



PREACHING IN APRIL

"A Journey Through the Gospel of Luke"

The sermons in April will be based on texts from the Gospel of Luke. This continues a journey through Luke which we began during the season of Advent in December 2018. You may use this information to prepare to hear God's Word in worship during April.

SUNDAY

April 7

April 14 (Palm Sunday)

April 21 (Easter Sunday)

April 28

TEXT

Luke 19:1-10

Luke 19:28-48

Luke 24:1-12

Luke 24:13-49

THEME

Jesus & Zacchaeus

Entry into Jerusalem

The Resurrection

The Emmaus Road



Birthdays In April

Happy Birthday to You!



- 1- Gregory Miller
- 8- Kristin Robison Cottle
- 9- Brian Burroughs
- Kelli Norris
- Mary Laine Rouse
- 10- John Bullard
- 11- Mary Kellan Creech
- 17- Bruce Lyon

- 19- Joey Fussell
- 21- Mickey Wells
- 25- Elizabeth Wells
- Merritt
- 26- Ginger Black
- 28- Sara Cooper
- 29- Vann Blake
- 30- Eduardo Moreno
- Sam Rose



NEWSLETTER

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

APRIL 2019

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



COMMUNITY EARLY EASTER SERVICE

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019

7:00 am

Preacher, Rev. Carey Carlberg, WUMC
First Baptist Church, Wallace
Breakfast following service

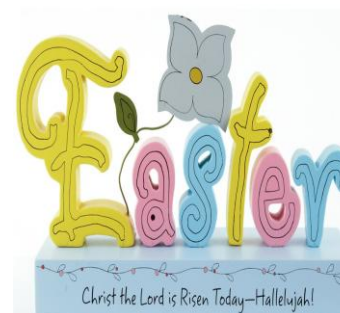
Easter Worship Service

11:00 am

Wallace Presbyterian Church
Chancel Choir will present

"Come to the Cross and Remember"

Words and Music by
Pepper Choplin



REJOICE!





Dear Friends,
On the day at the end of March when I wrote this article , I worked on my sermon for Sunday, March 31, the fourth Sunday in Lent. The sermon was based on what has historically been called the story of the Prodigal Son. In recent years, however, many people have started referring to this story in Luke 15 as the Story of the Loving Father. That is an appropriate designation, since the word “father” appears thirteen times in twenty-two verses.

Although I have never read this parable in Luke 15 as an Easter story, I was struck by what the father says to his servants when his younger son returns home. After the father gives the servants their instructions to dress the boy in a fine robe, put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet, and kill the fatted calf for a feast, the father tells everyone, “for this son of mine was dead and is alive again.” Luke tells us “and they began to celebrate.” On Easter Sunday, the Father tells us, “this Son of mine was dead and is alive again! It’s time to celebrate!” That’s why we pull out all the stops in our Easter Sunday worship. The primary theme of worship on April 21 will be the age-old affirmation “Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!”

Our Presbyterian Mission Agency website says this about our Easter celebration: “The

festival of the Resurrection of the Lord (or Easter Sunday) is the center of the Christian year. On this occasion the church joyfully proclaims the good news that is at the very heart of the gospel: that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Easter Sunday is the Lord’s Day writ large: a great annual celebration of Christ’s resurrection on the first day of the week. Theologically speaking, the faith we claim and the life we live depend on the affirmation, celebration and proclamation of Christ’s resurrection. Easter is not simply the miracle of a dead person raised from the grave, but a celebration of power that can shatter death in order that people can freely serve the God of life.”

If you are in town on Sunday, April 21, I hope you will worship with us at the Wallace Presbyterian Church. If you are visiting family or friends somewhere else, I hope you will find a house of worship and attend. On Easter Sunday, we will join with Christians around the world as we celebrate the loving Father sharing the good news with us, “this Son of mine was dead and is alive again! It’s time to celebrate!”

In Christ,
Phil



ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

At the Sunday, March 24, 2019 meeting of the session, the elders and minister:

- * were led in an opening prayer by Elder Geneva Maready;
- * conducted the meeting as a worship service;
- * read and discussed God’s Word in Mark 10:17-31 and discussed the challenges of being a follower and not just an admirer of Jesus;
- * elected Elder Susan Walters as Clerk of Session for 2019;
- * heard a report from Elder Christy Johnson about the meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at the Laurinburg Presbyterian Church;
- * heard a report from Clerk of Session Susan Walters that our 2018 session minutes and records were approved;
- * approved the minutes of the February 19, 2019 stated session meeting;
- * approved a request from Jeffrey and Elizabeth Wells Merritt to have their daughter, Olive Elizabeth, baptized on Sunday, March 31;
- * approved a request from the minister to use Continuing Education time and funds April 22-25 to visit Cedar Cross Retreat Center at Louisburg, NC;
- * approved a request from the Alternative Sunday School Class to use the Being Reformed: Faith Seeks Understanding curriculum “Faith and Science” beginning June 2;
- * approved a recommendation from the Worship & Music Ministry Team to move the nursery from upstairs in the Currie Building to the PEP Room;
- * prayed for members of our congregation and community;
- * were led in a closing prayer by Elder Geneva Maready.



