



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2023

11:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

Prelude "Amazing Grace" arranged by Joel Raney

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.*

Welcome and Announcements

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

Choral Call to Worship "Jesus, Remember Me" Jacques Berthier

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

"O Lord, make this Lenten season different from the other ones. Let me find you again. Amen." Henri Nouwen (1932-1996), Dutch Catholic priest, writer, and theologian

Opening Sentences Elder Sandy Cobb

Leader: Once we lived in darkness.

All: Now the light of God has shone upon us.

Leader: Find what is pleasing to God and follow God's ways.

All: The acts of darkness are left behind as we journey to God's light.

Leader: Thanks be to God who gives us the light.

All: Lord, open our eyes and our hearts to receive your light of salvation.

*Hymn #627

"I Love You, Lord"

I LOVE YOU, LORD

"Lent is seeing how to take steps into God's future so that we are no longer defined by what is past." Walter Brueggemann, American Protestant Old Testament scholar and theologian

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, in a world filled with so much pain, we would rather shut our eyes and be blind than see things as they really are. Grant us the courage to face the reality of our world. Give us the strength to bring your light to those who walk in darkness. Help us see others as you see them. Forgive us when we do not trust you enough to open our eyes to the possibilities before us. Heal our self-inflicted blindness, O God, and lead us in the footsteps of Jesus, the Light of the world, who reveals your glory in his life, his teachings, and his love. In his holy name, we pray. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

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

“God loved us before he made us; and his love has never diminished and never shall.”

Julian of Norwich (1343 – after 1416 A.D.), English Christian mystic, whose writings, now known as Revelations of Divine Love, are the earliest surviving English language works by a woman

“I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.”
Hymn #377, “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light,” in *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal*

***Responsive Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: In the light of God, all is made clear. We see how much God loves us and how much God loves all people.

All: We see Christ, the Light of the world, in Scripture and in our lives. Although we once were blind, now we see!

Leader: Believe the good news! In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

All: We believe! God, help our unbelief!

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 #451

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

OPEN MY EYES

Prayer for Illumination

O God, prepare our hearts to discover your Word. Heal us from those places where our blindness keeps us from seeing you. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-9

Elder Sandy Cobb

Anthem

“The Garden Path”

Joseph Martin

*Along a garden path, the Savior walked alone,
Praying to His Father, “Let Thy will be done.”
Surrounded by the night, He knelt in agony,
Knowing that the way of grace would lead to Calvary.
Jesus walked His lonesome valley. He had to walk it by Himself.
Nobody else could walk it for Him. He had to walk it by Himself.
Along a garden path, the Shepherd asked His sheep,
“Will you watch with Me awhile? The shadows fall so deep.”
Then walking on alone where only He could trod,
The Savior climbed Mount Calvary to do the will of God.
Jesus climbed His lonesome mountain. He had to climb it by Himself.
Nobody else could climb it for Him. He had to climb it by Himself.
Jesus walked the path of sorrow. He had to walk it by Himself.
Nobody else could walk it for Him. He had to walk it by Himself.*

Gospel Lesson

John 9:1-41

Sermon

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

**A Gospel Itinerary for Lent: The Pool
“Believing is Seeing”**

A Time for Silent Reflection



WEEKLY CALENDAR


Sunday, March 19	FOURTH 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/ Congregational Meeting
Monday, March 20	7:00 pm Bible Study, via Zoom
Tuesday, March 21	5:30 pm PW Coordinating Team Meeting-Blue Room 7:00 pm Session Meeting, Room 304
Wednesday, March 22	10:00 am Bible Study, via Zoom & in person, Rm 304 6:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Choir Practice
Thursday, March 23	12:00 pm Lenten Worship and Luncheon, Wallace United Methodist Church




NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **The session** has called a Congregational Meeting to be held immediately following worship today for the purpose of concurring with the pastor's request to the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina that his relationship with the Wallace church be dissolved effective May 31, 2023 so that he might be Honorably Retired.
- * **You are invited** to be part of our weekly Bible Study on Monday, March 20 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. via Zoom and Wednesday morning, March 22 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. in Room 304 and via Zoom. Our stop on the Gospel Itinerary for Lent this week is John 11:1-45, the tomb where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. Check your email on Monday for the Zoom links.
- * **The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team Meeting** will be Tuesday, March 21 at 5:30 in the Blue Room.
- * **The session** will meet on Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 304. Please keep our elders and minister in your prayers as they lead us.
- * **The second Community Lenten Service & Luncheon** will be Thursday, March 23 at 12:00 noon at the Wallace United Methodist Church. Speaker: Rev. Dan Sellers Music: Sarah Fussell.
- * **COMING SOON! Kirkwood Creation Camp-June 4-June 8.** Kindergarten to Grade 5. Youth Helpers: Current Grade 6-Grade 12. Adult volunteers needed. See Flyer in today's bulletin for more information.
- * **Congratulations to Sandra Phillips and Ron Meadows** who were married in our sanctuary on Thursday afternoon.

**Today
March 19**

 **Nursery**
03/19/23:
Courtenay Thompson & Joyce Ange

 **USHERS**
Sam Rose
Jason Rouse
Dave Wells

Opening Church Building
March 16-31
Dave Wells

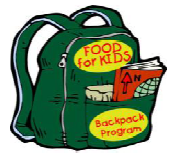
Children's Church
03/19/23
Debbie Price



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.



**FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/
BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING
SUNDAY, MARCH 26**



Kirkwood Creation Camp



Kirkwood Creation Camp is Coming Soon!

When: June 4 - June 8

Sunday 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

4:00 WPC Swim Test

Hot Dog Dinner

Mon-Wed 9:00 AM - 3:15 PM

Thur 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Closing Worship

Walking Taco Dinner

Who: Current Kindergarten to Grade 5

Youth Helpers: Current Grade 6 - Grade 12

Adult Volunteers Needed

Registration

March 19 - April 30

Registration Forms: available in the Fellowship Hall or

<https://wallacepresbyterian.com/>

Cost Per Child/Volunteer: \$20

Make checks payable to WPC

Forms Required for Registration (*Return forms to Debbie Price or the basket in the Fellowship Hall*)

- Participant Registration Form or Volunteer Registration Form
- YMCA of Southeastern NC Release Waiver

