

# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

April 21, 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

**“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”**

arr. Mark Hayes

*Your sure provisions, Gracious God, attend me all my days;  
Oh may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.  
Here would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;  
No more a stranger nor a guest, but like a child at home.*

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Kevin Johnson

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

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: The Lord is my shepherd, I will fear no darkness.*

**People: Christ, the Good Shepherd, has compassion for all.**

*Leader: Open your hearts to goodness and mercy today.*

**People: Love, not merely in thought and word, but in truth and action.**

*Leader: Let us love one another, as God in Christ loves us.*

\*Hymn #327

**“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”**

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(Psalm 117)

\*Prayer of Confession

**Shepherding God, you guide us, but we are slow to follow and stubborn in our ways. You welcome us to your fold, but we make others feel as if they don't belong. Forgive the ways we exclude and judge; the ways we evaluate and compare, demean and degrade. Redeem us. Restore us. Help us be faithful as your flock. Amen.**

\*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

*Leader: Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews.*

**People: Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings.**

*Leader: We are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace.*

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri

Hymn #581

## **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

Children's Sermon

\*Hymn #803

**"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"**

(Psalm 23)

RESIGNATION

Prayer for Illumination (*Unison*)

Elder Kevin Johnson

**God our helper, guide us into and through your Word, that we might be shaped by your Spirit's message to us today and transformed for service in your world. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

*Psalm 23*

Gospel Reading

*John 10:11-18*

Sermon

**"The Good Shepherd"**

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

**"Abide With Me"**

*arr.* John Purifoy

*When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, oh abide with me.*

\*Doxology

Hymn #606

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*The Affirmation of Faith: *(From a Brief Statement of Faith)*

**We trust in Jesus Christ,  
fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

\*Hymn #836

**“Abide with Me”**

EVENTIDE

\*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 21

Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:45 am Adult Sunday School Class

10:00 am Sunday School Classes

10:30 am Fellowship Time

11:00 am Worship

12:00 noon CAT Assistance, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 24

10:00 am Bible Study, Room 304 (Scripture: Acts 8:26-40)

6:00 pm Handbells

7:00 pm Choir practice

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **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)** – You have received 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 link will close on May 4.

• **Rise Against Hunger-May 18, 2024-1:00-3:00 pm.** WPC Fellowship Hall. You can register on church website.

• **Camp Kirkwood Creation Camp-** Creation Camp is June 2– June 6. Registrations are due by April 28. Forms are 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).

• **Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering:** Please join the Presbyterian Women at the Spring Gathering! Fellowship & Dinner-Tuesday, May 14 at 6:00 pm at Rose Hill Restaurant. Five dollars (\$5) will reserve your space for dinner. See your Circle Chair for details & to reserve your space.



*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Dan and Tanya Robinson in loving memory of Dr. John D. Robinson, jr., whose birthday was April 15.*

### NURSERY

APRIL



04/21: Christy Johnson & Payton Westbrook

04/28: Debbie & Katie Price

Curt Simpson, Head

Royal Johnson James Whitfield

Stan Skidmore

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

04/21: Miller & Emily Ludlum

04/28: Mary Laine Rouse

### OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

April 16-30: Blake Wallace