

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 2, 2023

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

“One Bread, One Body”

arranged by Mark Hayes

Welcome and 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 [*Psalm 100 NRSV*]

Elder Sandy Cobb

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

People: Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.

People: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

People: Give thanks to him; bless his name.

All: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

*Hymn #509

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

HOLY MANNA

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, You have promised liberation for your people, and reconciliation for all of creation. We confess that we have grown weary of waiting. We have lowered our hopes, and scaled our expectations according to the world, rather than believing in your steadfast Word. We confess that we have grown comfortable in our waiting. We cry out for justice, if it doesn't cost us too much. We proclaim your liberation, as long as it doesn't impinge on the freedoms that we value most. We want to follow Jesus, healing the sick and doing good deeds, but we don't want to be mistreated or hated. We don't want to stir up the dust, much less shake it from our feet. Forgive us, we pray. Give us words to speak your liberating Word and endurance to persevere until your kingdom comes. Amen.

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news of God's love: in Jesus the Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Since we are justified by faith we have peace with God through Jesus the Christ our Lord. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*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

Prayer for Illumination

Lord God, by your Spirit teach us to obey your voice and keep your covenant so that we may be a priestly kingdom, your holy people; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson:

Genesis 18:1-15

Elder Sandy Cobb

Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Sermon

"Hospitality"

Rev. Cynthia Williams

A Time for Silent Reflection

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"O God Beyond All Praising" *arranged by Lloyd Larson*

*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 X,i]*

God keeps his promises and gives us hope.

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus God kept his promises.

All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ.

But the work of God in Christ is not over.

God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.

The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.

In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth, certainty of victory over death, assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.

This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.

*Hymn of Preparation #510

COME, SHARE THE LORD

“We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name”

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

The Distribution of the Elements

The Prayer after Communion

*Hymn #338

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

MATERNA

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

“Amen”

African American

Amen, Amen.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

*Postlude

** All who are able may stand.*



WEEKLY CALENDAR

- Sunday, July 2 9:45 am Adult Sunday School Class, Curt Simpson & Glenn Price
10:00 am Sunday School Classes
10:30 am Choir Practice
11:00 am Worship, in person & livestream/Rev. Cynthia Williams, Preacher
- Tuesday, July 4 HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY! Church Office Closed in Observance of July 4th

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **We welcome Rev. Cynthia Williams** as our preacher today. Cynthia is a native of Duplin County and is honorably retired, and is no stranger to us. Welcome back Cynthia!
- **This morning** we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. All are welcome at the table.
- **Cheryl Brinkley**, church secretary will be on vacation Monday, July 3. Church office will be closed.
- **The Church office** will be closed Tuesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.
- **The Quarterly These Days** are located at the front of the church, on tables in the fellowship hall, and the information table in Gladden Hall. Pick up your copy!



The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God by the Ludlum family.

NURSERY

JULY



07/02: Joyce Ange & Courtenay Thompson

Fred Burroughs, Leader
Bill Walters Greg Maready
Susan Walters Blake Wallace

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

July 1-15: Charley Farrior

