



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 8, 2023

11:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

Welcome and Announcements

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

Opening Sentences

Elder Greg Maready

Leader: We have been claimed by the God who calls us children.

All: We, the redeemed, have been called by name.

Leader: As with the Israelites, God promises to pass with us through the water.

All: We will not fear, for God is with us!

Leader: The rivers shall not overwhelm us for God is our guide and our protector.

All: Through God's saving grace, the waters that tested us are now the waters that wash us and nourish us.

Leader: Great is the Fount of Every Blessing, ever flowing, ever redeeming, ever claiming us as God's children.

All: Come, let us worship the God who washes us in grace.

*Hymn #475

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, source of all light and life, we sing our praise and thanks to you for the wonder and beauty of this new day. You have created a world of diversity and vibrancy and we long to embrace life in all its fullness. Our brokenness has created alienation, injustice, polarization, individualism, oppression, and wounds that are slow to heal. As we call upon you this day, lead us from death to new life. Make strong what unites us and help us build bridges across all that divides us. Help us reclaim the title of being your beloved. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

(A time for silent prayers of confession . . .)

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all."

Ephesians 4:4-6

"Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?"

"Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life."
Romans 6:4

***Responsive Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Since we were buried with Christ in these waters, we are raised to new life with him.

All: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting!

Leader: I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit, who hovered over the waters at creation's birth, who descended in the form of a dove at Jesus' baptism, who was poured out under the signs of fire and wind at Pentecost: Come to us, open our hearts and minds, so that we may hear the Word of life and be renewed by your power, for you live and reign with God and Christ now and forevermore. Amen.

New Testament Lesson

Acts 10:34-48

Elder Greg Maready

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 3:1-17

Sermon

"I Am Baptized!"

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer 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.

For all Christians, baptism embodies release from yesterday's sin and receipt of tomorrow's promise: going under the water, the old self is buried in the death of Christ; rising from the water the self is new, joined to the resurrected Christ."
Dorothy C. Bass,
Receiving the Day: Christian Practice for Opening the Gift of Time



GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*“Baptism enacts
and seals what the
Word proclaims:
God’s redeeming
grace offered to all
people.”*

*“Directory for
Worship” of the
Presbyterian
Church (U.S.A.)*

Offertory Anthem

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*



*The Affirmation of Faith: The 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.**

*Hymn #482

“Baptized in Water”

BUNESSAN

*“Baptism is faith
in action.”
Watchman Nee
(1903 - 1972),
Chinese church
leader and
Christian teacher*

*Benediction

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 8	9:30 am	Alternative Sunday School Class, Room 304 & via Zoom
	10:00 am	Sunday School Classes
	11:00 am	Worship, livestream & in person
Monday, January 9	10:30 am	Circle #1: Room 304
	1:00-4:00 pm	Elder Training, Room 304
	7:00 pm	Bible Study, via Zoom
Tuesday, January 10	1:00-4:00 pm	Elder Training, Room 304
Wednesday, January 11	10:00 am	Bible Study, via Zoom and in person, Room 304
	6:00 pm	Handbells
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday, January 12	7:00 pm	Called Session Meeting, Room 304

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **Please join** the minister for our weekly Bible Study on Monday night, January 9 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. via Zoom or Wednesday morning, January 11 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in Room 304 and via Zoom. This week we will read and talk about 1 Corinthians 1:1-9. Check your email on Monday for the Zoom links.

* **Our new Ruling Elders** in the Class of 2025, Sandy Cobb, Debbie Price, and Blake Wallace, will participate in a time of elder training on Monday and Tuesday afternoons this week. The session will have a called meeting on Thursday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. to examine these elders for ordination and installation on Sunday, January 15.

* **Thank you to Sharon Robison** for playing the piano in worship this morning.



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.



**Today
January 8**



01/08:
**Jennifer &
Royal Johnson**



**Fred
Burroughs
Bill Walters
Susan Walters**

**Opening
Church
Building
January 1-15
Charley Farrior**

**Children's
Church
01/08/23
Sara Matthews**