



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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We support Presbyterian Church (USA) mission co-workers,
Rev. Dustin and Sherri Ellington, in Lusaka, Zambia, Africa.

Please silence your cell phones.

**All who are able may stand.*

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 23, 2020

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

Welcome and Announcements

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

Minute for Mission

Choral Call to Worship

"Lord, Prepare Me"

SANCTUARY

Sanctuary

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

Opening Sentences

Elder Christy Johnson

Leader: This is the day the Lord God has given us.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Search us, O God, and know our hearts.

People: Try us and know our thoughts.

Leader: Remind us that we cannot hide from you,

People: And that there is no need for us to hide,

Leader: Because you seek to bless rather than condemn.

People: Jesus Christ our Lord reveals fully your faithfulness and your everlasting steadfastness!

All: And so we gather to worship!

*"And the Word
became flesh and
lived among us,
and we have
seen his glory,
the glory as of
the Father's only
Son, full of grace
and truth."
John 1:14*

*Hymn #1

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

NICAEA

*"Listen to Jesus
and follow him.
That's the
message of the
Transfiguration."
Pope Francis*

*"This Sunday is
a hinge for us.
With this week,
we move from
Epiphany into
Lent—going
literally from the
mountaintop into
the desert.
Christ leads us
down the
mountain and
into the desert,
because the true
transfiguration,
the true shining
forth of God in
all God's glory
happens when
we follow him
there together."
Rev. Mike
Kinman,
Episcopal rector
of
All Saints
Church,
Pasadena,
California*

***Responsive Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon**
Leader: Dear friends in Christ, in the shadow of our Savior's holy cross, we admit what God already knows: We have sinned against God in thought, word and deed. We have failed God by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. Let us pray.

People: Most merciful God, I confess before you, and before these, my brothers and sisters, that I have failed to live as a child of the light. I have abused the gift of language by saying things I had no business saying and leaving the unsaid things it was my duty to say. I have tried to possess that which does not properly belong to me: certain experiences, relationships, powers or possessions that would not be good for me and that you in wisdom have withheld. I have bent the truth to serve my own ends. I have not treated my neighbors the way I would wish my neighbors to treat me. For the sake of your risen Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive what I have been, and show me what I may yet become.

Leader: Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and raised to new life for you. So you have also been raised to newness of life, pure and acceptable in the sight of 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

FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING

Children's Sermon

Elder Carol Steen

Anthem

Lloyd Larson

"O Jesus, I Have Promised" with "I Need Thee Every Hour"

*O Jesus, I have promised to serve You till the end; be forever near me, my Master and my Friend.
I shall not fear the battle if You are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if You will be my guide.*

O let me feel You near me, the world is ever near;

I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.

My foes are ever near me, around me and within,

But, Jesus, now draw nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

*I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby; Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh.
I need Thee, O I need Thee, every hour I need Thee; O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.*

Prayer for Illumination

Great God of dazzling beauty and overshadowing majesty, in Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, we glimpse the image of your glory. Teach us to listen to him so that we may hear your voice and follow your holy way; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

"The transfiguration was completed on the Mount of Ascension. If Jesus had gone to heaven directly from the Mount of Transfiguration, He would have gone alone. He would have been nothing more to us than a glorious Figure. But He turned His back on the glory, and came down from the mountain to identify Himself with fallen humanity."
Oswald Chambers (1874-1917), Scottish Baptist evangelist and teacher, best known for his book *My Utmost for His Highest*

"For he received honor and glory from God the Father . . . saying 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain."
2 Peter 1:17-18

First Scripture Lesson

Matthew 17:1-19

Elder Christy Johnson
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*Hymn #286

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

TRENTHAM

Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 16:13-20

+Page 798

Sermon **"If it Ever Mattered, it REALLY Matters Now!"** Rev. Jerry Bron

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

setting by Joel Raney

*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: *from A Declaration of Faith, Chapter 9 PCUS*
Christ calls us to pilgrimage toward the kingdom. Jesus announced the coming of God's kingdom and its hidden presence in the midst of the world's kingdoms. He taught his disciples to seek God's kingdom first. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

*Hymn #307

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA

“Lord,
 transfigure our
 perception with
 the purest light
 that shines, and
 recast our life’s
 intentions to the
 shape of your
 designs, till we
 seek no other
 glory than what
 lies past
 Calvary’s hill
 and our living
 and our dying
 and our rising
 by your will.”
 Glory to God,
 Hymn #190

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

“Amen”

African American

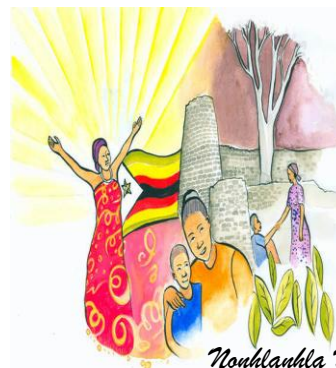
Amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

*Postlude

*All who are able may stand.

+The page number in the pew Bible

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020



Nonhlanhla Mathe

Wallace Presbyterian Church

Friday, March 6, 2020

Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk

World Day of Prayer will be held at Wallace Presbyterian Church on Friday, March 6, at 10:00 am. Wallace United Methodist Women will lead the program. This year the women of the World Day of Prayer Committee of Zimbabwe call us to worship with the words: "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk."

