



Second Sunday after

Epiphany

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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January 18, 2026

11:00 A.M

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome

Elder Devan Riley

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

Prelude

“He Keeps Me Singing”

arranged by Mark Hayes

*Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know,
Fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.*

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

James Capers

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

Opening Sentences

Listen, O coastlands.

Pay attention, people of God.

We are called to be a light to the nations.

We are created to sing of God's salvation.

Shout praise for God's faithfulness.

Rejoice in our many gifts.

Come! Let us worship.

*Hymn #39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Rev. Robert H. Lapp

**Merciful God, when we succumb to despair and get lost in our fears,
remind us who we are and whose we are. We long to feel worthy of your love
and to rest secure in your call to be a light to the nations. Remind us, O God, to
speak words of hope and encouragement and to do deeds of love and mercy.
When others ask us if we have found the Lamb of God, give us the courage and
the faith to boldly proclaim: “Come and see!” Amen.**

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

God inclines to us, rescues us and sets us again on solid ground.

God has not withheld mercy from us.

Trust in the steadfast love and faithfulness of God and know that we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri

“Glory Be to the Father”

Hymn #581

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Sermon

*Hymn #761

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

BEECHER

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Elder Devan Riley

Holy God, reveal yourself to us once again as we hear your Word. By the power of your Holy Spirit, inspire us to follow where you lead, and to answer your call. Amen.

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Anthem

Gospel Lesson

John 1:29-42

Sermon

“Partners With Christ”

Rev. Robert H. 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 **"Christ, Be Our Light"** *arranged by* Mark Hayes
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.
 Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

*Doxology **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”** Hymn #606

*Prayer of Dedication

***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 #726 **“Will You Come and Follow Me”** KELVINGROVE

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction	“Amen”	Franz Schubert
	<i>Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen.</i>	

* Postlude *All who are able may stand.



JANUARY



01/18: Christy Johnson & Payton Westbrook
01/25: Parker & Courtenay Thompson

Fred Burroughs, Head
Bill & Susan Walters Jan Peterson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

01/18: Sara Matthews
01/25: Jennifer Johnson

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

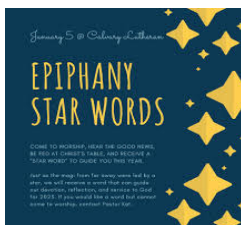
January 16-31: Curt Simpson



Class 2 - Sunday, February 8, 12:00 - 2:00 in fellowship hall (lunch provided)
Scout makeup - Sunday, February 15, 12:00 - 2:00 in fellowship hall (lunch provided)
Class 3 - Sunday, February 22, 12:00 - 2:00 in fellowship hall (lunch provided)
Class 4 - Sunday, March 8, 12:00 - 2:00 in fellowship hall (lunch provided)
Mission Project - Saturday, March 21, 1:00 - 3:00 in fellowship hall (Rise Against Hunger)
Class 5 - Sunday, March 22, 12:00 - 2:00 in fellowship hall (lunch provided)
Class 6 - Sunday, April 19, 12:00 - 2:00 in fellowship hall (lunch provided)
Lock In - Friday night, May 1 - Saturday morning, May 2 (details to be announced)
Confirmation Sunday, May 3, 9:45 breakfast meeting with the session to be received into membership; 11:00 welcome into membership in the worship service.

Leaders:

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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. They are meant to offer a theme for prayer, reflection, and spiritual guidance throughout the year. Additional stars available in baskets in the back of the Sanctuary and in Gladden Hall.



2026 Ministry Teams

Christian Education: Kristin Cottle
Building & Grounds: Royal Johnson, Dwight Hall
Worship & Music: Karla Casteen, Susan Carone
Personnel: Royal Johnson
Stewardship & Finance: Devan Riley,
Congregational Care: Nell Sloan, Geneva Maready
Outreach: Kevin Johnson

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 18	SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
	9:45 am Adult Sunday School Class
	10:00 am Sunday School Classes
	10:30 am Fellowship Time
	11:00 am Worship
	5:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 35
Monday, January 19	Martin Luther King Day
Tuesday, January 20	6:00 pm Session Meeting, Room 304
Wednesday, January 21	10:00 am Bible Study, Room 304
	6:00 pm Handbells

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The session** will meet on Tuesday, January 20 at 6:00 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** meets on Wednesday's, 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 the rest of January are listed below: January 21: Matthew 4:12-23 January 28: Matthew 5:1-12
- **The Quarterly These Days** devotional booklets have arrived and are available in Gladden Hall, Currie Building, and the back of the Sanctuary.
- **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.
- **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/>

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.



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>