



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

*But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.
Romans 5:8*

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 22, 2015

Fifth Sunday in Lent

11:00 am

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Minutes for Mission

Choral Call to Worship **“Sanctuary”** Thompson & Scruggs
*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

Opening Sentences Madelyn Coombs
Leader: On this day we gather to remember Jesus our Savior who loved us and gave himself for us. Let us draw near in full assurance of God's endless love and mercy.

All: We give our thanks and praise to Jesus Christ who carries our sorrows, heals our wounds, and redeems us from sin and death.

Leader: God forbid that we should boast of anything but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: In him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead; by him we are redeemed and set free.

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us,

All: and make his face shine upon us.

*Hymn #215

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

WONDROUS LOVE

(Today's Prayer
of Confession
was written by
Rev. Mindi
Welton-Mitchell
and found at
re:Worship, a
worship planning
resource.)

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

*We confess to you, our Lord and Savior, that we have betrayed and denied you, forgotten and doubted you. When our faith is tested, we wonder where you are. When we see injustice in the world, we often stand by, we turn our backs, we ignore the cries of others. We confess that again and again we deny you and betray you with our silence when we fail to proclaim your Good News, when we fail to live out your teachings, when we fail to love our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us, O God, and help us to truly repent. Help us to remember your sacrifice, your love, and to know your forgiveness. In the name of the One who lived, who was crucified, and who lives again, Jesus the Messiah, we pray. **Amen.***

Responsive Assurance of Pardon (based on Romans 5:8 & 10)

Leader: Here is proof that God's faithfulness never ends:

All: While we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Leader: For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son,

All: much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

Leader: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri Hymn #581

Glory Be to the Father

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

Anthem

'Behold The Man'

Jimmy Owens

Randy Bittner, soloist

*Behold the Man wounded and bruised, crowned with thorns.
He was despised, rejected, he was despised and rejected.
Behold the Man, Man of sorrows acquainted with grief.
We hid our faces from Him, we hid our faces from Him.
We did not know that it was for our sins He died,
That for us the Son of God was crucified, That in love
He bore our sorrow and pain and in love He willingly suffered.
Behold the Man suffering in silence, bearing our shame.
We hid our faces from Him, We hid our faces from Him.
We did not know that this was God the Father's plan,
born of love to bring redemption down to Man,
That in love He gave His only Son so that we might be forgiven.
Behold the Man, risen in glory, coming to reign
by the Father exalted, Crowned with glory and honor.
Behold the Man, King of kings and Lord of lords,
Through all creation Jesus Christ is Lord.*

Then Peter
began to curse,
and he swore an
oath, "I do not
know the man."
At that moment
the cock crowed.
Matthew 26:74

**Affirmation of
Faith:** From "A
Declaration of
Faith" of the
Presbyterian
Church
(U.S.A.)

Prayer for Illumination

*Eternal God, through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son
your kingdom has broken into our troubled world. Help us now to hear
your Word, and give us grace to respond in faithful obedience, that our
lives might be signs of the new life given through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Epistle Lesson

1 John 3:1-3

Madelyn Coombs
+Page 990

*Hymn #218

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 27:15-26

+Page 810

Sermon

The Crosses of Lent
"Children of the Father"

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*The Affirmation of Faith:

We acknowledge one God alone, whose demands on us are absolute,
whose help for us is sufficient. That One is the Lord, whom we worship,
serve, and love. We confess that in the execution of Jesus the sin of the
human race reached its depths. The only innocent One was condemned
and put to death, not by the sinfulness of one nation, but by the sinfulness
of us all. In the presence of Jesus, who lived out what God wants us all to
be, we were threatened beyond endurance. Blinded by our rebellion
against our Creator, we killed his Son when we met him face to face.

All of them said,
"Let him be
crucified." Then
Pilate asked,
"Why, what evil
has he done?"
But they shouted
all the more, "Let
him be
crucified!"
Matthew
27:22-23

We believe that in the death of Jesus on the cross God achieved and demonstrated once for all the costly forgiveness of our sins. Jesus Christ is the Reconciler between God and the world. He acted on behalf of sinners as one of us, fulfilling the obedience God demands of us, accepting God's condemnation of our sinfulness. In his lonely agony on the cross Jesus felt forsaken by God and thus experienced hell itself for us. Yet the Son was never more in accord with the Father's will. He was acting on behalf of God, manifesting the Father's love that takes on itself the loneliness, pain, and death that result from our waywardness. In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not holding our sins against us. Each of us beholds on the cross the Savior who died in our place, so that we may no longer live for ourselves, but for him. In him is our only hope of salvation. Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

*Hymn #228

"Were You There"

WERE YOU THERE

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

"Send Me, Jesus"

South African

Send me, Jesus; send me, Jesus; send me, Jesus; send me, Lord.