WORSHIP LEADERS IN APRIL

DATE	ELDER	PREACHER
April 7	Christy Johnson	Philip Gladden
April 14	Curt Simpson	Philip Gladden
April 21	Wayne Casteen	Philip Gladden
April 28	Linda Burroughs	Philip Gladden



We celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism with Olive Elizabeth Merritt, daughter of Jeffrey and Elizabeth Wells Merritt, on Sunday, March 31. Olive is the granddaughter of Dave and Gloria Wells and the great-granddaughter of Verlie Wells.



FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/ BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING SUNDAY, APRIL 28



An extension of the Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries
Contributions from individuals, twenty plus churches, foundations,
and other organizations provide lunches and weekend food to
schoolchildren.

Thanks for your contributions!



Clerk of Session

Congratulations and thanks to Elder Susan Walters who was elected by the session to serve as Clerk of Session for 2019. The session has adopted a new model allowed by the Book of Order. A ruling elder who is not actively serving on the session is eligible to serve as Clerk of Session.



We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Curt Simpson and his family on the death of his mother, Peggy Simpson of Beulaville, on Saturday, March 16. Mrs. Simpson was also Sandy Cobb's aunt.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Virginia Henderson Powell who died on Thursday, March 14.

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.



April



04/07: Nell Sloan & Nettie Batchelor
04/14: Christy Johnson & Piper Moore
04/21: Fred Burroughs & Ann Carter
04/28: Gloria & Dave Wells

05/05: Rhonda & Freddy Hall
05/12: Geneva Maready & Curt Simpson
05/19: Lydia Woodard & Andrea Casteen
05/26: Danielle & Elizabeth Sills

YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

04/07: Elizabeth & James Sills
04/14: JJ Rouse & Hayes Skidmore
04/21: Sarah Pearl Farrior & Ellie Carone
04/28: Cameron & Reese Blue

Joe Tillman, Leader

Kevin Johnson
Cameron Lee

Sam Rose
Jim Sills



GREETERS

04/07: Catherine Blanchard & Hope Turnbull
04/14: Jim & Sharon Robison
04/21: Freddy & Rhonda Hall
04/28: Greg & Geneva Maready

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

April 1-15: Bill Carone
April 16-31: Jack Blackney

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

* **We will receive** these offerings during the month of April: April 21 – One Great Hour of Sharing; April 28 – Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering;
* **Presbyterian Men** will meet at the Rockfish Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. for supper and Bible study. All men are welcome.
* **We will celebrate** the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship on Sunday, April 7 at 11:00 a.m. and on Good Friday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m.;
* **The session** will meet on Tuesday, April 16 at 6:00 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.



Hospital & at home:
Cathy Wells (Fayetteville)
Judy Robinson (home)
Bruce Lyon (Rosemary)

Verlie Wells (Rosemary)
June Blalock (Rosemary)
Kelsea Webster (home)
Dan & Eva McLaughlin (Rosemary)



THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
twice during the month of April.

Sunday, April 7, 11:00 a.m. During worship
(first Sunday in the second quarter)
Friday, April 19, 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Worship



Greetings from the Youth!

March was an awesome month! The youth had three leaders, and two campers at the Presbytery middle school retreat at Kirkwood. We enjoyed meeting at the church, and had a fun outing to Flip-n-Fly trampoline park in Wilmington.

April will be a fun month as well! The PYC is hosting an All-Guys youth retreat in Raeford, NC for free! We'll also have another outing away from church, in addition to our regular meetings at church. Be on the lookout for the Chili cook-off Cookbook available soon! It will include all the recipes from the competitors in the Cook-off, including the Winner, Mrs. Karen Bittner!

Here is a schedule for the month of April:

April 6-7 - All Guys Retreat – Raeford, NC – We will depart from the Church at 7am on Saturday.

April 14 - 4-6pm Youth Group @ Church

April 21 - Easter: No Youth Group Meeting

April 28 - Time TBD – Youth group away from church

If you'd like to help in any aspect of our youth program, or have any questions, please contact Mr. Zach, zach@wallacepresbyterian.com

Yours in Christ,
Zach Casteen



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING Easter Sunday, April 21

A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing Offering enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those

affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering supports the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program (PDA). PDA has been very involved in our church's and community's recovery from Hurricane Florence, providing financial assistance to our church and individuals and staff support and expertise as the Disaster Recovery Group of Duplin County was formed. Thank you for your generous contributions to the One Great Hour of Sharing.



DISASTER RECOVERY GROUP OF DUPLIN COUNTY

Meeting on Monday, April 8

1:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

The Disaster Recovery Group of Duplin County began work in November 2018 and was formally established on January 7, 2019. Fifty aid agencies, churches, and other organizations are now working together to help Duplin County residents recover from Hurricane Florence. The long-term recovery group is creating a network of partnerships to meet unmet needs and establishing relationships that will serve our county well in the aftermath of future disasters.

