

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 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

“Deep River”

arr. Mark Hayes

*Deep river, my home is over Jordan.
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.*

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Kevin Johnson

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

Choral Call to Worship

“Sanctuary”

Thompon & Scruggs

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

Opening Sentences (*Psalm 98*)

Leader: Sing to our God a new song,

People: for God has done wondrous things.

Leader: The Holy One's might is not found in destruction,

People: but in steadfast love and constant faithfulness.

Leader: These gifts are not for us alone,

People: they are for one and all.

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Break forth into songs of praise.

Leader: Let all creation praise the Lord.

*Hymn #26

“Earth and All Stars!”

EARTH AND ALL STARS

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robert H. Lapp

Tender God, forgive us for our half-hearted faith that loves only when it is easy, and reaches out only to those who are like us, that ignores your less convenient commandments and fails to bear fruit anyone would rejoice in. Nourish us again, to blossom with whole-hearted faith that abides in your love and shines forth with joy. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the Good News! The only one who could judge us calls us friends.

People: Jesus chose us over his own life, so let us choose Jesus in the life we have now.

Leader: By the power of the Spirit, our sins are washed away, and we are made new.

People: Let us live as the reconciled and forgiven children of God.

*Gloria Patri

“Glory Be to the Father”

Hymn #581

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Sermon

*Hymn #686

“God of Our Life”

SANDON

Prayer for Illumination (*Unison*)

Elder Kevin Johnson

Holy Spirit, help us to hear familiar words with fresh ears, and to take your Holy Word to us seriously, as guide and pattern for our lives. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 25:21-28

Anthem

“Total Praise”

setting by Joel Raney

Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills, knowing my help is coming from you.

Your peace you give me in time of the storm.

You are the source of my strength, you are the strength of my life.

I lift my hands in total praise to you.

Holy, holy, Lord God almighty. Early in the morning my song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty. God in three persons, blessed Trinity. Amen.

Gospel Reading

John 15:9-17

Sermon

“God’s Choices”

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 **“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”** *arr.* John Purifoy
*I trace the rainbow through the rain and feel the promise is not vain.
Then morn shall tearless be.*

*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 #833 **“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”** S T. MARGARET

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction **“Amen”** Danish
Amen. Amen. Amen.

*Postlude **All who are able may stand.*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 5	SIXTH 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
Monday, May 6	10:30 am Circle #1: Room 304
Tuesday, May 7	10:30 am Circle #3: Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm Circle #4: Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, May 8	10:00 am Bible Study, Room 304
	6:00 pm Handbells
	7:00 pm Choir practice
	7:00 pm Transitional Ministry Team Meeting, Blue Room
Friday, May 10	6:00 pm Dance for Life, Celtic Court-Mad Boar

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pastor Led Bible Study** is Wednesday, May 8, 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. The scripture for this week is John 17:6-19.
- **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.
- **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. Debbie Price will be glad to answer any questions you may have. She can be reached at 757-408-0964 or duprice525@gmail.com.
- **Dance for Life,** May 10, 2024, 6:00 pm at Celtic Court, Mad Boar. All proceeds go to our "Helping Hands" Food Pantry and to Life Line Sampson. Tickets include dinner.

NURSERY

MAY



05/05: Joyce Ange & Kelli Norris
05/12: Courtenay Thompson & Sara Matthews

Dan Robinson, Head
Freddy Hall Tom Whitfield
Kelli Norris

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

05/05: Jennifer Johnson
05/12: Mary Laine Rouse

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

May 1-15: Jim Simpson