The World Day of Prayer 2020 program is based on Jesus' encounter with a person who, although positioned for healing, had not acted upon the opportunities given. Jesus asked –“Do you want to be made well?” You are faced with this life-changing question. What are you going to do? “Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk,” said Jesus. Our sisters from Zimbabwe are taking Jesus' encounter to be a call to act in love for peace and reconciliation. “The action verbs suggest that we should not be afraid to act on the word of God. God is offering us the steps for personal and social transformation.”

We are empowered to take up our mats. No more waiting powerlessly on the mat. As expressed in the World Day of Prayer 2020 painting by Nonhlanhla Mathe, let us give a healing hand to the needy, let us embrace children with love as their future is ahead, and let us open our arms in joy as the time to rise up has come. This is the time for change! Everyone is invited to attend this annual prayer service.



Zimbabwe




World Day of
 Prayer Zimbabwe
 Committee

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 23	9:40 am	Opening Assembly
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship/Rev. Jerry Bron/Feed Our Hungry Children Backpack Ministry Offering
Monday, February 24	5:15 pm	Short PW Coordinating Team Meeting, Blue Room
Wednesday, February 26		ASH WEDNESDAY
	10:00-11:00 am	Bible Study, Room 304
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **Today** we welcome Rev. Jerry Bron, an honorably retired member of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, as our preacher. Rev. Bron and his wife live in Wilmington.
- * **Today** we receive our fourth Sunday (August - May) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering. This offering supports the purchase and distribution of weekend food for students in Duplin County Schools. Thank you for your contributions.
- * **Please join** the minister for a Bible study on Matthew 4:1-11 (The Temptation of Jesus) on Wednesday, February 26 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in Room 304 (across from the Music Room). This scripture lesson will be the sermon text on Sunday, March 1.
- * **Wednesday, February 26 is Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of the six-week period known as Lent. From the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Mission: The season of Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It is a period of 40 days — like the flood of Genesis, Moses' sojourn at Mount Sinai, Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah's call to Ninevah to repent and Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness. "(The Sundays in Lent are not counted in this reckoning of the time between Ash Wednesday and Easter, as every Lord's Day is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.)"
- * **Congratulations and thanks** to Elder Christy Johnson who was elected Assistant Clerk of Session for 2020.
- *  **Reminder:** Please bring your stand up crosses for World Day of Prayer. Deadline is Wednesday, March 4. You can leave them on table in fellowship hall or in the church office. Thank you!



The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Fred & Linda Burroughs in loving memory of Linda's brother William A. Krupitzer.



P.A.T.H. OFFERING (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) Sunday, March 1

We will receive our quarterly (March, June, September, December) P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) offering during worship on Sunday, March 1. This offering supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina which, in turn, funds feeding programs for children in Haiti and Malawi. The Hunger Program also provides funds for congregational food ministries such as our Helping Hands Food Pantry.



02/23: Jennifer & Royal Johnson
 03/01: Noel, Cameron & Reese Blue

USHERS
THIS MONTH

Joe Tillman, Leader
 Cameron Lee Kevin Johnson
 Sam Rose Jim Sills



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

02/23: Miller Ludlum & Windsor Farrior
 03/01: Madelyn & Robert Coombs



GREETERS

02/23: Gary & Joyce Ange
 03/01: Bill & Susan Carone

Opening Church Building

February 16-29: Clay Blue March 1-15: Chuck Farrior



Andrea Casteen (cancer treatments), **Jeff Cavanaugh** (stage 4 lung cancer), **Andrew DeNatale** (Mary Carone's brother), **Joe Dormagen** (Verlie Wells' son-in-law), **George Hatch** (cancer treatments), **Karen Howard**, (pancreatic cancer, wife of David White-friends of Curt Simpson), **Maxine Lien**, (cancer, friend of Harvey Knowles), **Doug Kennedy** (cancer, friend of Harvey Knowles), **Frank Lettieri**, (cancer treatments), **Amy Moss** (breast cancer, sister of Debbie Thomas), **Dottie Obenour** (recovering from back surgery), **Jennifer Raynor** (Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome), **Judy Robinson**, **Rodney Rogerson** (Kidney Transplant, friend of Nell Sloan), **Joe Tillman**, (cancer surgery at Duke 2/25), **Ronnie Watson** (non-Hodgkins Lymphoma, stem cell transplant), **Andy Wells** (Headmaster at HCA-Neuromyelitis Optica), **Verlie Wells-Rosemary**, **Members and friends in the armed services: Jason Payne. William Krupitzer**-(Linda Burroughs nephew).
(When you request a name to be put on the prayer list, please notify the church office when you wish it to be taken off).



You Are Invited!
New Members Classes
Sunday, March 1
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
“What We Believe as Presbyterians”
Room 304 (across from the Music Room)

Come and learn more about the history, mission, ministry, and future of the Wallace Presbyterian Church and how you can be involved in our church family. The classes are open to all who are interested in learning more about the Wallace Presbyterian Church.