

# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 22, 2023

11:00 a.m.

### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "A Flower Remembered" John Rutter  
*A flower remembered can never wither, forever blooming as bright as day;  
It's fragrance lingering like music softly playing, a gentle voice saying,  
'I'll never fade away.'*

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

Choral Call to Worship "Jesus, Remember Me" Jacques Berthier  
*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

Opening Sentences Elder Curt Simpson  
*Leader: The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ: "Come to me!  
Follow me! Be my disciples!"*

**All: We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.**

*Leader: In the name of Christ,*

**All: we accept the invitation to discipleship.**

*Leader: In the name of Christ,*

**All: as his disciples, we worship and praise God.**

*Leader: In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,*

**All: we proclaim the God of compassion.**

*Leader: In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives, whole peoples,*

**All: we proclaim the God of hope.**

*Leader: In the midst of indifference and apathy,*

**All: we proclaim the God of love.**

*Leader: Come, let us worship together*

**All: and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.**

\*Hymn #726 "Will You Come and Follow Me" KELVINGROVE  
*(The Summons)*

\*Unison Prayer of Confession

**God, you have called us to live lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called. But we confess to you and each other that we have not always spoken the truth in love; we have not always made every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Forgive us and, by your grace, help us to grow in every way into him who is our head, Jesus Christ. God of unity and love, place within each**



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

*"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?"  
Hymn #726, "The Summons," in Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal*

*"Following Jesus is simple, but not easy. Love until it hurts, and then love more."  
Mother Teresa*

of us a spirit of hope and community. Have mercy upon us when we speak without love or act without humility. Cleanse us with the living water of your grace. Create in us willing hearts to live in patience and gentleness. Raise us up to be your children, growing toward maturity in faith and love. Strengthen this church, that we may be a model of ministry and unity for all the world to see. In Christ's name, we pray.

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

*"Our Christian life began not with our decision to follow Christ but with God's call to us to do so."  
John Stott(1921 – 2011), English Anglican cleric and theologian*

\*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

*Leader: We are enabled to be kind to one another, to be tenderhearted, to forgive one another, and to be forgiven, because Jesus feeds us with his life given to save us from sin. Hear and believe the good news:*

**All: Those who are in Christ are a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come. 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

**Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as thou didst break the bread beside the sea. Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord. My spirit pants for thee, O living Word! Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now unto me, as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee. Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall. And I shall find my peace, my all in all. Amen.**

Epistle Lesson

*Ephesians 4:1-13*

Elder Curt Simpson

Gospel Lesson

*Matthew 4:12-25*

Sermon

**"Called to Be Disciples"**

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.**



*"Christianity is not consistency to conscience or to convictions; Christianity is being true to Jesus Christ."  
Oswald Chambers (1874 – 1917), Scottish Baptist evangelist and teacher*

## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*"Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us."  
Ephesians 5:1-2*

### Offertory Anthem "Lamb of God" *arr. by LLOYD Larson*

*Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.  
Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned him as he died,  
The humble King they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God  
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.  
O wash me in his precious blood. My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.  
I was so lost I should have died, but you have brought me to your side  
To be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a Lamb of God.*

### \*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 #743

**"O God, You Are My God"**  
(Step by Step)

STEP BY STEP

### \*Benediction

*Leader: Jesus calls, "Follow me!"*

**All: Let us follow Jesus.**

*Leader: Jesus calls, "Follow me!"*

**All: Let us leave the past to follow Jesus.**



*"It is the Lord who goes before you.  
He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."  
Deuteronomy 31:8*

Leader: Jesus calls, "Follow me!"

All: Let us walk in the present to follow Jesus.

Leader: Jesus calls, "Follow me!"

All: Let us follow Jesus into God's future.

\*Choral Benediction

"Amen"

Christopher Pardini

Amen, Amen, Amen.

\*Postlude

\*All who are able may



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 22	9:30 am	Alternative Sunday School Class, Room 304 & via Zoom
	10:00 am	Sunday School Classes
	11:00 am	Worship, livestream & in person/Feed Our Hungry Children Backpack Offering
Monday, January 23	1:00-4:00 pm	Elder Training, Room 304
	7:00 pm	Bible Study, via Zoom
Wednesday, January 25	10:00 am	Bible Study, via Zoom and in person, Room 304
	6:00 pm	Handbells

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \* **This morning** we receive our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/ Backpack Ministry offering. This ministry is an extension of the Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries in Wallace and provides weekend food for students in the Duplin County Education system. Numerous organizations and individuals support this ministry. Thank your for your generosity!
- \* **There will be no Monday night or Wednesday morning Bible Study this week.**
- \* **During worship** next Sunday, we will discover how "in our music God is glorified" as we enjoy a hymn sing. There will be congregational singing, choral anthems, favorite hymns, hymn histories shared, and much more! Join us!
- \* **We express our Christian love and sympathy** to Charley and Harriet Farior and their family on the death of their brother-in-law, Vaughan Adams of Raleigh.
- \* **Congratulations and thanks** to these elders who were elected by the session to serve in 2023: Clerk of Session Hope Turnbull; Treasurer Wayne Casteen; President of the Corporation Curt Simpson.

**Today  
January 22**



01/22:  
Devan & Bailey  
Riley



Fred  
Burroughs  
Bill Walters  
Susan Walters

**Opening  
Church  
Building**  
January 16-31  
Curt Simpson

**Children's  
Church**  
01/22/23  
Susan Walters

## 5<sup>TH</sup> Sunday Building Offering January 29, 2023



This offering helps us provide and maintain our church physical plant so our worship, education, and outreach ministries can continue. Thank you for your generous support.