*Postlude



*Great ride for a great cause...
What are you waiting for?*

BIKES FOR ZAMBIA & CONFIRMATION 2015

Confirmation 2015 is leading us in raising the funds to purchase 14 bicycles for the May 2015 graduates of the Justo Mwale Theological University College in Lusaka, Zambia. Each bike (including a repair kit) costs \$160 and provides much needed transportation for pastors and community members.

SPONSOR BIKES FOR ZAMBIA AND CONFIRMATION CLEAN UP DAY!

Confirmation 2015 will be cleaning up church members' yards on Saturday, March 28. Won't you sponsor our young people by making a contribution to Bikes for Zambia? Make your checks payable to Wallace Presbyterian Church and mark them "Bikes for Zambia."

THANKS!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 22		FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
	9:40 am	Opening Assembly
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship/Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering
	4:00-6:30 pm	Confirmation 2015, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, March 24		Minister on Continuing Education Leave, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, Virginia
		No SonRise Service
Wednesday, March 25		No Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Handbells
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday, March 26	12:05 pm	Lenten Worship & Luncheon, Wallace United Methodist Church
Saturday, March 28	8:00 am-12:00 noon:	Confirmation 2015 Bikes for Zambia Project

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **This morning** we collect our monthly Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering. Area churches, businesses, and individuals help purchase school lunches and weekend food for children whose families are experiencing financial hardships. Thanks for your generous contributions!
- **Philip Gladden** will be at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond Tuesday - Thursday to attend a Continuing Education seminar, "Staying Fresh in a Long Small Church Pastorate." Contact Susie Bullard, clerk of session, or the church office in an emergency.
- **There will be no** Tuesday morning SonRise Worship or Wednesday morning Bible study this week.
- **This week's Lenten worship service and luncheon** at Wallace United Methodist Church will be on Thursday, March 26 at 12:05 p.m. Speaker: Rev. Dan Sellers. Special Music: Harvey Knowles and Melodee Wynne.
- **Congratulations** to Nate and Georgia Farrior on the birth of their daughter, Harriet Blake Farrior, "Hattie B," who arrived Thursday night, March 12, at 10:49. 8.5 lbs, 19.5 ". Big sister, Windsor, and big brother, John-Ward, and grandparents, Charley and Harriet Farrior, welcome Hattie B.



NURSERY

03/22: Dave & Gloria Wells

03/29: Fred Burroughs & Nell Sloan



GREETERS

03/22: Dan & Tanya Robinson

03/29: Art & Cheryl Raymond



Dan Robinson, Leader

Tim Peppe Chuck Farrior
R.J. Peppe Kevin Johnson
Joyce Ange



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

03/22: Ellie Carone & Anna Grace Carr

03/29: Madelyn Coombs & Mary Kellan Creech

Thank You

Dear Dr. Phil and members of the congregation,

Thank you all so much for your sweet cards, thoughtful messages, and words of encouragement, as our precious Leah had surgery. We feel so grateful to have our family surrounded by such a loving community of believers. Thank you for standing by our side in every step of this journey for the past year and a half. We have felt your prayers, mercy, and love. May the God of healing, redemption, and grace bless each of you as you have blessed our family.

*Love in Christ,
Andrew, Mary Kate, Leah & Amelia White*



**The Building & Grounds Ministry Team
invites you to help
spruce up our church building
and yard on Saturday, April 11.**



Mary Ayres, Bill Blalock, Autumn Care-Wilmington, Myree Bland, Avalee Bowman- The Oaks at Mayview, Raleigh, Tammy Callahan-(Frankie Coleman's daughter, stroke) Warren Cavanaugh, Brain Tumor, 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), Wright Lanier family, Pippa Larsen-one year old diagnosed with AAL, a form of leukemia, (friends of Nick & Lee Baker), Bruce & Barbara Lyon (Jim Sills mother and her husband; Mr. Lyon had a stroke), Sharon Moore, Bill Norris-River Landing, Glenn Powell, Dr. Jack Robinson, recovering from orthopedic surgery, Judy Robinson, Evelyn Shaver, Raleigh "Buddy" Stevens (Jeff Stevens Father, cancer & respiratory problems, Emily Taylor- (Grace Carter's niece from Chesapeake, VA) cancer, Mimi Tarleton, Bettisue Tillman family, Kelsea Webster, Verlie Wells-Rosemary, Members and friends in the armed services: Jason Payne.