The mission of the Disaster Recovery Group of Duplin County is to provide long-term services to those affected by major disasters in Duplin County. Services will be provided regardless of race, creed, color, gender, disability, or religious preference. The goal of the Disaster Recovery Group of Duplin County is to educate and assist residents in being safe, sanitary, secure, and resilient, while cultivating community involvement.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

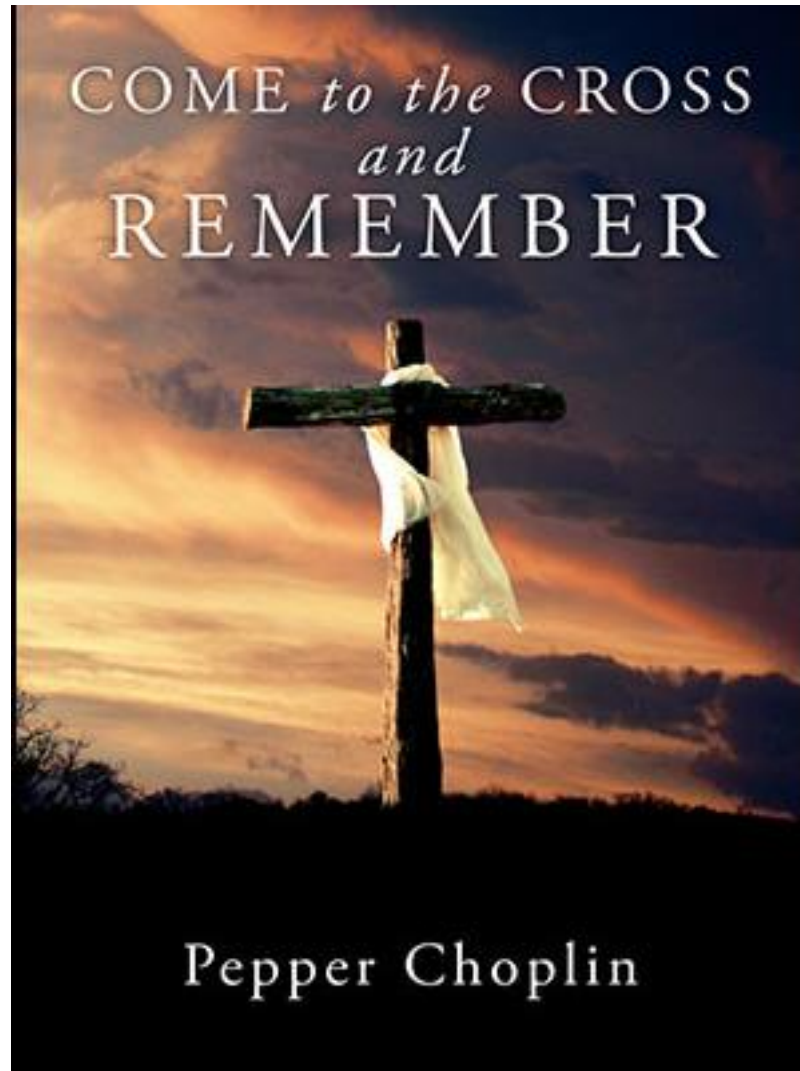
Come to the meeting on April 8 and find out!



MINISTER ON CONTINUING EDUCATION

Dr. Phil will be on Continuing Education Leave Monday - Thursday, April 22-25 at the Cedar Cross Retreat Center near Louisburg, NC. He will plan his preaching for May - August and continue his work on the Gospel of Mark that he began on his sabbatical leave during the summer of 2018.

He will also participate in an online class, Writing Together in Creative Community, through Columbia (Presbyterian) Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. The class will be held on Monday evenings April 29, May 6, May 13, May 20, and Tuesday evening, May 28. According to the school's information, "The online course is for writers who write regularly and seek to improve their work for publication as well as those who feel called to write and have not yet developed a regular habit of writing. Participants will share ideas and work using a weekly schedule of readings, online discussion forums, writing prompts and exercises, and will engage in sharing feedback among participants and instructors."



GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Friday, April 19
7:30 p.m.

The Chancel Choir will present Pepper Choplin's cantata
Come to the Cross and Remember.

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

LIVING STONES

EASTER EGG HUNT
AT
HUBB'S FARM

Please join us for a family day at Hubb's Farm as we celebrate Easter. Families will be able to enjoy various activities such as, age-level Easter egg hunts, trains, zip line, jumping pillow, baby animals, and much more. Topper's Airplane will provide an egg-traordinary egg-drop event for all to participate. We will finish the day with smores and a devotional by the fire pit.

Sunday, April 14, 2019
1:00 PM-5:00 PM
10276 US Hwy 421 North |
Clinton, NC 28328

Tickets for Children 2+ \$10
Adults and Children <2 \$5
Age Level Hunts Begin at 1:30 PM for 0-2 years
For more information about Hubb's Farm visit
hubbsfarmnc.com

April 2019

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21 Easter Sunday 7:00 AM Early Easter Service-Wallace First Baptist 9:40 AM Opening Assembly 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship/One Great Hour of Sharing Of- 4:00 PM Youth Group at	22 Minister on Continuing Education Leave Church Office Closed	23	24 No Choir Practice No Handbells No Bible Study	25	26	27
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