eaddy on her death on December 22.



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



NURSERY

12/28: Chuck & Gina Farrior
01/04: Blake & Leah Wallace



GREETER

12/28: Charley & Harriet Farrior
01/04: Bill & Susan Walters



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

12/28: Lydia & Kennedy Thompson
01/04: Madelyn Coombs & Mary Kellan Creech



USHERS

Charley Farrior, Leader
Rick Batchelor Jonathan Fussell
Bill Carone Curt Simpson

OPENING & CLOSING: December 16-31: Dave Long
January 1-15: Charley Farrior



Bill Blalock, Autumn Care-Wilmington, Myree Bland, Avalee Bowman, Tammy Callahan-(Frankie Coleman's daughter, stroke) Warren Cavanaugh, Brain Tumor, Ronnie Cox-Pastor Watha PFWB Church, Rose Curth-Brain Cancer, Joe Dormagen (Verlie Wells' son-in-law), Herman Hardy, Ozelle Kennedy-(Joell Parker's Grandmother), SPC William Krupitzer-(nephew of Linda Burroughs), Wright Lanier family, Pippa Larsen-one year old diagnosed with AAL, a form of leukemia, (friends of Nick & Lee Baker), Frank Lettieri, Bruce & Barbara Lyon (Jim Sills mother and her husband; Mr. Lyon had a stroke), Sharon Moore, Bill Norris-River Landing, Glenn Powell, Judy Robinson, Bill Saunders family, Evelyn Shaver, Emily Taylor- (Grace Carter's niece from Chesapeake, VA) cancer, Mimi Tarleton, Bettisue Tillman-Dayspring, Jerle Turner-Brain tumor, Kelsea Webster, Verlie Wells-Rosemary, Members and friends in the armed services: Jason Payne.



ANNUAL SOUND RETREAT!!

“Words with the Word: Conversations in the Gospel of John”

SAVE THE DATE: January 30-February 1, 2015, at the beautiful Trinity Center, on Bogue Sound, Salter Path, N.C.

All ages welcome.

- Great Leaders
- Delicious food
- Rest & Relaxation
- Spiritual renewal
- Fellowship & Fun
- Worship



Dr. George Anderson



Jenna Carriker

Our spiritual leader for the adult program will be Dr. George C. Anderson. We are so fortunate to have him back! 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 Minister from Topsail PC., 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; make your plans to join us. Don't miss out: Sign up now!



Wallace Presbyterian Church



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 28, 2014

Eleven O'clock in the Morning

We support Presbyterian Church (USA) mission co-workers, Rev. Dustin and Sherri Ellington, in Lusaka, Zambia, Africa.

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