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Rev. Dustin and Sherri Ellington, in Lusaka, Zambia, Africa.

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**All who are able may stand.*

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Sacrament of Baptism

March 31, 2019

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "I Will Arise" and "Go to Jesus" *Setting by Mark Hayes*

Welcome and Announcements

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

Minute for Mission

Choral Call to Worship "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Isaac Watts
Setting by Michael James

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.*

Opening Sentences

Elder Dan Robinson

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

All: For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.

Leader: Know that God's love is lavished upon us forever.

All: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

Leader: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

All: AMEN!

*Hymn #482

"Baptized in Water"

BUNESSAN

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

*"Amazing grace,
how sweet the
sound, that saved
a wretch like me!
I once was lost,
but now am
found, was blind,
but now I see."
Amazing Grace,
How Sweet the
Sound
by John Newton*

Today's Prayer
of Confession
was inspired by
the story of the
Prodigal Son in
Luke 15:11-32
and posted on
re:Worship, an
online worship
planning
resource.

"You never
depart from us,
but yet, only with
difficulties do we
return to you."
Saint Augustine,
Confessions

"Unlike a fairy
tale, the parable
provides no
happy ending.
Instead, it leaves
us face to face
with one of life's
hardest spiritual
choices: to trust
or not to trust in
God's all-
forgiving love."
Henri J. M.
Nouwen, Return
of the Prodigal
Son

*Unison Prayer of Confession

How easily we leave your side, Lord God, for a place far away. We are blind in our darkness, so open our eyes to our sins. Unless you strengthen our spirits and create our hearts anew, we cannot make the journey home. Guide us to your welcoming arms, to the music and the dancing, for we are easily lost, and only you, our Father, can find us. Lord, hear our prayers.

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

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon (from *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Q & A 60)
Leader: *How are you right with God?*

All: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accused me of having grievously sinned, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned, nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need do is accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

*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

The Sacrament of Baptism — Olive Elizabeth Merritt

The Meaning and Purpose of Baptism

The Presentation of Olive Elizabeth Merritt

Elder Dave Wells

The Questions for the Parents

The Questions for the Congregation

Elder Dave Wells

Do we, the members of the congregation, in the name of the whole Church of Jesus Christ, undertake with Jeffrey and Elizabeth the Christian nurture of Olive, so that in due time she may confess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Will we endeavor by our example and fellowship to strengthen Olive's family ties with the household of God?

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.

Children's Sermon

Anthem **"Once Upon a Tree"** Pepper Choplin, 1994

*Once upon a tree, a good man died, and though He did no crime, He was crucified.
If the story ended there, I would have no song to share, but my heart will ever sing the story.*

Once upon a tree, so the story goes, and all its mystery surely no one knows.

Could the Father's will be done through the suffering of His Son?

And there comes the answer, "Once upon a tree."

For God so loved the world, He gave His priceless pearl. What greater love could there be?

He died, He rose again, still the story doesn't end, for His spirit is living in me.

What tale of human love could there ever be told?

What song could compare with the one I hold?

Through everything I am and through everything I'll be,

Let me sing my story: "Once upon a tree."

Prayer for Illumination

Loving God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to us who have gone astray from your ways, and bring us again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son. Guide us now by your Holy Spirit through the words of scripture that we might be led to him, who alone is the way the truth and the life. Amen.

Old Testament Lessons

Elder Dan Robinson

Hosea 11:1-9

+Page 737

*Hymn #44

"Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us"

AUSTIN

Gospel Lesson

Luke 15:1-3a, 11-32

+Page 850

Sermon

"The Prodigal Father" Dr. Philip K. Gladden

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.

There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.

There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.

And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

Hymn #435, *Glory to God*

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choplin calls today's anthem the theme song for his writing, particularly the final verse beginning "What tale of human love..." He says, "Such is the song of Luke who devotes his life to the telling of the story," Let us always sing the story.

"One of the hardest things in the world is to stop being the prodigal son without turning into the elder brother."
John Ortberg,
Christian author

"The difference between mercy and grace? Mercy gave the prodigal son a second chance. Grace gave him a feast."
Max Lucado,
Christian author

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.*

Offertory

*Hymn #774

"There Is Now a New Creation"

STUTT GART

*Benediction

Choral Benediction

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

Marty Haugen

*Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
Give us peace beyond our fear and hope beyond our sorrow. Amen.*

*Postlude

*All who are able may stand.

+The page number in the pew Bible.

