



NEWSLETTER

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister JANUARY 2023 Cheryl Brinkley, Editor

CONFIRMATION 2023 “Big God. Big Questions.”

Our Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Book of Order directs that, “The church nurtures those baptized as children and calls them to make public their personal profession of faith and their acceptance of responsibility in the life of the church. After the session has received them as active members they shall be presented to the congregation during a service of public worship. In that service the church shall confirm them in their baptismal identity. They are commissioned for full participation in the mission and governance of the church, and are welcomed by the congregation.”

Confirmation 2023 will begin on Sunday, January 15 and our youth will be confirmed during worship on Easter Sunday, April 9.

Participants in Confirmation 2023 include: Fisher Blanton; Robert Coombs; Windsor Fariior; Hannah Floyd; Miller Ludlum; J.J. Rouse; Hayes Skidmore; Parker Thompson; and Trace Thompson.



ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS OF RULING ELDERS Sunday, January 15

During worship on Sunday, January 15, the session will ordain and install Ruling Elders in the Class of 2025. These elders have completed a time of officer training and been examined by the session. They are responding to God’s call through the voice of our congregation to serve as our spiritual leaders in worship, ministry, outreach, nurture, and stewardship.

To be ordained and installed: Debbie Price and Blake Wallace
To be installed: Sandy Cobb



Birthdays in January

Happy Birthday to you!!



- 5. Fred Burroughs
- 9- Megan Strickland
- 10. Mike Teachey
- 11. Curtis Simpson

- 15. Annie Johnson
- Diane Knowles
- 18- Joey Brinkley
- 29- Mary Browder



OUR SESSION FOR 2023

Philip K. Gladden, Moderator

- Class of 2023**
Hayes Ludlum
Greg Maready
Kelli Norris

- Class of 2024**
Joyce Ange
Danielle Sills
Curt Simpson

- Class of 2025**
Sandy Cobb
Debbie Price
Blake Wallace

Please keep the members of our session in your prayers as they lead us in ministry and the discernment of God’s will for our church.



Dear Friends,

You will remember that we get our name "Presbyterian" from the Greek word presbuteros which means "elder." We are Presbyterian because we are governed by elders in our church. Ministers of the Word and Sacrament are called "Teaching Elders." Members of the congregation who are elected by you to be our spiritual leaders are called "Ruling Elders." Here's how our Book of Order describes the reason why we are led by Ruling Elders and some of the responsibilities of our spiritual leaders: "As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God's Spirit and governance of God's people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they 'lord it over' the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with ministers of the Word and Sacrament, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships."

On Sunday, January 15, the session will ordain and install Sandy Cobb, Debbie Price, and Blake Wallace as Ruling Elders in the Class of 2025. They will join me and Hayes Ludlum, Greg Maready, Kelli Norris, Joyce Ange, Danielle Sills, and Curt Simpson to serve as your session in the coming year. You are to be commended for your wise selection of Sandy, Debbie, and Blake as our newest elders, as well as the men and women who continue to serve on the session. I am grateful for all of the men and women in our congregation who discern God's call in their hearts and lives and are willing to serve as Ruling Elders. Remember, Ruling Elders are charged to be spiritual leaders alongside me as the pastor. This partnership is important, invigorating, and necessary for the ongoing mission and ministry of our congregation.



At the Tuesday, December 20, 2022 session meeting, the elders and minister:

- * were trained in serving communion by Elder Harriet Fariior;
- * conducted the meeting as a worship service;
- * were led in an opening devotion and prayer by Elder Fred Burroughs;
- * read God's Word in Luke 2:1-20 and Matthew 2:1-23 and talked about our favorite Christmas carols;
- * approved a request from the Children/Youth Fellowship to have a lock-in at the church Friday night-Saturday morning, January 6-7;
- * approved a request from the Alternative Sunday School Class to use *Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding: The Heidelberg Catechism* by Gary Neal Hansen for their spring study;
- * approved minutes: November 15, 2022 stated session meeting; November 29, 2022 called session meeting; December 4, 2022 congregational meeting;
- * established the Sunday morning schedule (worship only at 11:00 a.m.) for New Year's Day, January 1, 2023;
- * prayed for members of the congregation and community;
- * were led in a closing prayer by Elder Fred Burroughs.



