



Wallace Presbyterian Church
Kirkwood Sunday, September 22, 2019

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Come, out of your busy lives to a quiet time and place

Our souls thirst for some peace and quiet.

Come, and rest in the Lord who will restore your souls.

Our lives need moments of rest.

Come and find the quiet center. Come, be at peace.

Praise God who offers to us a shelter and resting place.

God has called us to this place of peace and quiet.

We come, eager for rest and hope.

The Lord is always with us, offering us refreshment for our souls.

Let us partake of this wondrous gift.

It is the gift of the Lord's love for us. Come and rest.

Praise God for the absolute compassion of God's love. Amen.

Elder Jason Rouse

A Time of Singing and Praise

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord, we come believing in our emptiness, believing that we will never have enough, believing that what we have is unworthy. We come fearful of sharing, fearful of losing our tenuous grip on security, fearful of touching and knowing the pain of others. We come overwhelmed by the hunger, overwhelmed by the suffering of children near and far, overwhelmed by the endless tales of senseless violence, greed, and death. We come aching from the weight of the responsibility, aching from the chilling challenge of knowing our abundance, aching from the gnawing awareness that we have much to share. We come clinging to our meager lunches; bless them, and us; break them, and us; share them, and us. Amen.

We open our lips and confess our hearts.

God hears our words and make us new,
sending us out to bring hope and joy to all the world.

**We hear the good news, we believe the good news,
we will live out the good news. Thanks be to God. Amen!**

A Time of Singing and Praise

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth, O Lord, make us hunger for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 23

Elder Jason Rouse

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 6:30-44

Children's Sermon

Sermon: "Do What, Jesus?!"

The Affirmation of Faith (based on John 3:16-17)

**God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son,
that whosoever believes in him
should not perish
but have eternal life.**

**God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but that the world through him
might be saved.**

This is our faith.

Lord, help our faith to grow.

A Time of Singing and Praise

RESPONDING TO AND SEALING GOD'S WORD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving with the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Distribution of the Elements

The Prayer after Communion

Giving Our Gifts to God for God's Overflowing Blessings

A Time of Singing and Praise

Benediction

**Filled to the brim with the goodness of God,
the nourishment of Jesus Christ,
the Bread of Life,
and the power of the Holy Spirit,
let us go now in peace to serve God
in all that we think, do, and say.
May God's peace always be with us. Amen.**

Calendar

Monday, September 23 6:00 p.m. Disaster Recovery Group of Duplin County
Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 25 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Bible Study, Room 304
6:00 p.m. Handbells
7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting, Room 304
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Please join the minister for a Bible study on Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15 on Wednesday, September 25 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in Room 304 (across from the Music Room). This story about Jeremiah buying a field during the siege of Jerusalem will be the basis of the sermon for September 29.

The Nominating Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 304.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Vera Simpson and Stanley Skidmore and families on the death of their aunt, Vera Clark, on September 17.



BOOKS FOR ZAMBIA PROJECT
Offering on Sunday, October 6
World Communion Day
Goal: \$1,100

On World Communion Sunday, October 6, we have the opportunity to support the preaching of the Gospel in southern Africa. We will take up an offering to purchase Hebrew and Greek textbooks and dictionaries for students studying for the ministry at the Justo Mwale Theological University College in Lusaka, Zambia. The offering goal is \$1,100, which will cover the cost of the books and shipping.

You can make a difference in the lives of these ministerial students and in the ministries of the congregations they will serve. Please consider a generous donation to the Books for Zambia Project.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3!

Stewardship Covered Dish Luncheon
Annual Meeting of the Congregation
Information from the Session about Hurricane Florence Repairs
Fellowship Around the Tables!