

Worship This Week  
in person OR online

Worship Online at  
[www.wallacepresbyterian.com](http://www.wallacepresbyterian.com)  
and on YouTube or Facebook.

Worship in person by registering online or calling the church office.  
The registration link is emailed on Monday and Wednesday.  
Registration is for planning purposes so we can  
safely observe recommended social distancing.

Since we returned to in person worship on September 6, we have  
averaged 30 people each Sunday (including the four members of the  
worship leadership team, Bill, Karla, Vera, and Phil).



### Birthdays in October

Happy Birthday to You!



1- John Ward Farrior  
2- Garrett Ludlum  
4- Lee Kerr  
5- Cheryl Brinkley  
6- Raechel Woodard  
Robert Coombs  
7- Carol Steen  
9- Ivey Blair  
10- Catherine Blanchard  
13- Keith McGowen  
Judy Mills  
14- Pearson Johnson  
15- Patsy Ludlum  
16- Jewel Wells  
Justin Cavanaugh

16- Jean Marie Whaley  
Roger Coombs  
18- Shelton Browder  
Madison Bullard  
22- Ellie Wells Newton  
Jack Taylor Newton  
23- Madelyn Coombs  
Clara Gray Casteen  
24- David Sanderson  
25- Faison Sloan  
Royal Johnson  
Watts Carr  
27- Nate Farrior  
28- Bettie Lettieri  
Harold Kohne  
31- Verlie Wells

# October NEWSLETTER

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

OCTOBER 2020

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship on World Communion Sunday, October 4.

Worshippers in the sanctuary will be given individual, pre-filled communion cups and bread. Worshippers at home are encouraged to prepare the elements of bread and cup. We will partake of the elements together as a congregation and with believers around the world.

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor.

Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread.

All are welcome at the Lord's table!



ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

Dear Friends,

At our September session meeting, our elders and I read Psalm 13 which is a psalm of lament. The psalmist honestly pours out his feelings to his God when he says, “How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long?”

Seven months into the Covid-19 pandemic, more and more I hear folks expressing these same feelings. In the midst of restrictions, cancellations, uncertainties, illness, and fears for the future, we may share the psalmist’s lament, “How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long?”

Here’s the thing about the psalms of lament, however. These songs of pain and sorrow and suffering and lament are painfully honest, but they typically end with a doxology or giving praise to the very God to whom the psalmist has been lamenting. Psalm 13 ends with these words, “But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.”

After we read Psalm 13, our elders and I read and discussed an article by Julie Raffety from The Presbyterian Outlook called “Creative ministry during pandemic grief.” Her thoughts reminded me of a psalm of lament, as she rightfully identified the sorrow and grief the people of God are experiencing in the midst of this pandemic that has disrupted all of life and our church life. Here are some sentences that jumped out at me: “We cannot do things the way we’ve always done them and still remain safe throughout this pandemic. However, I believe the church is still called to minister in this pandemic, in this time in history. So, we have to find creative ways to worship, to serve, to gather, to pray, to celebrate, to mourn, to baptize, to share the gospel. We have to find creative ways to do this essential work of following Jesus. It cannot look the same as last year.”

As challenging as her words and the Covid-19 situation are, I think Julie Raffety is exactly right. If we wait until “things are back to normal” or if we try to do things “the way we’ve always done them,” we miss the opportunity to minister in this moment that cries out for a word of hope, a vision of promise, and the reality of service.

Our elders and I discussed how we can best engage our congregation in mission and ministry during this pandemic. We also started thinking about needs we can address in our congregation and community that are the result of the

At the Tuesday, September 15, 2020 session meeting via Zoom, the elders and minister:

- \* conducted the meeting as a worship service;
- \* were led in a devotion and prayer by Ruling Elder Darleen Weller;
- \* read God’s Word in Psalm 13 and discussed an article “Creative ministry during pandemic grief”;
- \* approved minutes from the August 18, 2020 stated session meeting and the August 30, 2020 called session meeting;
- \* approved a request from the Alternative Sunday School Class to use *Teach Us to Pray: The Lord’s Prayer in the Early Church and Today* by Justo González for their fall study;
- \* approved vacation time requests from the minister: October 5-11; November 24-25; December 26 - January 2;
- \* discussed and evaluated in-person worship and made inclement weather plans for registration;
- \* authorized a special offering for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program for Sunday, October 18, 2020;
- \* prayed for members of the congregation and community;
- \* were led in a closing prayer by Ruling Elder Darleen Weller.



