

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025

11:00 A.M

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome

Elder Karla Casteen

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

Prelude

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

arr. Joel Raney

*Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast.*

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

“Stay with Me”

Taize Community

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

Opening Sentences

Welcome home, beloved children of God!

Gathered in God's arms, we come to worship.

Sheltered in God's love, we come to grow in love.

Abiding in God, we seek solace and comfort.

Even as God sends us on wilderness journeys,

we trust that God is with us, guiding and protecting our days.

*Hymn #630

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

CRUSADERS' HYMN

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robert Lapp

God of our weary years, when we are tired beyond words, lift us up and guide us forward. Pour your grace into our souls, when we give in to temptation and stray where we were never meant to go. Merciful God, guide us back to you and show us the path home. In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation.

All who call on God's name are saved.

We can rest assured in this promise.

Amen and amen.

*Gloria Patri

“Glory Be to the Father”

Hymn #581

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

*Hymn #166

“Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days”

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Unison Prayer for Illumination

Elder Karla Casteen

Lord God, open our hearts to your Spirit that the words read and proclaimed would go beyond ink, paper, digital images and sound. May these Scripture readings be the spiritual imparting of your deepest desires for the world into our hearts.

Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Special Music

**“Fairest Lord Jesus” with
“Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring”**

arr. Linda McKechnie
by JS Bach

*Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, love most bright;
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light.*

Gospel Lesson

Luke 4:1-13

Sermon

“If You are the Son of God...”

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

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” arr. Mark Hayes
*What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.*

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymn #606

*Prayer of Dedication

*Affirmation of Faith: *Philippians 2:5-11*

**In your relationships with one another,
have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:**

Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something
to be used to his own advantage;
rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

*Hymn #465

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

CONVERSE

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction **“Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen”** American Folk Melody
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

*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

Rev. Robert (Robb) Lapp
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Treasurer

Wayne Casteen

Clerk of Session

Hone Turnbull

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





MARCH



03/09: Kristin & Bradley Cottle
03/16: Courtenay & Parker Thompson

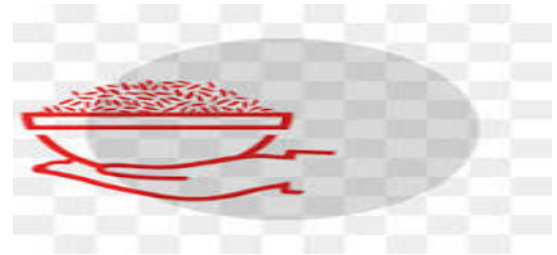
Jason Rouse, Head
Sam Rose Dave Wells
Michael Patram

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

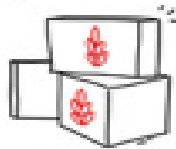
03/09: Lindsay & Hayes Skidmore
03/16: Kristin Cottle

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

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



Wallace Presbyterian Church
Saturday, May 17th
1 - 3 PM



Through this event, we will package meals to be distributed through global partners that administer school feeding programs, orphanages, health clinics, vocational training or respond to crises. Please scan the code or go to the church website to register for this event.

events.riseagainsthunger.org/wallacepresbyterian



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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 9		FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 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 Called Session Meeting 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Worship 5:00 pm Cub Scouts-Pack 35
Wednesday, March 12		10:00 am Bible Study, Room 304 6:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm PNC, Room 304
Saturday, March 15		9:00 am Presbytery Vision Summit, Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **New Members** - This morning we welcome Casey and Christina Phillips into membership of the church by reaffirmation of faith. Casey works for the NC Wildlife Commission and Christina at Smithfield Foods. They have two boys: Will (12) and Walt (10). Please extend a warm WPC welcome to this family!
- **Pastor Led Bible Study** on Wednesday, March 12, 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 13:31-35
- **We will receive** our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering during worship on Sunday, March 23. This offering is an extension of Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries and provides lunches and weekend food for students in Duplin County Schools.
- **We will receive** the 5th Sunday Building Offering on Sunday, March 30. This offering helps us provide and maintain our church physical plant so our worship, education, and outreach ministries can continue. Thank you for your generous support!
- **Food Pantry Needs for the month of March: Jam & Jelly**-The Food Pantry can also use some plastic grocery bags. If you have an abundance of grocery bags, bring them to the church! We can use them! Thank you!



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.



SAVE THE DATE! Friday, April 17, 2025
7:00 pm
Good Friday Joint Service with
Beulaville Presbyterian Church at
Wallace Presbyterian Church