



# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Third Sunday of Easter*

May 4, 2025

11:00 A.M

### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome

Elder Karla Casteen

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

Prelude

### “Blessings”

arr. O'Neill

*What if your blessings come through raindrops?*

*What if your healing comes through tears?*

*What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know you're near?*

*And what if trials of this life are your mercies in disguise?*

Announcements

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 (*Psalm 30*)

*Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,*

**and give thanks to his holy name.**

*To you, O Lord, I cried,*

**and to the Lord I made supplication:**

*Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!*

**O Lord, be my helper!**

\*Hymn #238

### “Thine Is the Glory”

JUDAS MACCABEUS

\*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robert H. Lapp

**Risen Christ, we are often troubled by our doubts and fears but you do not require perfect understanding. Instead, you reveal yourself to us again and again that we might come to know you and love you. Forgive us when we fail to love those whom you love and fail to recognize your children as our siblings. Renew us and make us whole that we may be bearers of your peace. In resurrection hope we pray, Amen.**

\*Responsive Assurance of Pardon (*Psalm 30*)

*The Lord's anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.*

**Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

*Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri

**“Glory Be to the Father”**

Hymn #581

### **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

Children's Sermon

\*Hymn #761

**“Called as Partners in Christ's Service”**

BEECHER

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Elder Karla Casteen

**In the reading and hearing of your Word, O God, remove the scales from our eyes that we may see your works and know your ways. Amen.**

First Lesson

*John 21:1-19*

Second Lesson

*Acts 9:1-19*

Sermon

**“Loving Those Whom Jesus Loves”**

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

**“Christ, Be Our Light”**

arr. Mark Hayes

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.*

*Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

\*Doxology

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

Hymn #606

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Affirmation of Faith: *(from A Brief Statement of Faith)*

**We trust in God,**

**whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.**

**Ignoring God's commandments,**

**we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth,**

**exploit neighbor and nature,**

**and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

**We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**

**In everlasting love,**

**the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry,**

**God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.**

**Loving us still,**

**God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,**

**like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,**

**God is faithful still.**

\*Hymn #686

**“Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”**

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction

**“Amen”**

*Amen. Amen.*

Dresden

\*Postlude

*\*All who are able may stand.*

## THE SESSION

### Class of 2025

Sandy Cobb  
Debbie Price  
Blake Wallace

### Class of 2026

Kevin Johnson  
Royal Johnson  
Nell Sloan

### Class of 2027

Karla Casteen  
Geneva Maready  
Devan Riley

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

### **Interim Pastor**

Rev. Robert (Robb) Lapp  
[interimpastor@wallacepresbyterian.com](mailto:interimpastor@wallacepresbyterian.com)

### **Secretary**

Cheryl Brinkley  
[cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com](mailto:cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com)

### **Treasurer**

Wayne Casteen

### **Clerk of Session**

Hone Turnbull

### **Vision**

At Wallace Presbyterian Church, we envision a community where faith, friendship, and service intertwine to embody God's love and grace. We strive to create a nurturing environment and develop ministries where individuals of all ages can grow spiritually, form meaningful relationships, and actively participate in acts of compassion and service, both locally and beyond.

### **Mission**

To carry on Christ's mission today by enriching the lives of our church and community, nurturing the faith of children and youth, fostering meaningful relationships across all ages, and serving through dedicated outreach and support.

## THE CHURCH SCHOOL

Birth-Kindergarten.....Melony Henderson, Ellie Newton, Kelli Norris, Sara Matthews  
First-Third Grade.....Jennifer Johnson & Bailey Riley  
Fourth-Sixth Grade.....Kristin Cottle & Casey Hall  
Seventh-Ninth Grade.....Mary Laine Rouse & Lindsay Skidmore  
The Adult Class.....Glenn Price & Curt Simpson



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Sandy Cobb, Moderator  
Christy Johnson, Vice-Moderator  
Carol Steen, Treasurer  
Joyce Ange, Secretary  
Harriet Farrior, Debbie Price, Sanctuary Flowers





