

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday of Lent

March 3, 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

“Near the Cross”

arr. Lloyd Larson

*In the cross, Be my glory ever,
Till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Royal Johnson

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

Choral Call to Worship

“Stay with Me”

Jacques Berthier

Stay with me; remain here with me; watch and pray. Watch and pray.

Opening Sentences (*Psalm 19:7-10*)

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

People: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

People: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

Leader: The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

People: They are more desirable than gold and sweeter than honey.

*Hymn #32

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

ELLACOMBE

*Prayer of Confession

God of love and truth, we long to walk in your paths. We yearn to follow in the ways that lead to life and wholeness. Yet it is hard to know if we are taking the right paths on our journey of faith. We worry that we will wander off, even when we don't mean to. May your love set us right, forgive our mistakes, and show us where we should go. Amen.

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

People: The grace of Christ is sufficient for us.

Leader: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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 #432

"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

REPTON

Prayer for Illumination (*Psalm 19:14*)

Elder Royal Johnson

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

Anthem

"Once Upon a Tree"

Pepper Choplin

*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, once upon a tree."*

Gospel Reading

John 2:13-22

Sermon

"Spring Cleaning"

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

P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) Offering

Offertory

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

arr. Mark Hayes

Sweet hour of prayer!

I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

*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: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;**

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;

the holy catholic Church;

the communion of saints;

the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body;

and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn #63

“The Lord Is God”

AZMON

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

“O Christ Surround Me”

Richard Colligan

God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice;

God, be the strength to now uphold me: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 3	THIRD 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/P.A.T.H. Offering
Monday, March 4	10:30 am Circle #1: Room 304
Tuesday, March 5	10:30 am Circle #3: Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm Circle #4: Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, March 6	10:00 am Bible Study, Room 304 6:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Transitional Ministry Team, Blue Room 7:00 pm Choir Practice

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Today we** receive our quarterly (March, June, September, and December) P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger). 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.
- **Pastor Led Bible Study** is Wednesday, March 6, at 10 am in room 304. The scripture for this week is John 3:14-21.
- **The Transitional Ministry Team** will meet on Wednesday, March 6, at 7:00 pm in the Blue Room of the Currie Building.



The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given in loving memory of Lacey Elizabeth Johnson by her family, Royal, Jennifer, Pearson and Elliana Johnson. Happy Birthday Sweet Girl, shine your light bright on the streets of heaven.

NURSERY

MARCH



03/03: Jennifer & Royal Johnson
03/10: Kristin & Bradley Cottle

Jason Rouse, Head
Joyce Ange Michael Patram
Sam Rose Dave Wells

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

03/03: Debbie Price
03/10: Casey Hall

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

March 1-15: Jason Rouse
March 16-31: Greg Maready

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