

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Day of Pentecost

May 28, 2023

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

“The Stinky Feet Song”

by Roger Day
WPC Children

*You are my neighbor, you are my friend, I'll always help you, no matter when.
You are my neighbor, a pal of mine. I'll be there for you, come rain or shine.
Even if you always have stinky feet. Even if you never brush all your teeth.
Even if you look like an alien! I'll be your neighbor, I'll be your friend.*

Opening Sentences

Elder Greg Maready

Leader: What does the Lord require of you?

All: To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

Leader: What does God command of us?

All: To love God with all our heart, and all our soul, and all our mind, and all our strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Leader: Let us worship the God who believes in us, and trusts in us, and abides with us.

All: Let us worship the God who will ask much of us, but will be beside us every step of the way.

*Hymn #701

“Lord, Prepare Me”
(Sanctuary)

SANCTUARY

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. Renew us and fill us with your Spirit. Lord, have mercy. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Renew us and fill us with your Spirit. Christ, have mercy. We confess that we have resisted your will and have failed to live in the light. Renew us and fill us with your Spirit. Lord, have mercy. Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. This we ask in the name of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: We are not far from the kingdom of God, for in Christ we are given grace and forgiveness.

All: Praise God for this marvelous gift! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri

**Glory Be to the Father
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

*Hymn #826

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, as we hear your Word, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength," let this be. Show us how. As we hear your Word, "Love your neighbor as yourself," let this be. Take us where we need to go. Lord, fill us with your love. Amen.

Gospel Lesson:

Mark 12:28-34

Elder Greg Maready

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 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.
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 Christ Jesus, our Lord.
Who shall separate us from the love?
We will live within the love of our Lord.*

Epistle Lesson:

Philippians 1:3-11

Sermon

"Thank God! Thank You!"

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

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

“Amazing Grace”

arranged by Sandra Eithun
Attie Carlton Handbell Choir

*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: *from* “A Declaration of Faith” of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

God makes himself known in Jesus Christ. Jesus' involvement in the human condition is God's involvement. His compassion for all kinds of people is God's compassion. His demand for justice, truth, and faithfulness is God's demand. His willingness to suffer rejection is God's willingness. Jesus' love for the very people who reject him is God's love. We must not set our ultimate reliance on any other help. We must not yield unconditional obedience to any other power. We must not love anyone or anything more than we love God. To worship God is highest joy. To serve God is perfect freedom.

Hymn #743

“O God, You Are My God”
(Step by Step)

STEP BY STEP

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

“Amen”

African American

*Postlude

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 28

9:30 am Alternative Sunday School Class, Room 304 & Zoom

10:00 am Sunday School Classes

11:00 am Worship, in person & livestream/Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day: Church Office Closed

Wednesday, May 30

7:00 pm Choir Practice

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Today we receive** our final Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering of the 2022-2023 school year. This offering is an extension of the Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries and provides food for students in Duplin County Schools. Thank you for your faithful and continued support!
- **The church office** will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.
- **Dr. Phil's** last day of work at WPC will be Wednesday, May 31. Effective June 1, his drphil@wallacepresbyterian.com email address will no longer be open.
- **Congratulations to** Andrew and Mary Kate Maready White on the birth of their daughter, Margaret Wallace "Maggie" White, on May 18 (8 lbs. 19.75 inches). Maggie's grandparents are Greg and Geneva Maready, and to Myles and Lauren Teachey on the birth of their son, William Lewis Teachey, born at 12:03 a.m. on Thursday, May 25. Emily Saunders is the proud grandmother.



The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary are given by Jackson and Natalie Gladden in honor of their parents, Phil and Nancy, and their entire family at the Wallace Presbyterian Church.



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BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING
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KIRKWOOD CREATION CAMP: JUNE 4 – JUNE 8