*"For this son of
mine was dead
and is alive
again; he was
lost and is
found!" And they
began to
celebrate.
Luke 15:24*



LIVING STONES

EASTER EGG HUNT AT HUBB'S FARM

Please join us for a family day at Hubb's Farm as we celebrate Easter. Families will be able to enjoy various activities such as, age-level Easter egg hunts, trains, zip line, jumping pillow, baby animals, and much more. Topper's Airplane will provide an egg-traordinary egg-drop event for all to participate. We will finish the day with smores and a devotional by the fire pit.

Sunday, April 14, 2019
1:00 PM-5:00 PM
10276 US Hwy 421 North |
Clinton, NC 28328

Tickets for Children 2+ \$10
Adults and Children <2 \$5
Age Level Hunts Begin at 1:30 PM for 0-2 years

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 31		FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
	9:40 am	Opening Assembly
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship/Sacrament of Baptism/Feed Our Hungry Children & Backpack Ministry Offering/25th Anniversary Celebration
Tuesday, April 2	6:30 pm	Presbyterian Men, Rockfish Presbyterian Church
Wednesday, April 3	10:00-11:00 am	Bible Study, Room 304
	6:00 pm	Handbells
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday, April 4	12:05 pm	Lenten Worship & Luncheon, Wallace United Methodist Church

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **This morning** we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism with Olive Elizabeth Merritt, daughter of Jeffrey and Elizabeth Wells Merritt. May God bless this little girl and her family!
- * **This morning** we celebrate with Cheryl Brinkley, Church Secretary, and thank her for twenty-five years of faithful service as our Church Secretary! Thanks!
- * **Today we receive** our 5th Sunday Building Offering. This money helps maintain the physical plant that provides space for the regular worship and ongoing ministries of our congregation.
- * **Congratulations and thanks** to Elder Susan Walters who has been elected Clerk of Session for 2019.
- * **Please join** the minister for a Bible study on Luke 19:1-10 (The Story of Jesus and Zacchaeus) on Wednesday, April 3 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in Room 304 (across from the Music Room). This story is the basis of the sermon on April 7.
- * **This week's Lenten worship service** is on Thursday, April 4 at 12:05 p.m. in the Worsley Chapel of the Wallace United Methodist Church. Speaker: Dr. Dan Robinson. Special Music: Deb Merritt. Lunch in the Fellowship Hall will follow the worship service.
- * **We extend** our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Dr. William Deems Currie, Sr., grandson of W.M. Currie, whom the Currie Building is named for. He died on March 14, in Albemarle, NC. He did his undergraduate at Davidson College and received his Ph.D. at UNC Chapel Hill in Biochemistry. He was an accomplished research professor at the Department of Radiology at Duke University Medical School.





03/31: Georgette & Kennedy Thompson
 04/07: Nell Sloan & Nettie Batchelor

USHERS
 Freddy Hall, Leader

Wayne Casteen
 Roger Coombs
 Clay Blue
 Dave Wells



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

03/31: Lydia & Kennedy Thompson
 04/07: Elizabeth & James Sills



GREETERS

03/31: Leon & Jewel Wells
 04/07: Catherine Blanchard & Hope Turnbull

Opening Church Building

March 16-31: Dave Wells April 1-15: Bill Carone



June Blalock (Rosemary), **Tommy Bradshaw family**, **Doc Brinson** (Hodgkins Lymphoma-friend of Garrett & Patsy Ludlum), **Sandy Cobb** (recovering from shoulder surgery), **Carla DeNatale** (Mary Carone's niece) diagnosed with Breast Cancer, **Joe Dormagen** (Verlie Wells' son-in-law), **Carolyn Herring** (biopsy on inoperable spinal tumor), **Amy Moss** (breast cancer, sister of Debbie Thomas) **Nancy Pate**, (Libby Godwin's twin sister-inoperable brain tumor), **Dottie Obenour** (recovering from surgery), **Nathan Pensinger** (Nathan is slowly gaining weight and energy. **Jennifer Raynor** (Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome) **Judy Robinson**, **Jenny Rivenbark**, **Zayne Rivenbark** (cancer), **Rev. Bobby Tyson**, (heart issues), **Ronnie Watson** (non-Hodgkins Lymphoma, stem cell transplant), **Verlie Wells-Rosemary**, **Conrad Wooten** (friend of Harvey Knowles), **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)

The Community Counseling Center
 is hosting a
PLANT SALE
Saturday, April 6th,
8 to 11 am,
4810 Wrightsville Avenue.

Johnson Nursery will be offering a selection of fine spring plants at below retail prices.

Come find the perfect plant for your lawn or porch!

The Center receives 100% of proceeds!

Cash or check only