JANUARY WORSHIP LEADERS

| DATE | ELDER | PREACHER |
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| January 1 | Greg Maready | Philip Gladden |
| January 8 | Greg Maready | Philip Gladden |
| January 15 | Joyce Ange | Philip Gladden |
| January 22 | Curt Simpson | Philip Gladden |
| January 29 | TBA | Philip Gladden |



**FEED OUR HUNGRY
CHILDREN/
BACKPACK MINISTRY
OFFERING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 22**



We will receive our monthly Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering on Sunday, January 22. This offering provides school lunches and weekend food for students in Duplin County Public Schools. Thank you for your generous and faithful support.



To pack: sleeping bag, pillow, Bible, pajamas, toothbrush/toothpaste, coat/gloves/toboggan/hat weather depending

Permission Slip/Contact Information: Child's name, birthdate, emergency contact/phone number, current medications/allergies, special dietary needs

Date: Friday January 6th-Saturday January 7th

Time: 6:00 pm

Timeline:

6:15pm: Dinner - **Pizza**

7:15pm: Devotion - **2 Corinthians 5:17** (bring your Bible if you have one)

7:30pm: Craft - **Butterfly**

Free Play (outside -GaGa pit/kick ball/playground, inside -game table)

8:30pm: K and under are free to go home

8:45pm: Youth Activity-**New Years Countdown Breakout Box**

10:00pm: Free time/Games/sardines/hide and seek

11:00pm: quiet time

7:30am: Breakfast - **pancakes, donuts, cereal**

8:00am: pick up Wallace Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

Devotion: 2 Corinthians 5:17

In their training, elders are asked to give prayerful consideration to the ordination questions they are asked as they are ordained and installed. On January 15, the congregation will also be asked two questions concerning our Ruling Elders. I encourage you to give prayerful consideration to these questions as you consider and renew your involvement in and support of the life of our congregation. Here are the two questions: Do we, the members of the church, accept Sandy, Debbie, and Blake as ruling elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? and Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

As we begin another year of ministry and worship as the people of God in the Wallace Presbyterian Church, let us remember and be guided by these words from Psalm 115: "Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness. But we will bless the Lord from this time on and forevermore. Praise the Lord!"

Blessings,

Phil



Thank you for
your hard work
and **dedication!**

We thank Fred Burroughs (Outreach), Patsy Ludlum (Outreach), and Darleen Weller (Congregational Care), members of the session's Class of 2022, who have rotated off active service on the session. They have been faithful leaders for our congregation for the past three years. Thanks!

Improvement Fund



5TH Sunday Building Offering
January 29, 2023

We will receive our 5th Sunday Building Offering during worship on Sunday, January 29. This offering helps us provide and maintain our church physical plant so our worship, education, and outreach ministries can continue. Thank you for your generous support!



PRESBYTERY COMMISSION TO MEET AT WPC



The Commission on Ministry of the East Community of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina will meet on Thursday, January 5 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 304. The Commission on Ministry is comprised of fifteen ruling elders and teaching elders. The commission's duties include the reception and oversight of ministers of the Word and Sacrament, approval of calls for pastoral services, oversight of congregations without pastoral leadership, dissolution of relationships, and dismissal of members. Rev. Philip Gladden is a member of the COM.



THE DAY OF EPIPHANY

Friday, January 6

The word "epiphany" (from the Greek epiphaneia or theophaneia) means "appearance" or "manifestation" of God, and has roots in the word for sunrise or dawn. In ancient times, an epiphany meant either a visible manifestation of a god or the solemn visit of a ruler venerated as a god.

For Christians, Christmas marks the coming of God to us; Epiphany celebrates the appearance of the Lord in the midst of humanity. The Christmas stories of the birth of Immanuel declare the divine entry; Epiphany extols the revelation of God to the world in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

In our celebrations of Christmas and Epiphany we rejoice in the dawning and the arising of Light in darkness. ... Epiphany not only discloses the Savior to the world but also calls the world to show forth Christ, to be witnesses to God's true Light. The timeless mystery of the incarnation, God in flesh, leads us forth to show and tell of Christ as God's gift of grace and salvation for all persons. Some call this ongoing epiphany the work of Christmas.



We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Melony Henderson and her family on the death of her mother-in-law, Hazel Henderson, on December 25, 2022.