<b>Hospital &amp; at home:</b>	<b>Verlie Wells (The Gardens)</b>
<b>Cathy Wells (Fayetteville)</b>	<b>Bruce Lyon (Dayspring)</b>
<b>Judy Robinson (home)</b>	
<b>Dan &amp; Eva McLaughlin (The Gardens)</b>	



Dear Wallace Congregational Care Committee,

Thank you for the outreach of love and support you showed Arnie and myself over the last year and a half with your prayers and cards. Arnie and I both enjoyed the time we spent in fellowship with you at Wallace Presbyterian Church.

There are times in all our lives when we need lifting up and you certainly did that for us. Please keep me in your prayers as I make the adjustment of his passing.

Sincerely,  
Joy Young



## “More Messages from Matthew” Preaching in October

DATE	SCRIPTURE PASSAGE	THEME
October 4	Matthew 21:33-46	Parable of the Wicked Tenants
October 11	Ruling Elder Jim Sills, Preacher	
October 18	Matthew 22:15-22	The Question About Paying Taxes
October 25	Matthew 22:34-46	The Greatest Commandment

These scripture texts are provided in advance so you can read God’s Word as part of your preparation for worship. Please pray for our preachers and our congregation as we hear God’s Word read and proclaimed in October.



## FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING

**Sunday, October 25**

Although this year’s school schedule is different right now due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this offering will help stock the shelves for backpack food to be distributed when students are able to return to their schools. Thank you for your generous support.

*pandemic. Every organization in our community is having to adapt and be creative in this season. I ask you to pray for our elders and me and our congregation as we, with God’s help, figure out what it means to be the church in these most challenging days.*

*Just as the psalms of lament end by praising God, Julie Raffety ended her article with these challenging and inspiring words: “If we can find a creative and safe way for people to be together, we bring hope. If we can find a creative and safe way to celebrate baptism, we bring hope. If we can find a creative and safe way to continue community mission, we bring hope. And it might be that bringing and bearing hope right now is important and just as critical as the actual ministry being done in this time of grief.”*

*If you would like to read the entire article, go to:  
<https://pres-outlook.org/2020/09/creative-ministry-during-pandemic-grief/>*

*I welcome your ideas and suggestions about how we can best continue our community mission and bring hope to our congregation and community.*

*Blessings, and be safe,*

*Phil*



## CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

- \* **We will celebrate** the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper on World Communion Sunday October 4. Worshipers in the sanctuary will be given pre-packaged communion cups and bread. Worshipers at home are encouraged to prepare bread and cup.
- \* **Philip Gladden** will be on vacation Monday - Sunday, October 5-11. Please contact the church office (285-2808) or Clerk of Session Hope Turnbull (910-284-2813) in an emergency. Ruling Elder Jim Sills will be our preacher on October 11.
- \* **Bible Study** is held on Monday nights from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Wednesday mornings from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. We gather via Zoom teleconference and study the scripture passage for the sermon on the following Sunday. The Zoom invitation/log-on information is sent by email beforehand. There will be no Zoom Bible study October 5 or October 7.
- \* **The session** will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- \* **We will receive** a special offering for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program on Sunday, October 18.
- \* **We will receive** the Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering on Sunday, September 27.



# The Community Counseling Center

is hosting a

## *MUM Sale*

**Saturday, October 10th,  
from 8 to 11 am.**

4810 Wrightsville Avenue, Wilmington

*Johnson Nursery will be offering a  
selection of beautiful Mums in two  
sizes and many colors to choose from.*

Cash or check only

The Center receives 100% of proceeds!



### **Virtual Meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina**

The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina will meet virtually via Zoom on Saturday, October 3. Ruling Elder Lindsay Skidmore and Rev. Philip Gladden will attend from our congregation.

## **Virtual Bible Study**

Join us via Zoom conference call  
on your computer or phone

**Monday Night from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Morning from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

Zoom invitations are sent by email on Mondays.

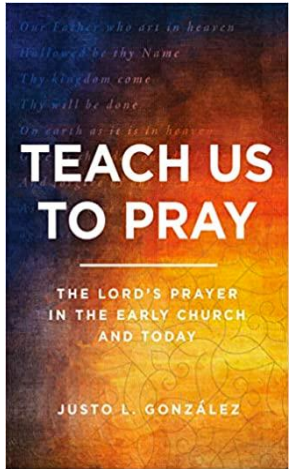
Join us for good fellowship and discussion of the sermon text for the following Sunday morning worship.



### **Christian Education Opportunities via Zoom**

For Children: Lindsay Skidmore and Emily Ludlum lead lessons for our children via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. If you would like to receive the Zoom invitation and lesson activities, please contact Lindsay or Emily.