MAY



05/04: Sara Matthews & Kelli Norris  
05/11: Emily & Hayes Ludlum

Dan Robinson, Head  
Freddy Hall Tom Whitfield  
Kelli Norris

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**OPENING CHURCH BUILDING**

05/04: Kristin Cottle  
05/11: Kelli Norris

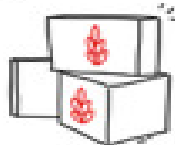
May 1-15: Jim Simpson  
May 16-31: Glenn Price

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER**



Help package  
10,000 meals  
to fight global hunger!

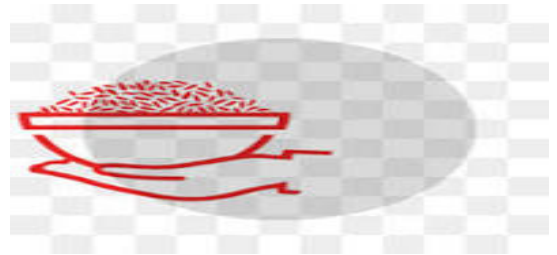
Wallace Presbyterian Church  
Saturday, May 17th  
1 - 3 PM



Register & donate!



[events.riseagainsthunger.org/wallacepresbyterian](https://events.riseagainsthunger.org/wallacepresbyterian)



Through this event, we will package meals to be distributed through global partners that administer school feeding programs, orphanages, health clinics, vocational training or respond to crises. Please scan the code or go to the church website to register for this event.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**KIRKWOOD CREATION  
CAMP**

JUNE 1ST THRU 5TH, 2025  
2015 CAMP KIRKWOOD RD  
WATHA, NC 28478



**Kirkwood Creation Camp June 1-5**

Registration ends today. Contact Debbie Price [duprice525@gmail.com](mailto:duprice525@gmail.com).

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 4	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
	9:00 am Choir Practice
	9:45 am Youth Group Handbell Practice
	Adult Sunday School Class
	10:00 am Sunday School Classes
	10:30 am Fellowship Time
	11:00 am Worship
	5:00 pm Cub Scouts-Pack 35
Tuesday, May 6	10:30 am Morning Circle-Rose Hill Restaurant
	7:00 pm Evening Circle-Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, May 7	10:00 am Bible Study, Room 304
	7:00 pm PNC, Room 304
Thursday, May 8	5:30 pm Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering, Rose Hill Restaurant

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pastor Led Bible Study** on Wednesday, May 7, at 10 am in room 304. Together we will examine the lectionary text for the following Sunday's sermon. We look forward to you joining us. Scripture: John 10:22-30.
- **Food Pantry Needs for the month of May: Peanut Butter, Canned Fruit.** Also, if you have any empty egg cartons, we can use them! Thank you!
- **Youth Sunday is May 18.** Our Youth will be doing our worship service.
- **The Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering** is Thursday, May 8, at 5:30 pm, at the Rose Hill Restaurant. Five dollars (\$5) will reserve your space for dinner. See your Circle Chair for details and to reserve your space.
- **East Community Gathering of the Presbytery at WPC on Saturday, May 31.** Bins are in the fellowship hall to collect non-perishable food items for **Helping Hands Food Pantry** and items for **Church World Service's feminine hygiene kits.**

Here's what's needed for one kit:

One 1-gallon size resealable bag Two 2oz bottle hand sanitizer

Three 4-gallon bathroom trash bags One travel pack of Wet Ones

5 regular Tampons 5 super absorbency Tampons

12 Pads (Unscented. Long super ultra-thin)

One pack of flushable wipes (Unscented. 42 count)

Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger. No Ivory or Jergens soap. Do not remove from packaging)

Six fragrance-free laundry sheets (placed in small, Ziploc bags)

Thank you in advance for your help. When we serve together, we can accomplish a lot.



*The flower arrangement in the sanctuary today is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dwight & Ethni Sykes by Lois Sykes (Tut) Hall.*