

# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY *Second Sunday of Lent*

March 16, 2025

11:00 A.M

### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome

Elder Sandy Cobb

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

Prelude

**“And He Never Said a Word”**

Michael Ryan

Attie Carr Carlton Handbell Choir

*O sacred head now wounded with grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns Thine only crown.  
They crucified my Lord, and He never said a mumbalin' word, not a word.*

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 (*Psalm 27*)

*God, our light and our salvation, calls us to worship.*

**We gather in faith, confidence, and praise.**

*Come, seek the face of God.*

**God's face shines upon us with grace and love.**

*Be strong, my friends, for God is here.*

**Thanks be to God for this wonderful gift.**

\*Hymn #321

**“The Church's One Foundation”**

AURELIA

\*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robert Lapp

**Lord God, we often feel scattered and lost, separated from you and from one another. Gather us in. Comfort us in our loneliness. Dispel our doubts and fears. Correct our wayward feet and strengthen our faith, that we might hear your voice, trust your promises, and stand firm in your ways. In your light and love, we pray. Amen.**

\*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

*God does not forsake us in times of trial.*

**Our God is a gracious God, abounding in steadfast love.**

*Know that in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.*

\*Gloria Patri

**“Glory Be to the Father”**

Hymn #581

### **PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD**

Children’s Sermon

\*Hymn #418

**“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”**

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Elder Sandy Cobb

**Merciful God, open us to your Word and your way. Help us to seek you, your truth, and the message you intend for us today. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

*Psalm 27*

Special Music

**“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**

arr. Sandra Eithun  
Attie Carr Carlton Handbells

*See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

Gospel Lesson

*Luke 13:31-35*

Sermon

**“Jesus Weeps For Us”**

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

**“Near the Cross”**

arr. Lloyd Larson

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

\*Doxology

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

Hymn #606

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Affirmation of Faith: *(from 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 #442

**“Just as I Am, without One Plea”**

WOODWORTH

\*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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### **Secretary**

Cheryl Brinkley  
[cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com](mailto:cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com)

### **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



03/16: Courtenay & Parker Thompson  
03/23: Emily & Hayes Ludlum

Jason Rouse, Head  
Sam Rose            Dave Wells  
Michael Patram

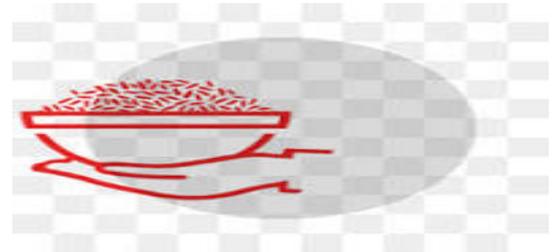
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

03/16: Kristin Cottle  
03/23: Danielle Sills

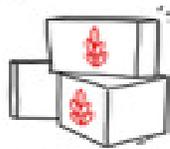
**OPENING CHURCH BUILDING**

March 16-31: Greg Maready

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER**



**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](https://events.riseagainsthunger.org/wallacepresbyterian)



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

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 16		SECOND 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	Fellowship Time
	11:00 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	Cub Scouts-Pack 35
Monday, March 17	5:30 pm	PW Coordinating Team Meeting, Blue Room
Tuesday, March 18	6:00 pm	Session Meeting, Room 304
Wednesday, March 19	10:00 am	Bible Study, Room 304
	6:00 pm	Handbells
	7:00 pm	PNC, Room 304

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team** will meet Monday, March 17, at 5:30 pm in the Blue Room.
- **The session** will meet on Tuesday, March 18 at 6:00 pm in Room 304. If you have any business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or the pastor.
- **Pastor Led Bible Study** on Wednesday, March 19, 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 13:1-9
- **We will receive** our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering next Sunday, March 23, during worship. 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Dave & Brenda Long in memory of his brother Don Long, who was a member of Montpelier Presbyterian Church in Wagram, NC.*



**SAVE THE DATE! Friday, April 17, 2025**

**7:00 pm**

**Good Friday Joint Service with  
Beulaville Presbyterian Church at  
Wallace Presbyterian Church**

