

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 1, 2025

11:00 A.M

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome

Elder Royal Johnson

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

Prelude

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" arr. Mark Hayes

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. And we pray that our unity will one day be restored And they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship **"Sanctuary"** Thompson & 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 (based on Psalm 97) The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice! **We tremble at God's awesome works!** The heavens proclaim God's righteousness! **The Lord is our guard and protector!**

Light dawns and joy fills our hearts!

Rejoice in the Lord and give thanks!

*Hymn #824

"There Is A Place of Quiet Rest"

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*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robert H. Lapp

Merciful God, you desire that the world might see your light shine through us. We confess we are often blinded by the glittering temptations of this world. We turn from your way, hurting the very ones we were called to serve. We grow frustrated with each other, seeking to silence anything besides our own desires. Forgive us. Melt us and mold us into more faithful disciples, seeking your light, reflecting your mercy, and sharing your grace. Amen.

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Friends, who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ prays for us and reaches out to us with endless love and mercy.

Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made ready to love and serve.



*Gloria Patri

"Glory Be to the Father"

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

*Hymn #465

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

CONVERSE

Elder Royal Johnson

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, we hunger and thirst for your Word. As we hear the Scriptures read and proclaimed, open our hearts to hear what you have to say to your church today. Fill us with the light of your love that, having heard, we will be ready to live more faithfully and love more deeply. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

2 Kings 2:1-15

Anthem **"How Beautiful with There Is a Redeemer"** arr. Lloyd Larson How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the children of earth. How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross. How beautiful is the body of Christ. And as He laid down His life, we offer this sacrifice that we will live just as He died: Willing to pay the price. How beautiful is the body of Christ. There is a Redeemer, Jesus God's own Son; Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One. Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son, And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done. Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names; Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.

Gospel Lesson

John 17:20-26

Sermon

"Praying Like Jesus"

Rev. Robert H. Lapp

A Time for Silent Reflection

Prayers of the People 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

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

arr. Mark Hayes

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light, Lord of all to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

*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 #300	"We Are One in the Spirit"	THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS
*Benediction		

*Choral Benediction **"We Will Go Out with Joy"** We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God. We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.

Donaldson

*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

Secretary Cheryl Brinkley <u>cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com</u>

> **Treasurer** Wayne Casteen

Clerk of Session Hope 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	
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





JUNE



06/01: Devan & Bailey Riley 06/08: Lindsay & Hayes Skidmore

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

June 1-15: Hayes Ludlum June 16-30: Curt Simpson Charley Farrior, Head Joyce Ange Hayes Ludlum David Long





The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Jason & Mary Laine Rouse in honor of all graduates, teachers and coaches that have impacted students and players for the class of 2025!



ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY OFFERING FOR THE PRESBYTERIAN HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA Sunday, June 16

Presbyterian Homes Inc. and Brightspire formally merged to form Kintura in 2024. This merger created a new parent entity, Kintura, which encompasses the combined history and mission of both organizations. The new organization, Kintura, serves nearly 3,000 residents and employs over 2,100 team members in its five life plan communities in NC: Glenaire, Cary; River Landing, Colfax; Well-Spring, Greensboro; The Village at Brookwood, Burlington; and Scotia Village, Laurinburg. The mission of Kintura is to honor God by creating experiences that enrich lives and touch hearts while exceeding the needs of a diverse population of older adults. The vision of Kintura is to be the leader in creating a vibrant, diverse and innovative set of services for older adults. Read more about Kintura at https://www.kintura.org/. This offering will be received on Father's Day, June 15.



July Fellowship Time Refreshments

Presbyterian Women provides refreshments during the Fellowship Time, between Sunday School and Worship, 8 months of the year and the congregation (individuals or groups) provides it for the other 4 months. The congregation's next opportunity is in July. Please sign up to provide refreshments for one of the Sundays in July (6, 13, 20, 27) on the sign-up sheet in fellowship hall. Thank you!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 1	SEVENTHTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
	9:00 am	Choir Practice
	9:45 am	Adult Sunday School Class
	10:00 am	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 am	Fellowship Time
	11:00 am	Worship/ P.A.T.H. Offering
	5:00 pm	Cub Scouts-Pack 35
Sunday-Thursday, June 1-5	8:45 am-3:15 pm	Creation Camp at Camp Kirkwood
Wednesday, June 4		No Bible Study
	7:00 pm	PNC, Room 304
Thursday, June 5	12:30 pm	East Commission on Ministry

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Today we receive** our quarterly P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) offering. This money supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina which provides feeding programs for children in Malawi and Haiti and grants to congregational hunger ministries.

• There will not be Bible Study on June 4 due to Creation Camp. It will resume on Wednesday, June 11.

• Food Pantry Needs for the month of June: Pasta Sauce & Pasta. Also, if you have any empty egg cartons, we can use them! Thank you!

• Kirkwood Creation Camp at Camp Kirkwood - June 1-5

• Summer Children's Sunday School Teachers:

Children's Sunday School summer program begins this week and Christian Education is looking for volunteers to help teach our youngest members. If you love working with young people and want to share God's word, this is the perfect opportunity!

****How to Sign Up:**** Please visit the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Choose the week or weeks you are available to teach. Thank you for your willingness to serve and make a difference in our children's spiritual growth this summer!

• **Congregational care ministry team** is looking for volunteers to be part of a team of drivers to provide transportation to medical appointments. One of the medical locations is local and the other is in Wilmington. If you would be willing to help, please contact Geneva Maready, Nell Sloan, Cheryl Brinkley, or Robb Lapp at the church office (285-2808).

Thank

Dear Church Family,

We want to thank you for the many ways you ministered to AC & our family during his brief illness. Thank you for the cards, visits, food, prayers and for your love & kindness since he went to his eternal home. What a blessing you have been in my life & the lives of his family. We appreciate the reception in the fellowship hall following his service. Also, your out-pouring of love, contributions & gifts will be forever in our hearts.

LuAnn Rivenbark & family