

# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466



7<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
of  
Easter

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

May 17, 2026

11:00 A.M

### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome

Elder Debbie Price

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

Prelude

**“Come Christians Join to Sing”** *arranged by Mark Hayes*

*Let all with heart and voice before his throne rejoice;  
Praise his is gracious choice, Alleluia, Amen!*

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

**“Celebrate”**

Carol Saylor

*Celebrate, come celebrate. Join in as God's people in worship and singing.*

*Celebrate, come celebrate. Rejoice as we witness His love.*

*As we follow the path of life, may His strength be shown.*

*Celebrate, come celebrate His loving us as His own.*

Opening Sentences

*We are the community of faith that has been created by the love of God.*

**We are the people who have been set free by the word of forgiveness  
in Jesus Christ.**

*We have come not to parade our own goodness but to praise the holiness of God.*

**We have come not to boast of what we have done but to proclaim the  
redeeming work of Jesus Christ. With all our being, we will praise you,  
O God, and tell of all your kindness toward us.**

\*Hymn #267

**“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”**

MADRID

\*Prayer of Confession

Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

**O most gracious God, we confess that we spend much of our lives on that  
which does not satisfy. We do not always count our time and resources as  
precious gifts, but squander them in meaningless activities and seemingly  
urgent needs. Look kindly upon us, for the temptation to waste is  
overwhelming in our world. Enable us to understand what is important, and to  
use the gifts of life responsibly, for we want to be your people in word and in  
deed. We lift this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

*Here the good news!*

**In Jesus Christ, we are made new and offered the chance to begin again.**

*Believe the good news!*

**We are forgiven! Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri

**“Glory Be to the Father”**

Hymn #581

**PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD**

Children’s Sermon

*(Children 2nd grade and younger may be dismissed to Children's Church)*

\*Hymn #828

**“More Love to Thee, O Christ”**

MORE LOVE TO THEE

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Elder Debbie Price

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read we may do more than hear the words on the page, but may hear your word for us this day. And may we do more than hear your words, but may we be transformed and challenged by them. In Christ’s name. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

*John 15:1-11*

Anthem

**“Who Shall Separate Us?”**

Pepper Choplin

*Who shall separate us from the love of our Lord?*

*I am persuaded that nothing on earth can separate us from the love of God.*

*Nothing in life and nothing in death can separate us from the love of God.*

*No angels, no powers can separate us from the love that is in Jesus, Christ Jesus, our Lord.*

*For we are more than conquerors over danger, trial and sword.*

*We are more than conquerors through the power of the love of our Lord.*

*I am persuaded that nothing on earth can separate us from the love of God.*

*No things present or things to come can separate us from the love of God.*

*No height nor depth in all creation shall separate us from the love that is in Jesus, our Lord.*

*I am persuaded that nothing on earth can separate us from the love of God.*

*The love that comes through Jesus, Christ Jesus, our Lord.*

*Who shall separate us from the love of our Lord?*

*We will live within the love of our Lord.*

Sermon

**“Abiding in Christ”**

Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

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

**“Be Thou My Vision”**

John Rutter

*Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower  
O raise thou me heavenward, great power of my power.*

\*Doxology

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

Hymn #606

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*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 #450

**“Be Thou My Vision”**

SLANE

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Choral Benediction

**“Go Now in Peace”**

Besig and Price

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Amen. Amen. Amen.*

\*Postlude

*\*All who are able may stand.*

**Next Week:**

Scripture: *Acts 2:1-21*

Sermon: **“When the Winds Change!”**

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 17

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am Choir Practice  
10:00 am Meet & Greet Pastor Joe & Angela  
10:00 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Fellowship Time  
11:00 am Worship  
5:00 pm Cub Scouts, Pack 35  
6:00 pm Session Meeting, Room 304

Tuesday, May 19

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **The session** will meet on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:00 pm in Room 304. If you have any business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or the pastor.

• **Upcoming Events:**

**Today-** We welcome Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn as our new pastor. Welcome Pastor Joe!

**May 17** – Pastor Joe's First Sunday; Meet and Greet at 10:00 am

**June 7-11** - Creation Camp @ Camp Kirkwood (kindergarten - fifth grade)

**July 5-** Communion

**July 19 -24** - CROSS MISSIONS (middle & high school youth)

• **Rise Against Hunger Meals WPC packed on March 21 are headed to the Philippines!**

The Philippines is one of the most environmentally prone countries in the world, it faces near constant threats of natural disasters. These disasters cause displacement and major loss of livelihoods and infrastructure, and disproportionately affect poor communities in rural areas, where people rely on agriculture and fishing. Rise Against Hunger serves the regions of the Philippines where hunger is most urgent.



*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Roy and Bettie Lettieri in loving memory of Bettie's parents John and Naomi Carr Sheffield's 100<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (5/17); and in loving memory of their children Hope, Frank, Roy Jr., and Naomi Lettieri, and their grandson Patrick Lettieri.*



**FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/  
BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING  
SUNDAY, May 24  
Final Offering of 2025-2026 School Year**



We will receive our final Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering of the 2025-2026 school year during worship on Sunday, May 24. This ministry is an extension of Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries and provides weekend food for students in Duplin County Schools. Thank you for your continued and faithful support of this ministry. You may contribute to the offering in worship, by mailing a check to the church at P.O. Box 717, Wallace, NC 28466, by dropping your contribution through the mail slot of the front door of the church office building, or by giving online at [www.wallacepresbyterian.com](http://www.wallacepresbyterian.com).



MAY



05/17: Jennifer & Royal Johnson  
05/24: Kristin & Bradley Cottle

Dan Robinson, Head  
Freddy Hall Tom Whitfield  
Kelli Norris

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**OPENING CHURCH BUILDING**

05/17: Bailey Riley  
05/24: Summer Break-Resumes 9/13

May 16-31: Glenn Price

**Stewardship** – In response to the gospel of Jesus Christ, we offer our gifts to God.  
Thank you for your generosity to the mission and ministry of WPC.



# Get Ready! It's almost time for Kirkwood Creation Camp

GET READY FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE WEEK OF FAITH, FRIENDS, AND FUN!

JUNE 7TH THRU 11TH, 2026

2015 CAMP KIRKWOOD RD  
WATHA, NC 28478



JOIN US FOR FUN!

## THE SESSION

### Class of 2026

Kevin Johnson  
Royal Johnson  
Nell Sloan

### Class of 2027

Karla Casteen  
Geneva Maready  
Devan Riley

### Class of 2028

Susan Carone  
Kristin Cottle  
Dwight Hall



## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

### Pastor

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn  
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### Secretary

Cheryl Brinkley  
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### Treasurer

Wayne Casteen

### Clerk of Session

Hope Turnbull

### Music Director

Karla Casteen

### Organist

Vera Simpson

### 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.....Ellie Newton, Kelli Norris, Danielle Sills, 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  
Brenda Long, Advent



Harriet Farrow, Debbie Price, Sanctuary Flowers, Susan Walters,  
Ann Carter, Candace Knowles, Bereavement