

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY *Seventh Sunday after Epiphany*



February 23, 2025

11:00 A.M

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome

Elder Debbie Price

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

Prelude

“A Flower Remembered”

John Rutter

*A flower remembered can never wither; Forever blooming as bright as day,
Its fragrance lingering like music softly playing, A gentle voice that's saying
'I'll never fade away.'*

*I hear the echoes of many voices; Sometimes they're distant, sometimes so clear;
Through all the sounds of life they seem to whisper,
'Will you remember?'*

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

“Rain Down”

Jaime Cortez

*Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your people.
Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of life.*

Opening Sentences

In these uncertain times, we come together, searching for peace.

We will be still before the Lord and wait patiently.

We will open our hearts and minds, that the Lord may show us mercy.

When we trust the Lord, we can do good things and live with one another in peace and security.

The Lord is our refuge in times of trouble. In God, we find forgiveness, mercy, and love.

We will be still before the Lord and wait patiently.

*Hymn #319

“Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing” (Shout to the North)

SMITH

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robert Lapp

Merciful God, you have commanded us to love you most of all and to have no other gods. You have called us to love others as you love them. We confess that we chase after other idols of our own making and ignore your children in need. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit so that we might learn to love as you love and live as your faithful followers. Amen.

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

God's love and mercy are freely available to all.

When we trust and delight in God's mercy, we are better able to show this mercy to those around us.

We can forgive because God has forgiven us.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

"Glory Be to the Father"

Hymn #581

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

*Hymn #307

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Elder Debbie Price

O God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that the Scripture we are about to hear will become God's Word for us in this day and age. Let us listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

Anthem

"Here I Am, Lord"

arranged by Mary McDonald

Incorporating "Have Thine Own Way"

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!

Thou art the potter. I am the clay. Mold me and make me after Thy will;

While I am waiting, Lord, yield and still.

Here I am, Lord! Here am I!

Gospel Lesson

Luke 6:27-38

Sermon

"An Impossible Possibility"

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

“Be Still My Soul”

arr. Mark Hayes

*Be still my soul thy best, thy heavenly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.*

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymn #606

*Prayer of Dedication

*Affirmation of Faith: *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good

and makes everyone equally in God’s image,

male and female, of every race and people,

to live as one community. But we rebel against God;

we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments,

we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,

accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,

and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God’s condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah

Chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel

from the house of bondage. Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,

like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,

God is faithful still.

*Hymn #819

“Be Still, My Soul”

FINLANDIA

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

“Amen”

African American

Amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*

THE SESSION

Class of 2025

Sandy Cobb
Debbie Price
Blake Wallace

Class of 2026

Kevin Johnson
Royal Johnson
Nell Sloan

Class of 2027

Karla Casteen
Geneva Maready
Devan Riley

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Interim Pastor

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Vision

At Wallace Presbyterian Church, we envision a community where faith, friendship, and service intertwine to embody God's love and grace. We strive to create a nurturing environment and develop ministries where individuals of all ages can grow spiritually, form meaningful relationships, and actively participate in acts of compassion and service, both locally and beyond.

Mission

To carry on Christ's mission today by enriching the lives of our church and community, nurturing the faith of children and youth, fostering meaningful relationships across all ages, and serving through dedicated outreach and support.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL

Birth-Kindergarten.....Melony Henderson, Ellie Newton, Kelli Norris, Sara Matthews
First-Third Grade.....Jennifer Johnson & Bailey Riley
Fourth-Sixth Grade.....Kristin Cottle & Casey Hall
Seventh-Ninth Grade.....Mary Laine Rouse & Lindsay Skidmore
The Adult Class.....Glenn Price & Curt Simpson



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Sandy Cobb, Moderator
Christy Johnson, Vice-Moderator
Carol Steen, Treasurer
Joyce Ange, Secretary
Harriet Farrior, Debbie Price, Sanctuary Flowers





FEBRUARY



02/23: Debbie Price & Joyce Ange
03/02: Jennifer & Royal Johnson

Kevin Johnson, Head
Debbie Price Henry Stevens
Ray Cobb

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

02/23: Windsor & Georgia Farrior
03/02: Emily & Miller Ludlum

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

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



March 9, 2025 - Daylight Saving Time Starts

When local standard time is about to reach **2:00 am** clocks are turned **forward** 1 hour to **3:00 am** local daylight time instead. Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour later on March 9, 2025 than the day before. There will be more light in the evening.

SAVE THE DATE

KIRKWOOD CREATION

CAMP

JUNE 1ST THRU 5TH, 2025
2015 CAMP KIRKWOOD RD
WATHA, NC 28478



(Creation Camp registration begins March 16 and closes on April 27.)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 23

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9:00 am Choir Practice

9:45 am Youth Group Handbell Practice

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
Ministry Offering

5:00 pm Cub Scouts-Pack 35

Wednesday, February 26

10:00 am Bible Study, Room 304

6:00 pm Handbells

7:00 pm PNC, Room 304

Saturday, March 1

Presbytery Meeting at McPherson Presbyterian,
Fayetteville, NC

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

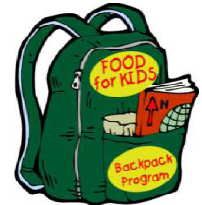
- **This morning** we receive our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/ Backpack Ministry offering. This ministry is an extension of the Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries in Wallace and provides weekend food for students in the Duplin County Education system. Numerous organizations and individuals support this ministry. Thank you for your generosity!
- **Pastor Led Bible Study** on Wednesday, February 26, 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. Scripture: Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)
- **Food Pantry Needs for the month of February:** Spaghetti Sauce Thank you!



The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Harvey and Candace Knowles in memory of Candace's mother, Doris Maxine Mills.



**FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/
BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING
TODAY, FEBRUARY 23**



LENT

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. On that day from 12 noon - 1:00 pm, the sanctuary will be open for quiet meditation and to receive the imposition of ashes, if you'd like. A resource with scriptures and prayers will be provided. You're welcome to come and go during that hour as your schedule permits. The ashes remind us of the consequences of our sin which is death. During Lent we remember and respond to the atoning death of Christ. Lent offers the opportunity to respond to the death of Christ so that we may rise with Him. Thus, it is appropriate to give up something for Lent (dying) and to take on an opportunity to serve (rising).