

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024

11:00 A.M.

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

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

“And He Never Said a Word”

arr. Michael Ryan

Attie Carlton Handbell Choir

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down.

They crucified my Lord, and he never said a mumbalin' word.

(Based on hymn tunes Passion Chorale and Sufferer)

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Joyce Ange

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

Choral Call to Worship

“Calm to the Waves”

Bringle & Pavlechko

Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Jesus whispers, “Peace, be still.”

Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In stillness, hear his voice.

Opening Sentences

Leader: For forty day and nights the rain fell,

People: and waters covered the face of the earth.

Leader: For forty years the children of Israel wandered,

People: seeking the land of God's promise.

Leader: Jesus fasted and prayed for forty days

People: and was tested in the wilderness.

Leader: Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

*Hymn #624

“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

TOULON

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, as we begin this Lenten journey with Jesus, we confess our neglect of you and our faith. We seek after idols, when we should be worshiping you and you alone. We build up walls that separate, instead of deepening our relationships. Empty us this Lent, O God, and guide us so we can come through this wilderness season in a right relationship with you and each other. Amen.

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Remember and receive these hopeful words from Jesus, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples,

People: and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

Leader: Receive God's truth. Receive God's grace. Accept the freedom God provides.

People: Thanks be to God.

*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 #166

"Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days"

ST. FLAVIAN

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Joyce Ange

God of grace, help us seek you and the truth you intend for us today. Let us not be distracted by worldly pursuits or pleasures. Help us to focus our hearts and minds on you and your Word read and proclaimed. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

Anthem

"Keep Me near the Cross"

Edwin Willmington

*Jesus, keep me near the cross: there a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.
In the cross, be my glory ever, till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.
Near the cross, as a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning star sheds its beams around me.
Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.
In the cross, be my glory ever, till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:9-15

Sermon

"Forty Days In The Wilderness"

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

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” arr. Sandra Eithun
*See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*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 the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves
and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

*Hymn #775

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

WALK WITH ME

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

“Amen”
Amen, Amen.

Dresden

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 18	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 9:45 am Adult Sunday School Class, Curt Simpson & Glenn Price 10:00 am Sunday School Classes 11:00 am Worship
Tuesday, February 20	5:30 pm PW Coordinating Team Meeting, Blue Room 7:00 pm Session Meeting, Room 304
Wednesday, February 21	10:00 am Bible Study, Room 304 6:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Transitional Ministry Team Meeting, Blue Room 7:30 pm Choir Practice

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team** will meet on Tuesday, February 20 at 5:30 pm, in the Blue Room.
- **The session** will meet on Tuesday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m. 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, February 21, 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 8:27-38.
- **The Transitional Ministry Team** will meet on Wednesday, February 21, at 7:00 pm in the Blue Room of the Currie Building.
- **There will be a Retirement Reception** for Nancy Gladden on Sunday, February 25, at 6:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall.
- **World Day of Prayer** is Friday, March 1, 2024, at 10:00 am, in the Fellowship Hall. Wallace United Methodist Women will be presenting the program.



The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God by Garrett & Patsy Ludlum.

NURSERY

02/18: Harriet & Windsor Farrior
02/25: Debbie & Katie Price

FEBRUARY



Devan Riley, Head
Kevin Johnson Debbie Price
Ray Cobb

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

02/18: Kelli Norris
02/25: Tonya Patram

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

February 16-29: Clay Blue

Save the Date! June 2-6
Camp Kirkwood Creation Camp 2024