



# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
*First Sunday of Lent*

February 26, 2023

11:00 a.m.

## GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

**"I've Got the Joy"** *arr. by* Valerie Stephenson  
Attie Carr Carlton Handbell Choir

*I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart (where?)  
Down in my heart to stay.  
I've got the love of Jesus down in my heart.  
I've got the peace that passes understanding.  
Down in my heart to stay.*

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

Welcome and Announcements

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

Choral Call to Worship

**"Holy Ground"**

Geron Davis

*We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around;  
Let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.*

*"We usually know what we can do, but temptation shows us who we are"  
Thomas à Kempis (1380-1471), German-Dutch monastic, priest, and spiritual writer*

Opening Sentences

Elder Greg Maready

*Leader: From enticements that cannot fully satisfy, we turn away.*

**All: From endless pursuits that cannot deliver life, we turn away.**

*Leader: From emptiness and half-truths, we turn away.*

**All: Instead, we turn to revel in God, giver of every good and perfect gift.  
Let us worship the Lord our God.**

\*Hymn #166

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

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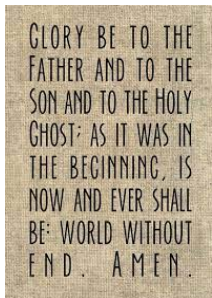
\*Unison Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you travel ahead of us on our journeys and meet us in unexpected places. In moments of temptation, in moments of isolation, in moments of confusion, you are there, offering us hope for a new day, shaping us by your holy Word, and drawing us together into the mystery of the body of Christ. We come before you bringing our lives with their burdens, cares, hopes and ambitions. We confess that we are focused on these things and distracted from our deeper calling and best selves. In your mercy, forgive us and free us from all burden and sin so that we might enjoy you and each other. Transform our hearts and lives, so that we may be a changed people, strengthened and renewed, better able to follow our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Lord, hear our prayers . . .**

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

*Temptation is the devil looking through the keyhole. Yielding is opening the door and inviting him in."  
Billy Sunday (1862-1935), National League outfielder, influential American evangelist*

"and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."  
The Lord's Prayer



\*Responsive Assurance of Pardon (based on Psalm 32)  
Leader: Hear the words of the Psalmist: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin covered.

**All: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice.**

Leader: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God we are made new.**

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

\*Hymn #175

**"Seek Ye First"**

LAFFERTY

Prayer for Illumination

**Almighty God, during this time of Lent we are reminded that many voices call to us, various paths lie before us, and the possibilities for distraction are endless. Lord of life, may we hear your Word clearly in worship today that we might recognize you more clearly as you come to us during this season of Lent. Amen.**

*Temptations are never so dangerous as when they come to us in a religious garb."*  
Dwight L. Moody (1837-1899), American evangelist and publisher

Epistle Lesson

*Hebrews 4:14-16*

Elder Greg Maready

Special Music

**"Prelude on Holy Manna"**

*arr. by Cathy Marker*

Attie Carr Carlton Handbell Choir

*Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;  
Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;  
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.*

Gospel Lesson

*Matthew 4:1-11*

Sermon

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

**A Gospel Itinerary for Lent: The Wilderness  
"Tempted and Tried"**

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

*"God is better served in resisting a temptation to evil than in many formal prayers."  
William Penn (1644-1718), English writer, religious thinker, founder of the Province of Pennsylvania*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory **"A Quiet Moment with Amazing Grace"** *arr. by Mary McDonald*

\*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: *Philippians 2:5-11*

**Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

\*Hymn #783

**"When We Are Tested"**

ANGELS OF HEALING

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction

**"Amen"**  
*Amen, Amen, Amen.*

Thomas Palvechko

\*Postlude

*\*All who are able may stand.*



*"Stay awake and pray that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is indeed willing, but the flesh is weak."  
Matthew 26:41*



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 26	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 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 Ministry Offering 4:00-6:00 pm Confirmation Class
Monday, February 27	7:00 pm Bible Study, via Zoom
Wednesday, March 1	10:00 am Bible Study, via Zoom & in person, Rm 304 6:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Choir Practice
Thursday, March 2	12:30 pm Meeting of the East Commission on Ministry, Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, Room 304
Saturday, March 4	8:00 am-2:30 pm The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina meets at Wallace Presbyterian Church



## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \* **Please join** the minister for our weekly Bible Study on Monday night, February 27 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. via Zoom and/or Wednesday morning, March 1 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in Room 304 and via Zoom. Our stop this week on "A Gospel Itinerary for Lent" will be Luke 9:28-36, the story of the Mount of Transfiguration. Check your email on Monday for the Zoom links.
- \* **This morning** we receive our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering which provides much needed weekend food for students in Duplin County Schools.
- \* **World Day of Prayer 2023** will be Friday, March 3, 2023 a 10:00 am at Wallace United Methodist Church. Wallace PW will provide the program entitled "*I Have Heard About Your Faith*" written by the women of Taiwan based on Ephesians 1: 15-19. Everyone is invited.
- \* **Our church will host** the 127th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina on Saturday, March 4. Ruling Elders and Ministers from approximately 180 churches in Southeastern North Carolina will gather in person and via Zoom for worship, fellowship, and business. A dedicated team of church members has been hard at work preparing to host our fellow Presbyterians.
- \* **We will receive our quarterly (March, June, September, and December) P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) offering on Sunday, March 5.** This offering supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina and provides funding for children's feeding programs in Haiti and Malawi. The Hunger Program also provides grants for church food pantries such as our Helping Hands Food Pantry.
- \* **Christian love and sympathy** is extended to the family of Rev. Charles Davenport, former pastor here at Wallace Presbyterian Church, who died on Wednesday, February 21. Our prayers are with Betty, Bryan, Jason, Carrie and their families.

### Today

**February 26**



02/26:

Greg & Geneva  
Maready



Kevin Johnson  
Clay Blue  
Devan Riley

### Opening Church Building

February 16-28  
Clay Blue

### Children's Church

02/26/23  
Bailey Riley