

**All who are able may stand.* *+The page number in the pew Bible.*



"Words which do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness."

Mother Teresa

Leader: God blesses us continually throughout all our lives.
People: Thanks be to God, for God's eternal love and blessing.
Amen.

“This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.”

1 John 1:5-7

*Hymn #1 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” NICAEA

*Unison Prayer of Confession
Merciful God, in Jesus Christ you walk beside us, sharing our joys and sorrows, restoring our lives, and giving us hope and courage. We confess that we have been slow to witness to the power of your presence in this world and in our lives. We live disconnected from one another and from you. Forgive us and fill us with such joy in your company that we will go forth and proclaim your glorious resurrection. Amen.

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon
Leader: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel.
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri Hymn #581 *Glory Be to the Father*

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Sermon

Anthem *arr. Hopson, 1994*
“We are Singing for the Lord Is Our Light”
*We are singing, for the Lord is our light, we are singing for the Lord is our light.
The Lord is the strength of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?
Though foes may be near to destroy; the Lord will be our light.
We are singing, for the Lord is our light, we are singing for the Lord is our light.
One thing have we asked of the Lord, yes, this is the thing we seek:
To dwell in the house of the Lord; to live with God forever.
We are singing, for the Lord is our light, we are singing for the Lord is our light.
When burdens are heavy to bear, our shelter is God alone.
Our feet are lifted high; yes, high upon a rock.
We are singing, for the Lord is our light, we are singing for the Lord is our light.
We walk in the strength of the Lord, God’s love is ever sure.
We shout that the world may hear, we sing a joyful song.
We are singing, for the Lord is our light, we are singing for the Lord is our light.*

Prayer for Illumination
Lord Jesus, as we worship today, connect our lives to your life. Let us feel your abiding presence. Strengthen us by your Word that we might go forth to bear fruit in your name. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson William Powell
Psalms 46, Responsive Reading, #380 (Glory to God)

*Hymn #377 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” HOUSTON

New Testament Lesson *Revelation 21:9-22:5* +Page 1008

Sermon “A River Runs Through It” Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Reflection
Pastoral Prayer with The Lord’s Prayer

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
*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.*

*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 #375 “Shall We Gather at the River” HANSON PLACE

*Benediction

“Jesus said to her, ‘Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.’”
John 4:13-14

“On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, ‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, “Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.”’”
John 7:37-38

Here is an additional verse not included in our hymnal:
“At the smiling of the river,
Mirror of the Savior’s face,
Saints, whom death will never sever,
Lift their songs of saving grace.”

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 1	9:40 am	Opening Assembly
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	12 noon	Youth Fellowship Bag Lunch Pickup
	10:30 am	Circle #1: Church Office Building
Monday, May 2		No SonRise Worship
Tuesday, May 3	10:30 am	Circle #3: Rose Hill Restaurant
	6:30 pm	Presbyterian Men, Wallace PC
	7:00 pm	Circle #4: Georgia Longest
Wednesday, May 4		No Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Handbells
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Our worship leader today** is William Powell, son of Myra Powell and Ross Powell. William is a 7th grader at Charity Middle School.
- **Presbyterian Men** will meet here at our church on Tuesday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m. for supper and Bible study. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- **Our guest preacher** next Sunday, May 8, will be Rev. Matt Highfill from Wilmington. Philip Gladden will be at UNC-Asheville for graduation ceremonies on Saturday.



Presbyterian Women 2016
Birthday Offering
Monday, May 23
at 7:00 PM



The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in loving memory of Eleanor Lea Robinson Walker.



NURSERY

05/01: Madelyn Coombs & Gerri Hanson
05/08: Ann Carter & Hope Turnbull



GREETERS

05/01: Bill & Susan Walters
05/08: Joey Fussell & Mary Carone

Opening Church Building: May 1-15: Jim Simpson



Joe Tillman, Leader

Joey Brinkley
Jonathan Fussell

Sam Rose
Jim Sills



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

05/01: Garrett Bullard & Rance Creech
05/08: Ellie Carone & Anna Grace Carr



Myree Bland home, Avalee Bowman- The Oaks at Mayview, Raleigh, **N.H. Carter, Billy Cavanaugh,** Leukemia, **Joe Dormagen** (Verlie Wells' son-in-law), **Amy Edgerton-**cancer, **Thomas Edgerton Family, Betty Hall,** (Davis Health Care Center, Wilmington) **Wright Lanier Family, Ann Quinn,** (Mary Carone's sister)-cancer, **John Rau, Brison Ricker** (15 years old in Michigan, diagnosed with inoperable brain tumor) **Dr. Jack Robinson Family, Judy Robinson, George Walker-**Rosemary, **Kelsea Webster, Verlie Wells-**Rosemary, **Members and friends in the armed services: Jason Payne.**

(When you request a name to be put on the prayer list, please notify the church office when you wish it to be taken off)



Friends of Camp Kirkwood

Group leaders needed for Camp Kirkwood
Vacation Bible School Camp, June 13-16

This summer, Vacation Bible School returns to Camp Kirkwood with many other Presbyterian churches from our area. Last summer's camp was a huge success, and this year we expect it to be even bigger.

One of our needs is for adults who can commit to being a Group Leader for the week. This job entails making sure your group of campers makes it from station to station during the day. Activities, such as Bible Stories, Music, Crafts and Games, will be headed up by other individuals. Your main job will be to make sure that everyone in your group stays safe and is where they need to be.

Each day will begin at 9 a.m., and end at 3 p.m., Monday thru Thursday, June 13-16. To help, please see Curt Simpson, or call him at [\(910\) 290-2194](tel:9102902194), or email him at curt.simpson@gmail.com.

More details on registration for campers (K-5th grade) and all helpers will be coming soon. Let's help make this the best VBS ever!