



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 23, 2024

11:00 A.M

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome

Elder Curt Simpson

Prelude

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

arranged by Mark Hayes

*Sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.*

Announcements

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

Choral Call to Worship

“Rain Down”

Jaime Cortez

Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your people.

Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of life.

Opening Sentences

Leader: From far-away places, from close at hand; with hearts troubled, with minds at rest, welcome your people, Holy One.

People: For we come to worship you.

Leader: Carrying heavy loads, traveling light; walking in fear, living in faith, welcome your people, Holy One.

People: For we come to worship you with all that is good in our lives with all that hurts and hinders us with past and present in us and the future before us. We come to worship you and find our way home.

*Hymn #410

“God Is Calling through the Whisper”

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*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Jonathan C. Watson

Loving God, in life we play so many parts: one day the wayward child, another the strict parent; sometimes jealous and confused, other times open and kind; some days determined to go our own way, at other times open to your leading. In the mix of who we are, in the ups and downs of our lives, in our triumphs and failures, be the one who calls us back who reminds us of home and sets our feet toward a world of welcome. When so much is left undone, where so much is left behind, when so many gifts lie unused, when too few tears have been shed, move our hearts and minds to seek forgiveness and the reconciliation love brings. Through Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon (*John 3:16-17*)

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Leader: God rolls away everything that stands in our way - our past, our sin, our pain, our hesitation, and reshapes us into new people living in the new creation. What wonderful grace. We are forgiven!

People: Broken, we are made whole; lost, we are brought home; empty, we are filled with songs of gladness. We rejoice and give thanks to God who has graced us with mercy. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

“Glory Be to the Father”

Hymn #581

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Sermon

*Hymn #22

“God of the Sparrow”

ROEDER

Prayer for Illumination (*Unison*)

Elder Curt Simpson

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 32

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

Sermon

“Welcoming Grace”

Rev. Jonathan C. Watson

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

“I Need Thee Every Hour” *arranged by John Purifoy*
I need Thee, O I need Thee. Every hour I need Thee.
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymn #606

*Prayer of Dedication

*The Affirmation of Faith (*From the Confession of 1967*)

God’s sovereign love is a mystery

beyond the reach of the human mind.

Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power,

wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love

in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant,

wisdom in the folly of the cross,

and goodness in receiving sinful people.

The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world

discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator

who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.

*Hymn #432

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

REPTON

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

“Peace of God Be with You”
Peace of God be with you. Peace of God be with you.
Salaam, salaam. Peace of God be with you.

Richard Colligan

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 23

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:45 am Adult Sunday School Class

10:00 am Sunday School Classes

10:30 am Fellowship Time

11:00 am Worship/Rev. Jonathan Watson, guest preacher

Wednesday, June 26

10:00 am Bible Study, Room 304

5:30 pm Transitional Ministry Team Meeting-Blue Room

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **We welcome to the pulpit Rev. Jonathan C. Watson.** Jonathan retired from parish ministry in 2022, having served Cape Fear Presbyterian Church (Wilmington) and Falls Church Presbyterian Church (Virginia). He continues to minister through his work on the East Community Commission on Ministry. An experienced photographer, his love for God and the diversity of Creation continually inspire his images. Jonathan regularly photographs presbytery meetings/events and will be heading to General Assembly next week as the chief photographer for *The Presbyterian Outlook*. He and his wife Darcie have a son, James, who will soon begin his Junior year at Wake Forest University. You can find Jonathan's images at jonathancwatson.com

• **There will not be any Bible Study on Wednesday, July 3, and July 10. It will resume on Wednesday, July 17.**

• **Summer Sunday School:** The summer Sunday School sessions began on **June 2** and will run through **September 1**. Please volunteer by using the sign-up sheet on the youth bulletin board in the fellowship hall. We love and are grateful for our dedicated Sunday School teachers. Thank you for your faithful service!

• **Holy Cow! Vital Signs Report** - Printed summaries of the report are available throughout the church and the full report will be kept in the church office.

• **Pick up your copy of 2024 Church Address & Phone Directory at the back of the church on pew below window.**

• **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS BAGS!** If you have any plastic food bags from the grocery store please bring them to the church office to use in Food Pantry. We are in great need of plastic bags!
Food Pantry Needs for the month of June: Chunky Soup Thank you!



*The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary this morning are in honor of
The 40th Anniversary of Robb and Vickie Lapp. Happy Anniversary!*

NURSERY

JUNE



06/23: Ellie & Michael Newton
06/30: Harriet & Windsor Farris

Charley Farris, Head
Joyce Ange Hayes Ludlum
Dave Long

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

June 16-23: Curt Simpson
June 30: Dave Long