

# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

March 17, 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    **“Oh Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”**    arr. Purifoy  
*Oh joy you seek me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to thee.  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, And feel the promise is not vain  
Then morn shall tearless be.*

Welcome and Announcements    Elder Debbie Price  
*(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 *(from Psalm 51)*

*Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;*

**People: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.**

*Leader: You desire truth in our deepest selves, so teach our hearts wisdom.*

**People: Let us hear your joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

*Leader: Create in us clean hearts, O God; put new and right spirits within us.*

**People: Sustain in us willing spirits and restore us to the joy of your salvation.**

\*Hymn #826

**“Lift High the Cross”**

CRUCIFER

\*Prayer of Confession

**Living Christ, with whom we journey to the cross, we confess that we long for the fullness of life with you, but we are slow to abandon the comforts of the life we know. We seek the fruit of new life, but we are not willing to die to ourselves. You call us to lay down our lives for others, but we stubbornly cling to “me and mine.” Yet you offer the grace of life abundant, even when our best efforts fall short. Transform us, renew us, and free us from our attachment to what was, so that you might bring us into the glory of what will be. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

\*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

*Leader: The One who engraves his law on our hearts is faithful,*

**People: remembering our sins no more.**

*Leader: We are loved and accepted,*

**People: for it is sealed within us by our gracious God.**

*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 #833

**"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"**

ST. MARGARET

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Debbie Price

**God of living water, pour out your Spirit and nourish your Word within us, that in its time, that Word may bear much fruit. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 31:31-34*

Gospel Reading

*John 12:20-33*

Sermon

**"God's Desire"**

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

Offertory

**“What Wondrous Love Is This”**

arr. Purifoy

*What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.*

\*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: (Heidelberg Catechism, Q.1)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That we are not our own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. Because we belong to him, Christ, by the Holy Spirit, assures us of eternal life and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for God.**

\*Hymn #215

**“What Wondrous Love Is This”**

WONDROUS LOVE

\*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 17	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 9:45 am Adult Sunday School Class 10:00 am Sunday School Classes 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Worship
Tuesday, March 19	7:00 pm Session Meeting, Room 304
Wednesday, March 20	10:00 am Bible Study, Room 304 6:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Transitional Ministry, Blue Room 7:00 pm Choir Practice
Thursday, March 21	12:00 pm Community Lenten Service, WM

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pastor Led Bible Study** is Wednesday, March 20, at 10 am in room 304. The scripture for this week is Mark 15:1-39.
- **The Transitional Ministry Team** will meet on Wednesday, March 20, at 7:00 pm in the Blue Room of the Currie Building.
- **The Wallace Methodist Church** will host the Community Lenten Service and Luncheon on Thursday, March 21 at 12 noon. Rev. Jacob Capps will be the speaker and Caleb LeVan will provide the music.
- **Community Counseling Center Annual Spring Plant Sale**-Saturday, March 23, 2024, 8:00-12:00 pm-4810 Wrightsville Avenue, Wilmington, NC. Sponsored by Johnson Nursery Corporation. Please come out and support as 100% of all proceeds are given to the Center to aid in our mission of supporting our community's mental and emotional well-being.
- **Camp Kirkwood Creation Camp**- Coming soon! Creation Camp is coming soon, June 2– June 6. The registration window will be open March 17– April 28. Forms will be available in the Fellowship Hall and on line. Debbie Price will be glad to answer any questions you may have. She can be reached at 757-408-0964 or [duprice525@gmail.com](mailto:duprice525@gmail.com).



*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.*

### NURSERY

### MARCH



**03/17: Harriet Farrior & Joyce Ange**  
**03/24: Emily & Hayes Ludlum**

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

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**03/17: Courtenay Thompson**  
**03/24: Geneva Maready**

### OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

**March 16-31: Greg Maready**