



# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY *Epiphany of the Lord*

January 4, 2026

11:00 A.M

### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome

Elder Geneva Maready

*(During this time the friendship pads are passed to be signed.)*

Prelude

**"We Three Kings"**

*arranged by* Patti Drennan

*O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

**"Love Has Come"**

French Melody

*Love has come: a light in the darkness!  
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies;  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;  
Hear how their song of joy arises: Love! Love!  
Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.*

Opening Sentences

*Arise, shine; for your light has come!*

**The glory of God has risen upon us.**

*Tell the good news throughout the earth:*

**The saving grace of Jesus Christ is for all.**

*Come and adore the Savior of the nations.*

**We offer the fits of our lives to the Lord.**

\*Hymn #151 (Vs. 1-4)

**"We Three Kings of Orient Are"**

KINGS OF ORIENT

\*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robert Lapp

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light shining in the darkness, to reveal your love for us all. We confess that in our sin we hide the light of the world. We ignore justice; we lack kindness; and we do not humbly walk with you our God. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, amend what we are, and direct what we shall be that we may show forth the light of your love this coming year through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

**\*Responsive Assurance of Pardon**  
*The light shines in the darkness,*  
**and the darkness has not overcome it.**  
*Friends, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri                                “Glory Be to the Father”**  
*(Children may go to Children’s Church at this time)*

Hymn #581

## Ordination/Installation of Elders

## Statement of Ordination

## Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

## 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.**

## Constitutional Questions

## Prayer of Ordination

## Declaration, Charge, and Welcome

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

## Anthem

## “Who Shall Separate Us?”

## Pepper Choplin

Who shall separate us from the love of our Lord?  
 I am persuaded that nothing on earth can separate us from the love of God.  
 Nothing in life and nothing in death can separate us from the love of God.  
 No angels, no powers can separate us  
 From the love that is in Jesus, Christ Jesus, our Lord.  
 For we are more than conquerors over danger, trial and sword.  
 We are more than conquerors through the power of the love of our Lord.  
 I am persuaded that nothing on earth can separate us from the love of God.  
 No things present or things to come can separate us from the love of God.  
 No height nor depth in all creation shall separate us  
 From the love that is in Jesus, Christ Jesus, our Lord.  
 Who shall separate us from the love?  
 We will live within the love of our Lord.

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Elder Geneva Maready

**Holy One, giver of all light, lift up our hearts and minds to Christ, the morning star that never fades. By the light of your Holy Spirit reveal to us your saving Word and lead us to offer our lives to you in service and in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gospel Reading

*Matthew 2:1-12*

Sermon

**“Home By Another Way”**

Rev. Robert H. Lapp

A Time for Silent Reflection

**GIVING THANKS TO GOD**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

**“I Saw Three Ships”**

*arranged by Mary McDonald*

*I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas day, on Christmas day*

*I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas day in the morning.*

\*Doxology

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

Hymn #606

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

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.**

Receiving of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

\*Hymn #136

**“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”**

GO TELL IT

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction

**“Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow”**

Spiritual

*Follow, follow; rise up, shepherd, and follow.*

*Follow the star of. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.*

\* Postlude

*\*All who are able may stand.*

**01/04: Tonya & Emory Landen Patram**  
**01/11: Parker & Courtenay Thompson**

**Fred Burroughs, Head**  
**Bill & Susan Walters Jan Peterson**

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**01/04: Bailey Riley**  
**01/11: Danielle Sills**

### OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

**January 1-15: Charley Farrior**  
**January 16-31: Curt Simpson**



**The Reality of Money** - Duplin County Schools and the State Employees Credit Union will again offer the Reality of Money seminars for all high school juniors to help them learn about making real world choices about money. It takes about 30 volunteers for each session. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Below are the dates and links to sign up.

**Wallace Rose Hill:** January 21, 2026 -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050844AAA829AAFF2-60764156-wallace>

**North Duplin/Duplin Early College:** January 22, 2026 -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050844AAA829AAFF2-60764270-north>

**East Duplin:** January 26, 2026 -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050844AAA829AAFF2-60763776-east>

**James Kenan:** January 27, 2026 -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050844AAA829AAFF2-60763994-james>



**The Men's Retreat at YMCA Camp Kirkwood is January 30-31**

**Kick back** on Friday with dinner, a great keynote from Command Sergeant Major (Retired) Rick Stidley, and some quality cabin downtime with a solid group of guys who appreciate a weekend in the woods. Then on Saturday, **give back** to the place that's given us so many great memories. Reserve your spot

today: <https://www.ymcasenc.org/events/2026/01/30/ymca-camp-kirkwood/men-s-retreat-2026/>



**FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN**  
**BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25**



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 4	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	
	9:45 am	Adult Sunday School Class
	10:00 am	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 am	Fellowship Time
	11:00 am	Worship/Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/ Ordination/Installation of Elders
Wednesday, January 7	5:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack 35
	10:00 am	Bible Study, Room 304
	6:00 pm	Handbells
Thursday, January 8	1:30 pm	East Community COM Meeting, Room 304

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **This morning** we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. All are welcome at the table.

• **This morning** the session will ordain and install Ruling Elders in the Class of 2028. 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: Kristin Cottle and Dwight Hall

To be installed: Susan Carone

• **Epiphany Star Words** are a spiritual practice, where individuals receive a single "guiding word" for the New Year. These words, associated with the star that led the Magi, will be made available at the church on Sunday, January 4. They are meant to offer a theme for prayer, reflection, and spiritual guidance throughout the year.

• **Membership** - Those interested in joining WPC, please contact Robert Lapp. There will be a new member orientation on Sunday, January 11 at 9:45 am in the pastor's study, the session will receive new members at 10:30 am, and those who are joining the church will be welcomed in the worship service at 11:00 am.

• **Pastor Led Bible Study** will resume on Wednesday, January 7, at 10 am in room 304. Together we will examine the lectionary text for the following Sunday's sermon. We look forward to you joining us. The scripture for each week in January are listed below:

January 7:	Matthew 3:13-17
January 14:	John 1:29-42
January 21:	Matthew 4:12-23
January 28:	Matthew 5:1-12

• **Handbells** will resume on Wednesday, January 7 at 6:00 pm.

• **The 2026 Offering Envelopes** are here. You can pick them up at the back of the sanctuary. They are in numerical order. If you can't remember your number, look for your name on the list

**Stewardship** – In response to the gospel of Jesus Christ, we offer our gifts to God. Thank you for your generosity to the mission and ministry of WPC.

