



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 *The Ascension of the Lord*

May 26, 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

Choral Call to Worship **"Come Just as You Are"** Joseph Sabolick, 1994

Come just as you are; hear the Spirit call.

Come just as you are; come and see, come receive; come and live forever.

Come just as you are; hear the Spirit call.

Come just as you are; come, receive Christ, the King; come and live forevermore.

Opening Sentences

Elder Curt Simpson

Leader: Why are we looking up to heaven?

All: Christ has come; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: Why are we looking ahead to the future?

All: The Holy Spirit is among us now. In our baptism, we have already died and risen with Christ.

Leader: Why are we afraid of death and dying?

All: God's love casts out our fear.

Leader: Why are we afraid to follow Jesus?

All: In Christ, we have the promise of new life now, eternal life to come. In Christ, we join our hearts to worship God, who has prepared for us to enter the reign of God.

*"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."
The Apostles'
Creed*

*Hymn #260

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

*Today's Prayer
of Confession is
adapted from the
Calvin Institute
of Worship
website.*

*Unison Prayer of Confession

We come, O Lord, on this day of glory to confess our lack of trust. While we claim to celebrate the ascension of Jesus Christ, the way we live proclaims our lack of faith in his power to deal with the world. While we sing of your lordship over all creation, we have too often acted as though you are powerless in the face of today's events. Forgive our lack of trust. Help us to live with confidence in your presence today and in hope for life with you forever. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

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

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: May God give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation, that the power of Jesus Christ may be visible in your life.

All: By the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven and empowered to serve.

*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

FEED THE HUNGRY CHILDREN BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING

Children's Sermon

*"You heard me
say to you, 'I am
going away, and
I am coming to
you.' If you
loved me, you
would rejoice
that I am going
to the Father,
because the
Father is greater
than I."
John 14:28*

Anthem

"Battle Hymn of the Republic" setting by Mark Hayes

*Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.*

*I have seen Him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;
His day is marching on.*

*He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgement seat;
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him; be jubilant, my feet;
Our God is marching on.*

*In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free;
While God is marching on.*

Chorus

*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

"While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God."
Luke 24:51-53

"Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is."
1 John 3:2

"God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come."
Ephesians 1: 20-21

Prayer for Illumination

Send your Spirit among us, O God, as we meditate on your love. Prepare our minds to hear your Word, move our hearts to embrace what we hear, and strengthen our will to follow your way. This we pray through Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Epistle Lesson *Ephesians 1:15-23* Elder Curt Simpson
+Page 949

*Hymn #265 **"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"** DUKE STREET

New Testament Lesson *Acts 1:1-11* +Page 884

Sermon **"What Are You Looking At?"** Dr. Philip K. Gladden

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: 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 #134 **"Joy to the World"** ANTIOCH

*Benediction

"Choral Benediction **"Irish Blessing"** J. Jerome Williams, 1974

*May the road rise to meet you; may the wind be always at your back;
May the sun shine warm upon your face.*

*May the rain fall soft upon your fields; and until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

*Postlude

*All who are able may stand. +The page number in the pew Bible.



Let's celebrate
AT THE
pool

Rose Hill Community Pool

June 2nd

3:30 to 7:00 pm

Please come for snacks, games, devotion,
and a hot dog supper.



RSVP to 910-322-4280 by May 30th

Please bring towels, sunscreen, and \$5 pool fee
per child.



**PRESBYTERIAN
YOUTH TRIENNIUM 2019**

**July 16-20, 2019
Purdue University**

Madelyn Coombs, Elizabeth Sills, and Zach Casteen
will attend with the group from
the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 26	9:40 am Opening Assembly 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship/Feed Our Hungry Children & Backpack Ministry Offering
Monday, May 27	MEMORIAL DAY Church Office Closed
Wednesday, May 29	10:00 am Bible Study, Room 304 1:30 pm Unmet Needs Committee Meeting 6:00 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Choir Practice

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **This year the Ascension of the Lord Day** is Thursday, May 30, forty days after Easter. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Mission website says: "In that John Calvin's theology placed great importance on the ascended and regnant Christ, Ascension Day is in some ways the Presbyterian feast day. Christ is Lord of the world and head of the church, we proclaim. Christ's ascension, therefore, concerns us not only with ecclesiastical matters but also with social and political ones. If Christ has ascended, then there are no other rulers — all others are merely pretenders. Christ reigns supreme."

