

# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

April 28, 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

**“Be Thou My Vision”**

arr. Larry Shackley

*Thou and thou only first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Danielle Sills

*(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 (*John 15:4-6*)

*Leader: Jesus said, “Abide in me as I abide in you.*

**People: Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.**

*Leader: I am the vine; you are the branches.*

**People: Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.”**

\*Hymn #450

**“Be Thou My Vision”**

SLANE

\*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Forgive our pursuit of all that separates us from you and from each other. We desire more and more, knowing that it will never be enough. We turn toward the things of this world hoping to find fulfillment in them, only to be left empty. Forgive us, we pray, and may our wandering hearts find their rest in you alone. Amen.**

\*Responsive Assurance of Pardon (*from 2 Corinthians 5:17*)

*Leader: Hear the good news! In Christ, we are new creations.*

**People: The old life is gone, thank God! A new life has begun.**

*Leader: Know you are forgiven, and be at peace.*

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri

**“Glory Be to the Father”**

Hymn #581

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls and Heart Pillows

**PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD**

Children’s Sermon

\*Hymn #482

**“Baptized in Water”**

BUNESSAN

Prayer for Illumination (*Unison*)

Elder Danielle Sills

**Gracious God, may your Holy Spirit open our hearts and minds to your words of love and grace this day. Amen.**

Gospel Reading

*John 15:1-8*

Anthem

**“Christ Be with Me”**

Michael Bryson

*Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me.  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ to fill me and fulfill me. Christ be always my all in all.  
Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart, Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.  
Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me.  
Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word,  
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger.  
Christ to fill me and fulfill me. Christ be always my all in all.*

New Testament Reading

*Acts 8:26-40*

Sermon

**“Water Is Thicker than Blood”**

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

FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN BACKPACK OFFERING

RIP Medical Debt Offering

Offertory

**“Be Thou My Vision”**

*arr.* Dan Forrest

*Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.*

\*Doxology

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

Hymn #606

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*The Affirmation of Faith: *(The Apostles' Creed)*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,**

**Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;**

**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**he descended into hell;**

**the third day he rose again from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;**

**from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;**

**the holy catholic Church;**

**the communion of saints;**

**the forgiveness of sins;**

**the resurrection of the body;**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Hymn #286

**“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”**

TRENTHAM

\*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 28

Fifth 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/Feed Our Hungry Children Backpack Ministry Offering/RIP Medical Debt Offering

Wednesday, May 1

- 10:00 am Bible Study, Room 304 (Scripture: John 5:9-17)
- 6:00 pm Handbells
- 7:00 pm Choir practice

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **This morning** we receive our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/ Backpack Ministry offering. This ministry is an extension of the Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries in Wallace and provides weekend food for students in the Duplin County Education system. Numerous organizations and individuals support this ministry. Thank you for your generosity!
- **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.
- **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 are 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 arrangement is in loving memory of Shirley Moore Carlton (February 7, 1935–April 29, 2023). As a family, we are forever grateful for her strength, faith, love, and grace.*

NURSERY

APRIL



04/28: Debbie & Katie Price  
05/05: Sara Matthews & Kelli Norris

Curt Simpson, Head  
Royal Johnson James Whitfield  
Stan Skidmore

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

04/28: Mary Laine Rouse  
05/05: Jennifer Johnson

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

April 16-30: Stan Skidmore  
May 1-15: Jim Simpson