



# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*First Sunday of Lent*

February 22, 2026

11:00 A.M

### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome

Adlyn Casteen

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

Prelude

**“Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee”** *arr. by Paul Cardall*  
*Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be;*  
*Jesus, be thou our glory now, and through eternity.*

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

**“Jesus, Remember Me”** Jacques Berthier  
*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

Opening Sentences

*For forty days and nights the rain fell,*  
**and waters covered the face of the earth.**  
*For forty years the children of Israel wandered,*  
**seeking the land of God's promise.**  
*Jesus fasted and prayed for forty days*  
**and was tested in the wilderness.**  
*Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.*

\*Hymn #629

**“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”**

ST. AGNES

\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Rev. Robert H. Lapp

**When confronted by temptations, we are easily overcome, O God. They allure us with promises we find hard to resist. We harbor fantasies of how our lives might be. Our dreams become pervasive, hiding the truth of your love. Lord, have mercy on us; enable us to discern deception when it appears. Enlighten us to genuine renewal in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**

\*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

*Remember and receive these hopeful words from Jesus, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples,*

**and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."**

*Receive God's truth. Receive God's grace. Accept the freedom God provides.*

**Thanks be to God.**

\*Gloria Patri

**"Glory Be to the Father"**

Hymn #581

### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

\*Hymn #166

**"Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days"**

ST. FLAVIAN

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Adlyn Casteen

**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 Lesson

*Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7*

Anthem

**"Once Upon a Tree"**

Pepper Choplin, 1994

*Once upon a tree, a good man died, and though He did no crime, He was crucified.*

*If the story ended there, I would have no song to share, but my heart will ever sing the story.*

*Once upon a tree, so the story goes, and all its mystery surely no one knows.*

*Could the Father's will be done through the suffering of His Son?*

*And there comes the answer, "Once upon a tree."*

*For God so loved the world, He gave His priceless pearl. What greater love could there be?*

*He died, He rose again, still the story doesn't end, for His spirit is living in me.*

*What tale of human love could there ever be told?*

*What song could compare with the one I hold?*

*Through everything I am and through everything I'll be,*

*Let me sing my story: "Once upon a tree."*

Gospel Lesson

*Matthew 4:1-11*

Sermon

**"You Can't Always Get What You Want"**

Rev. Robert H. Lapp

A Time for Silent Reflection



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 22	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	
	9:45 am	Adult Sunday School Class
	10:00 am	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 am	Fellowship Time
	11:00 am	Worship/Feed Our Hungry Children Backpack Offering
Wednesday, February 25	12:00-2:00 pm	Confirmation Class, Lunch Provided
	5:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack 35
	10:00 am	Bible Study, 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 you for your generosity!

• **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 February 25: John 3:1-17.

• **Upcoming Events:**

**March 6- World Day of Prayer at WPC, 10:00 am.**

**March 12, 19, and 26 - 12 noon Thursday Community Lenten Services and Lunches @ Wallace Methodist Church**

**March 21 - Rise Against Hunger: 1:00 - 3:00 pm**

**March 29 - Palm Sunday**

**April 3 - Good Friday Evening Service at Beulaville Presbyterian Church**

**April 5 - Easter Sunday**

**May 3 - Confirmation Sunday**

**May 17 - Youth Sunday**

**June 7-11 - Creation Camp @ Camp Kirkwood (kindergarten - fifth grade)**

**July 19 -24 - CROSS MISSIONS (middle & high school youth)**

• **Rise Against Hunger-Save the Date!** Wallace Presbyterian Church is once again partnering with Rise Against Hunger in the global movement to end hunger. Join us on **Saturday, March 21, 1:00 - 3:00 pm** in packaging over 10,000 meals to support nutrition, education and health for children and families facing hunger right now around the world. We have currently received \$1,830.77 towards our goal of \$4,200 and 23 people have already registered towards our goal of 50. Register using the link below for this fun, high-impact event and consider a donation towards our event goal!

<https://riseagainsthunger.org/register/?id=701Pj00000covF8IAI>



*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in memory of Thomas and Lois Edgerton by Happy Harve & Candace Knowles.*



# FEBRUARY



**02/22: Jennifer & Royal Johnson**  
**03/01: Ellie & Michael Newton**

**Kevin Johnson, Head**  
**Bill Carone**                      **Ray Cobb**  
**Henry Stevens**

## OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

**February 16-28: Clay Blue**  
**March 1-15: Jason Rouse**

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**02/22: Debbie Price**  
**03/01: Emily & Miller Ludlum**

**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.



### Music On Market

Save the Date!

A Living Last Supper

Today, February 22, 2026, 3:00 PM

Free & non-ticketed

Seating is limited and first come, first served

St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church

1416 Market Street | Wilmington, NC

A dramatic and poignant portrayal of Jesus and his disciples on the night before his betrayal, enhanced by music from the Lenten portion of Handel's Messiah.