

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday of Easter/Communion

April 7, 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

“Low in the Grave He Lay”

arr. Mark Hayes

*Up from the grave He arose with a mighty triumph o'er His foes.
He arose a Victor from the dark domain and He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Royal Johnson

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

Moment for Mission

RIP Medical Debt Relief

Choral Call to Worship

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Donald Fishel

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.

Opening Sentences

Leader: Into our fears and through our locked doors.

People: Come, Eternal God.

Leader: Into the depth of our guilt and shame.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: Into the soul of our being and throughout all the world.

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

*Hymn #248

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

HYMN TO JOY

*Prayer of Confession

Redeeming God, forgive us for not expecting the risen Christ to show up when we are afraid and hiding behind locked doors. Forgive us for thinking that ministry mainly happens inside these walls and not out in the world into which we are sent. Forgive us for looking for your presence in all the familiar places but rarely in places of brokenness and defeat. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, repair what we are, and by the power of the resurrection, raise us up to serve others for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Jesus said:

People: “Peace be with you.”

Leader: Jesus promises:

People: “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven.”

Leader: Hear this hope and good news: We receive God’s grace so that we may forgive one another.

People: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri

Hymn #581

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Sermon

*Hymn #238

“Thine Is the Glory”

JUDAS MACCABEUS

Prayer for Illumination (*Unison*)

Elder Royal Johnson

Open us to the wisdom of your Word, O God, and enlighten us with your truth. Free us from all that distracts us and turns us from your path. Guide us and ground us in Christ’s everlasting hope. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

Special Music

Attie Carr Carlton Handbell Choir

“The Church’s One Foundation”

*The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

Sermon

“Easter Forgiveness”

Rev. Robert H. Lapp

A Time for Silent Reflection

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

arr. Mark Hayes

*Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, life up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*Doxology

Hymn #606

*The Affirmation of Faith: (*from The Study Catechism, Questions 43 and 46*)

What do you affirm when you say that he was “crucified, dead, and buried”?

That when our Lord passed through the door of real human death, he showed us that there is no sorrow that he has not known, no grief he has not borne, and no price he was unwilling to pay in order to reconcile us to God.

What do you affirm when you say that ‘on the third day he rose again from the dead’?

That our Lord could not be held by the power of death. Having died on the cross, he appeared to his followers, triumphant from the grave, in a new, exalted kind of life. In showing them his hands and his feet, the one who was crucified revealed himself to them as the Lord and Savior of the world.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Receiving of the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

*Hymn #246

“Christ Is Alive!”

TRURO

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction **“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”** Jeremiah Rankin

*God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd’s care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.*

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 7	Second Sunday of Easter/Communion 10:00 am Sunday School Classes 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Worship/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Monday, April 8	10:30 am Circle #1: Room 304
Tuesday, April 9	10:30 am Circle #3: Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm Circle #4: Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, April 10	10:00 am Bible Study, Room 304 (Luke 24:36b-48) 6:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Choir practice 7:00 pm Transitional Ministry Team Meeting, Blue Room

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **We will celebrate** the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper today during worship. All are welcome at the table.
- **RIP Medical Debt Relief** - The East Community of our Presbytery's goal is to raise \$20,000 which will eliminate \$2,000,000 of medical debt in the counties we serve. Our Session has committed to match every dollar given by our congregation up to \$1,000.00. The campaign ends on April 28.
- **Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT)** - This week you will receive an email with a link to an online survey. This information will be valuable in helping us plan for our future. Paper copies will be available. The survey will be open from April 14 - May 4.
- **SAVE THE DATE: Rise Against Hunger-May 18, 2024-1:00-3:00 pm.** WPC Fellowship Hall. You can register on church website.
- **Camp Kirkwood Creation Camp-** Coming soon! Creation Camp is coming, 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.



The flower arrangement is given by Greg and Geneva Maready in loving memory of Attie Carr Carlton and in honor of the 30th anniversary of the Attie Carr Carlton Handbell Choir.

NURSERY

APRIL



04/07: Tanya & Michael Patram
 04/14: Danielle Sills & Hope Turnbull

Curt Simpson, Head
 Royal Johnson James Whitfield
 Stan Skidmore

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

04/07: Danielle Sills
 04/14: Debbie Price

April 1-15: Stan Skidmore