

# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Second Sunday after Epiphany*

January 14, 2024

11:00 A.M.

### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

**“Be Thou My Vision”**

John Rutter

*Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:  
O raise thou me heavenward, Great Power of my power.*

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Joyce Ange

Choral Call to Worship

**“What Does the Lord Require of You?”**

Jim Strathdee

*What does the Lord require of you?  
To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.*

Opening Sentences

*Leader: Speak to us, Lord, for your servants are listening.*

**People: The One who fashioned us in our mother's womb calls us this day.**

*Leader: Lead us, O God, and we will follow.*

**People: The One acquainted with all our ways leads us into life.**

*Leader: Bless us, Spirit of wisdom and truth, and guide us home.*

**People: The One who hems us in, from behind and before, is a lamp to our feet.**

*Leader: Speak to us, Lord, for your servants are listening.*

\*Hymn #450

**“Be Thou My Vision”**

SLANE

\*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know our sins even before we confess. Your knowledge is wonderful, but also challenging. We'd much rather avoid painful truths and deny our role in wrongdoing. Help us face our failings so we can move forward in truth. Amen.**

\*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

*Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

**People: He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.**

*Leader: He does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities.*

**People: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

*Leader: as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.*

\*Gloria Patri

***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

\*Hymn #321

**"The Church's One Foundation"**

AURELIA

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Joyce Ange

**Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. As we approach your Word, may we be ready to receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

*Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18*

Elder Joyce Ange

Anthem

**"Take Time to Be Holy"**

arr. Jay Rouse

*Take time to be holy, speak often with God;  
Find rest in Him always, and feed on His Word.  
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,  
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.  
Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;  
Spend much time in secret, with Jesus alone.  
By looking to Jesus, like Him you will be;  
Your friends in your conduct His likeness shall see.  
Take time to be holy, let Him be your guide,  
And run not before Him, whatever betide.  
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord  
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word.*

Gospel Reading

*John 1:35-51*

Sermon

**"The Church Gathered"**

Rev. Robert Lapp

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.**

## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

**“Be Thou My Vision”**

arr. Dan Forrest

*Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

\*Doxology

***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.***

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*The Affirmation of Faith: *(from A Brief Statement of Faith)*

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.**

**Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

**We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

\*Hymn #720

**“Jesus Calls Us ”**

GALILEE

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction

**“Amen”**

Franz Schubert

*Amen, Amen, Amen. Amen, Amen.*

\*Postlude

*\*All who are able may stand.*

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 14	9:45 am	Adult Sunday School Class, Curt Simpson & Glenn Price
	10:00 am	Sunday School Classes
	11:00 am	Worship
Tuesday, January 16	5:30 pm	PW Coordinating Team Meeting, Blue Room
	7:00 pm	Session Meeting, Room 304
Wednesday, January 17	10:00 am	Bible Study, Room 304
	6:00 pm	Handbells
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team Meeting** is Tuesday, January 16 at 5:30 pm, in the Blue Room.
- **The Session** will meet Tuesday, January 16 at 7:00 pm, in room 304. If you have any business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or the pastor.
- **Pastor Led Bible Study** is Wednesday, January 17, 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 this week is Mark 1:14-20
- **The Quarterly These Days** are available at front of church and on information table in Gladden Hall.



*The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given in honor of Judy Wallace on her birthday today, (January 14) by her family.  
Happy Birthday Judy!*

### NURSERY

### JANUARY



01/14: Danielle Sills & Hope Turnbull  
01/21: Christy Johnson & Payton Westbrook

Fred Burroughs, Head  
Bill & Susan Walters Greg Maready

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

01/14: Sara Matthews  
01/21: Ellie Newton

### OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

January 1-15: Charley Farris  
January 16-31: Curt Simpson



**FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/  
BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28**

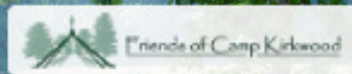


We will receive our monthly Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering on Sunday, January 28. This offering provides school lunches and weekend food for students in Duplin County Public Schools. Thank you for your generous and faithful support.

# CAMP KIRKWOOD MEN'S RETREAT

FRIDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 2  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

📍 2015 Camp Kirkwood Rd  
Watha, NC 28478



## ABOUT THE RETREAT

Please join us for a time of fellowship, relaxation, kicking back, and giving back.

On Friday night, you'll get to enjoy dinner followed by three great guest speakers around the fireplace and sleeping in the cabins with other snoring men. On Saturday, we will have breakfast, complete service projects, and finish up in the early afternoon with lunch.

There is no cost for this event, other than a day of hard work on camp projects.

## REGISTER TODAY

Don't miss this fun opportunity to be a camper again and to meet other men that support this worthwhile ministry to God's children of all ages.

For more information, please contact YMCA Camp Kirkwood at 910-726-9789. To register, scan the QR code or visit [ymcasenc.org/MensRetreat2024](https://ymcasenc.org/MensRetreat2024)



## OUR SPEAKERS

We have three great speakers scheduled for ACC Basketball Memories:



### Alley Hart

Played for Bones McKinney at Wake Forest and was a guard on the 1960 ACC Championship team.



### Jim Moore

One of Dean Smith's first recruits at UNC, named as the most inspirational player his senior year, and a member of the Greater Wilmington Sports Hall of Fame.



### Eddie Bladenbach

Played for Norm Sloan at NC State and was part of two of the most memorable games in ACC Tournament History, point guard in the 12-10 win over Duke in 1968, and as assistant coach when State beat Maryland in 1974 on the way to the National Championship.

SAVE THE DATE:

# KIRKWOOD CREATION CAMP

JUNE  
2ND-6TH