For Adults; Dr. Phil leads the Alternative Sunday School Class via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. The Zoom invitation is sent via congregational email on Wednesday or Thursday before the Sunday class.



## Fall Study on the Lord's Prayer

Sunday mornings, 10:00 a.m.  
Via Zoom



The members of the Alternative Sunday School Class invite you to join them for a Fall Study on the Lord's Prayer. You are welcome to order a copy of the study book, *Teach Us to Pray: The Lord's Prayer in the Early Church and Today* by Justo L. González at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or [www.eerdmans.com](http://www.eerdmans.com). However, you are also welcome to join the discussion even if you don't want to order a book.

The Lord's Prayer is one of the oldest and most widely used short summaries not only of how Christians pray but of what they believe about God, the world, and humankind. Justo González, whose textbooks have taught Christian doctrine and history to thousands of pastors, draws on scripture, the Church Fathers, and his own life experience to make this vital prayer from the Christian past comprehensible for readers who want to understand—and live—Christianity in the present. *Teach Us to Pray* is for all who are learning or practicing Christian discipleship and ministry, from college students and motivated laypeople to veteran pastors and teachers.



**Wallace Presbyterian Church  
Is Well-Represented  
on the  
Presbytery Youth Council**



Congratulations to James Sills on being selected to serve on the 2020-2021 Presbytery Youth Council. James joins Madelyn Coombs and Zach Casteen as representatives from WPC. They continue a long and rich tradition of youth and adults from our congregation serving on the PYC.

The Presbytery Youth Council is made up of senior high youth and adults who are responsible for planning and leading all presbytery middle school and senior high youth events, such as retreats at Camp Kirkwood, Montreat Youth Conference, and Triennium.

Thanks to James, Madelyn, and Zach for their service and representing WPC so well!



**SPECIAL OFFERING  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18**

Hurricane Sally, Pacific Northwest Wildfires, Hurricane Laura, Iowa Derecho, Beirut Explosion — these are disasters to which volunteers with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program are responding. PDA has helped and continues to help members of our congregation and community by providing relief funds, volunteers, and grants in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence, as well as previous disasters.

We will receive a special offering for PDA on Sunday, October 18. You may write a check to Wallace Presbyterian Church and mark it for "Presbyterian Disaster Assistance." Mail your check to P.O. Box 717, Wallace, NC 28466 or drop it in the mail slot on the front door of the church office building or in the offering plate during worship. You may also contribute online at [www.wallacepresbyterian.com](http://www.wallacepresbyterian.com).

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crises and catastrophic events.



**VIRTUAL & IN PERSON  
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
TO ELECT 2020 NOMINATING  
COMMITTEE  
Sunday, October 25**



We will have a congregational meeting on Sunday, October 25 for the purpose of electing the members of the 2020 Nominating Committee. The session is working on a plan to hold a hybrid congregational meeting (virtual and in person) in a way that best safeguards broad participation and allows for any nominations from the floor and discussion. Specific plans will be communicated to the congregation during the month of October.

The task of the 2020 Nominating Committee will be to present a slate of three nominees to serve as Ruling Elders in the session's Class of 2023. According to the formula adopted by the congregation several years ago, the following people will be nominated to serve on the 2020 Nominating Committee.

### Representing

The Session  
The Presbyterian Women  
The Sunday School Department  
The Youth  
Advisory Member

### Names

Christy Johnson and Clay Blue  
Joyce Ange and Georgia Longest  
Jim Sills and Mary Laine Rouse  
Garrett Bullard and James Sills  
Philip Gladden



# October 2020

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September 2020							October 2020							November 2020						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 10:00 AM Zoom Sunday school 11:00 AM Worship/Feed Our Hungry Children Backpack Offering	28 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	29	30 10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study	1	2	3 9:30 AM Virtual Meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina on Zoom
4 World Communion Sunday 10:00 AM Zoom Sunday school 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) 11:00 AM The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	5 Minister on Vacation 10:30 AM Circle #1: Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM No Zoom Bible Study	6 10:30 AM Circle #3: Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Circle #4: Fellowship Hall	7 10:00 AM No Zoom Bible Study	8	9	10
11 Minister on Vacation 10:00 AM Zoom Sunday school for The Living Stones 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) Elder Jim Sills, Preacher	12 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	13	14 10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study	15	16	17
18 10:00 AM Zoom Sunday school 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) Special Offering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program	19 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	20 7:00 PM Session Meeting, Zoom	21 10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study	22	23	24
25 Reformation Sunday 10:00 AM Zoom Sunday school 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering	26 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	27	28 10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study	29	30	31