

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

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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.

BUNESSAN

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.

AII: AMEN!

*Hymn #482 "Baptized in Water"

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 fairv 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 allforgiving love." Henri J. M. Nouwen. Return of the Prodical 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

The Questions for the Parents

The Questions for the Congregation

Elder Dave Wells

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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

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?

prodigal son a second chance. Grace gave him

Mercy gave the

a feast." Max Lucado, Christian author

to judge the guick 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.

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.

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

Old Testament Lessons

Elder Dan Robinson

AUSTIN

Hosea 11:1-9 +Page 737

*Hymn #44

Gospel Lesson

Luke 15:1-3a. 11-32 +Page 850

"Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us"

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,

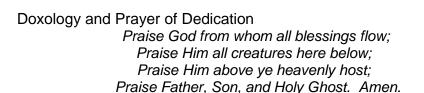
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord. Hymn #435, Glory to God

A Time for Silent Reflection Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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



Offertory

- *Hymn #774
- "There Is Now a New Creation"

STUTTGART

- *Benediction
 - Choral Benediction "Healer of Our Every III" 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.







WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 31	FOURTH SU	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

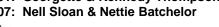
- * **This morning** we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism with Olive Elizabeth Merritt, daughter of Jeffrey and Elizabeth Wells Merritt. May God bless this little girl and her family!
- * **This morning** we celebrate with Cheryl Brinkley, Church Secretary, and thank her for twenty-five years of faithful 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





YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

03/31: Lydia & Kennedy Thompson

04/07: Elizabeth & James Sills

Opening Church Building

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



Wayne Casteen **Roger Coombs**

Clay Blue **Dave Wells**



03/31: Leon & Jewel Wells

04/07: Catherine Blanchard & Hope Turnbull



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)

