



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

December 29, 2019

11:00 A.M.

*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.)

Minute for Mission

Congregational Choral Call to Worship

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Opening Sentences

Elder Linda Burroughs

Leader: *Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!*

People: **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

Leader: *Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!*

People: **Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

All: **Let all creation praise the name of the LORD, for God's name alone is exalted; God's glory is above earth and heaven.**

*"Once Joseph
had a dream, and
when he told it to
his brothers, they
hated him even
more."
Genesis 37:5*

*Hymn #119

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

“Pharaoh said to Joseph, ‘I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it.’ Joseph answered Pharaoh, ‘It is not I; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer.”
Genesis 41:15-16

“And Jacob dreamed that there was a ladder set upon the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.”
Genesis 28:12

Call to Confession

Brothers and sisters, Jesus became like us in every respect so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God. As we confess our sins, we come before One who was also tested by what he suffered, confident that he is able to help us.

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we are desperately in need of your mercy. We need to be awakened and aroused. For we are narcotized by our excess. We are addicted to our consumption. Our hearts are divided and our minds distracted. Too often our treasure is revealed in our abuse and neglect of the least of these which are symptoms of lives not in harmony with your dreams for us. Your mercy may feel like judgment as we are confronted with the dark realities of our world in which we are all complicit. So, help us to name the truth before us knowing we are held in your steadfast love from which no power on earth can separate us. Guide our steps on the journey of faith as we seek to live lives that draw us closer and closer to your dreams for us. . . .

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

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Children of God, it is clear that Jesus Christ came to help sinners. He is our Savior in all our distress, and it is his presence that saves us. Declare with me the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*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

5th Sunday Building Offering

Children's Sermon

Special Music

Prayer for Illumination

Loving God, give us a Mary heart, open and soft and receptive to your Word that it might be born anew in us this day and every day. Amen.

"An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.'" Matthew 1:20

"And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men shall see visions." Joel 2:28

"Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night, and Daniel blessed the God of heaven." Daniel 2:19

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 63:7-9

Elder Linda Burroughs
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*Hymn #128

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

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Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:13-23

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Sermon

"The Dreamers of God"

Rev. Cynthia Williams

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

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.*

*The Affirmation of Faith: **Christmas Creed**

I believe in Jesus Christ and in the beauty of the gospel that began in Bethlehem. I believe in him who the kings of the earth ignored, and the proud can never understand, whose path was among the common people, Whose welcome came from those hungry hearts.

I believe in him who proclaimed the love of God to be invincible, whose cradle was a mother's arms, whose home in Nazareth had love for its only wealth, who looked at men and made them see what His love saw in them, Who by his love brought sinners back to purity and lifted human weakness up to meet the strength of God.

I confess my everlasting need of God: the need for forgiveness for my greed and selfishness, the need of life for empty soul, the need of warmth for heart grown cold. I acknowledge the glory of all that is like Christ: The steadfastness of friends, The blessedness of home, The beauty of compassion, The courage of those who dare to resist all passion and hate. I believe that only by love expressed shall the earth at length be purified, And I acknowledge in Christ a faith that sees beyond our present evil, and I pray that this redemption may begin in me now in his Christmas season as I pray.

*Hymn #114

"Away in a Manger"

CRADLE SONG

*Benediction

Congregational Choral Benediction

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain” Spiritual, 19th century

*Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

*Postlude

*All who are able may stand.

+The page number in the pew Bible.



**Sunday, January 5, 2020
During Morning Worship**

Fred Burroughs, Patsy Ludlum, and Darleen Weller, members of the Session's Class of 2022, will be ordained and installed to active service as Ruling Elders on Sunday, January 5 during morning worship. To be installed: Fred Burroughs and Patsy Ludlum. To be ordained and installed: Darleen Weller.

*Happy
New year*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 29

9:40 am Opening Assembly

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship/5th Sunday Building Offering

Wednesday, January 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Church Office Closed

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **We welcome Rev. Cynthia Williams** as our preacher this morning. Welcome back, Cynthia!
- * **Church Treasurer Wayne Casteen** will make the final deposit of 2019 tomorrow. If you would like for your contributions to be credited to 2019 for tax purposes, please have them to Wayne before tomorrow. Thank you for your generous support of the ministry and mission of our congregation!
- * **The church office** will be closed on Wednesday, January 1 in observance of the New Year.
- * **We will celebrate** the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship next Sunday, January 5.
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The poinsettias in the sanctuary for the month of December are given in loving memory of Jane Currie Barenborg by her husband Bill Barenborg and their children MaryBeth, Bill and Kristen. Jane is the granddaughter of William Currie, for whom the Currie Building is named.



THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Sunday, January 5
During Worship

All are welcome at the table.



12/29: Leah & Camryn Fussell
 01/05: Casey & Clayton Hall

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THIS MONTH

Fred Burroughs, Leader
 Greg Maready Bill Walters
 Blake Wallace Susan Walters



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

12/29: Mason & Nate Diers
 01/05: Miller Ludlum & Windsor Farrior



GREETERS

12/29: Dave & Gloria Wells
 01/05: Charley & Harriet Farrior

Opening Church Building

December 16-31: David Long January 1-15: Charley Farrior



Andrea Casteen (cancer treatments), **Jeff Cavanaugh** (stage 4 lung cancer), **Obbie Clemmons** (recovering from hip surgery), **Andrew DeNatale** (Mary Carone's brother), **Joe Dormagen** (Verlie Wells' son-in-law), **Shella Farrior** (recovering from surgery) **George Hatch** (cancer treatments), **Family of Erin Sanderson Haux** who died on 11/19 (long-time friend of Gerri Hanson), **Candace Knowles** (recovering from hip surgery), **Hill Lanier**, **Frank Lettieri**, (cancer treatments), **Amy Moss** (breast cancer, sister of Debbie Thomas), **Jennifer Raynor** (Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome), **Judy Robinson**, **Rodney Rogerson** (Kidney Transplant, friend of Nell Sloan), **Joe Tillman**, (chemotherapy treatments), **Ronnie Watson** (non-Hodgkins Lymphoma, stem cell transplant), **Andy Wells** (Headmaster at HCA-Neuromyelitis Optica), **Verlie Wells-Rosemary**, **Lee Woodard family**, **Members and friends in the armed services: Jason Payne. William Krupitzer**-(Linda Burroughs nephew).
 (When you request a name to be put on the prayer list, please notify the church office when you wish it to be taken off).



**5th Sunday Building Offering
 Today, December 29, 2019**

To underwrite the costs of maintaining our physical plant so we can continue to offer meaningful ministries, worship, mission, outreach, and fellowship.

Thank You!