* **This morning** we receive our final Feed Our Hungry Children & Backpack Ministry offering of the 2018-2019 school year. Thank you for your generous contributions throughout the year. This money provides much needed food for students in Duplin County Schools.

* **The church office** will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

* **Please join** the minister on Wednesday, May 29 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in Room 304 for a Bible study on Acts 16:16-40. This story of Paul and Silas in prison will be the sermon text on June 2.

* **Congratulations to** Jason and Shelley Fussell on the birth of their daughter, Parker Lucille Fussell born on May 16 at Duke Hospital. She weighed 5 lbs., 6oz. and was 18 1/4 inches long. Jay and Joey Fussell are the proud grandparents.

***The Tyson Family is pleased to announce that Rev. Bobby P. Tyson, jr. received a Heart Transplant on April 25, 2019, at UNC Health Care Center for Transplant Care.**



P.A.T.H. OFFERING
Presbyterian Answer
to Hunger
Sunday, June 2



We will receive our quarterly P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) offering during worship on Sunday, June 2. This offering supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina which, in turn, funds feeding programs for children in Haiti and Malawi. The Hunger Program also provides funds for congregational food ministries such as our Helping Hands Food Pantry.



05/26: Harriet & Charley Farris
 06/02: Mary Laine & Jason Rouse



Charley Farris Leader:
 Curt Simpson Bill Carone
 Jonathan Fussell Rick Batchelor



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

05/26: Madelyn & Robert Coombs
 06/02: Miller Ludlum & Windsor Farris



GREETERS

05/26: Bill & Susan Walters
 06/02: Art & Cheryl Raymond

Opening Church Building

May 16-31: Art Raymond June 1-15: Roger Coombs



Prayer Requests

June Blalock (Rosemary), **Tommy Bradshaw family**, **Doc Brinson** (has recently completed radiation therapy for Hodgkins Lymphoma. No further treatments are necessary at this time-friend of Garrett & Patsy Ludlum), **Jeff Cavanaugh** (stage 4 lung cancer), **Andrew DeNatale** (Mary Carone's brother), **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), **Nathan Pensinger** (Nathan is slowly gaining weight and energy. **Jennifer Raynor** (Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome) **Judy Robinson**, **Jenny Rivenbark**, **Zayne Rivenbark** (cancer), **Joe Tillman**, (chemotherapy treatments), **David Sanderson** (recovering from knee replacement) **James Sheffield** (friend of Harvey Knowles). **Rev. Bobby Tyson**, (doing well after heart transplant), **Ronnie Watson** (non-Hodgkins Lymphoma, stem cell transplant), **Verlie Wells**-Rosemary, **Pat Wilson**, **Conrad Wooten** (friend of Harvey Knowles), **Arnie Young** (cancer treatments), **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).



**AMERICAN LEGION POST 156
 MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY
 TAPS FOR OUR DEPARTED SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN
 MEMORIAL DAY MONDAY, MAY 27, AT 10 AM
 CONDUCTED INSIDE
 ROCKFISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 LOCATED ON NC HWY 41 JUST WEST OF WALLACE**

Everyone is invited to attend this solemn ceremony conducted by American Legion Post 156 of Wallace NC which will include both a history of Memorial Day and Taps and the displaying of all the names of deceased veterans in the cemeteries on both sides of NC Hwy 41. The ceremony will conclude with the playing of taps outside.

Flags placed by every military grave donated by English Brown VFW Post 9161 of Wallace NC and Quinn-McGowen Funeral Home

This Memorial Day we remember your sacrifice, we honor your courage and we do not forget that it was you who paid the high price for Freedom

We will always remember. We will always be proud. We will always be prepared, so we will always be free.