**They set out;
and there,
ahead of them,
went the star
that they had seen
at its rising,
until it stopped
over the place
where the child was.**

Matthew 2:9



Our Handbell Ringers are going to Washington, D.C.!
January 6-8

Members of our Attie Carlton Handbell Choir — Linda Burroughs, Ann Carter, Windsor Farrow, Debbie Price, Wayne and Karla Casteen — will ring as part of “The Ringing Nativity,” a world premiere event of a theatrical production accompanied entirely by handbells. They will have an extensive rehearsal on Friday, January 6. On Saturday morning, January 7, they will play on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and again for the Saturday matinee performance at the Museum of the Bible.



You are invited to join the minister for a weekly Bible Study on either Monday night from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. or Wednesday morning from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. The Monday night study is via Zoom. The Wednesday morning study is in person in Room 304 and via Zoom. The Zoom invitations/links are emailed on Monday of each week.

Join us for good fellowship and study of God’s Word as we read and discuss the sermon text for the following Sunday.

*All scripture is inspired by God,
 and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction,
 and for training in righteousness,
 so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped
 for every good work.
 2 Timothy 3:16-17*



JANUARY



- 01/01: No Nursery
- 01/08: Jennifer & Royal Johnson
- 01/15: Kristin & Bradley Cottle
- 01/22: Devin & Bailey Riley
- 01/29: Lindsay & Stanley Skidmore

Fred Burroughs Bill Walters
Susan Walters

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

- 01/01: No Children’s Church
- 01/08: Sara Matthews
- 01/15: Kelli Norris
- 01/22: Susan Walters
- 01/29: Kristen Cottle

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

- January 1-15: Charley Farrow
- January 16-31: Curt Simpson

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

- * **We will celebrate** the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper during worship on Sunday, January 1. All are welcome at the table.
- * **The church office** will be closed on Monday, January 2 in observance of the New Year’s holiday.
- * **Members of the session’s Class of 2025** will be ordained and installed as Ruling Elders during worship on Sunday, January 15.
- * **The session** will meet on Tuesday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 304. If you have any business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or the minister.
- * **We will receive** our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering during worship on Sunday, January 22 and our 5th Sunday Building Offering during worship on Sunday, January 29.



Hospital & at home:
Judy Robinson (home)

Bruce Lyon (Dayspring)
Dan & Eva McLaughlin (The Gardens)



THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
Sunday, January 1
In-person and Live Stream

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper during worship on Sunday, January 1. All are welcome at the table!

January 2023

- Holidays in United States
- WPC Calendar
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- cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com
- cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com ■ Home



December 2022

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 Happy New Year! New Year's Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00 AM No Sunday School Classes ■ 11:00 AM Worship in person and livestream/ The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper | 2 New Year's Day (substitute) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00 PM No Monday Evening Bible Study ■ 7:00 PM Church Office Closed | 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:30 AM Circle #3: Fellowship Hall ■ 7:00 PM Circle #4: Fellowship Hall | 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00 AM No Wednesday Morning Bible Study ■ 6:00 PM Handbells ■ 7:00 PM Choir Practice | 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 12:30 PM Meeting of The Commission on Ministry, Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, Room 304 | 6 Youth Fellowship Lock-In at the Church <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:30 AM Undecorate the Sanctuary | 7 |
| 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:30 AM Alternative Sunday School Class, Room 304 & Zoom ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes ■ 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) | 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 1:00 PM Elder Training, Room 304 ■ 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study | 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 1:00 PM Elder Training, Room 304 | 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom and In-Person (Room 304) ■ 6:00 PM Handbells ■ 7:00 PM Choir Practice | 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00 PM Called Session Meeting, Room 304 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:30 AM Alternative Sunday School Class, Room 304 & Zoom ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes ■ 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) Ordination & Installation of Elders ■ 12:00 PM Confirmation Class, Youth Fellowship Room | 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study | 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00 PM Session Meeting, Room 304 | 18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom and In-Person (Room 304) ■ 6:00 PM Handbells ■ 7:00 PM Choir Practice | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:30 AM Alternative Sunday School Class, Room 304 & Zoom ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes ■ 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering | 23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study | 24 | 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom and In-Person (Room 304) ■ 6:00 PM Handbells ■ 7:00 PM Choir Practice | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:30 AM Alternative Sunday School Class, Room 304 & Zoom ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes ■ 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) ■ 12:00 PM Confirmation Class, Youth Fellowship Room | 30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study | 31 | 1 First Day of Black History Month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom and In-Person (Room 304) ■ 6:00 PM Handbells ■ 7:00 PM Choir Practice | 2 | 3 | 4 |