

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 2023

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" *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 Elder Curt Simpson
Leader: In this place, we gather to turn our hearts and minds to God.
People: We rejoice that the Triune God meets us here.
Leader: As we worship, we remember,
People: that we are the family of faith together!

*Hymn #267 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" MADRID

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy One, why is it that we can grow so weary of doing what is right, yet always energetically do that which we know is harmful to us and others? We sow seeds of hurt and anger and wonder why we harvest so much bitterness. We spend too much time comparing ourselves to those around us, and too few moments in following Christ's example. Rather than letting our sins gloat over us, Healing God, we would open ourselves to your mercy and grace. As you reach out to heal us with your forgiveness, may we embrace your love, your mercy, your grace for our lives. As you pour out your Spirit of gentleness, may we bring the peace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to all the world.

Time for silent confession

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Sing praises to our God, faithful children. God has heard our prayers and made us whole.

People: We will not be silent but will sing our joy to the One who has forgiven us and made us a new creation. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*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

Elder Sandy Cobb

*Hymn #838

"Standing on the Promises"

PROMISES

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, for generations, your Word has brought love and life to your people. Speak to us now; we pray that we may hear, and in hearing, we may be transformed. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson:

Psalm 45:10-17

Elder Curt Simpson

Gospel Lesson:

Acts 2: 37-47

Sermon

"What Makes the Church the Church?"

Jay Bender, QRE

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

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”

arranged by John Purifoy

*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: 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 #321

“The Church’s One Foundation”

AURELIA

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

“Amen”
Amen, Amen.
Amen, Amen, Amen.

African American

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 9
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/Jay Bender, Preacher

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **We welcome Jay Bender** as our preacher this morning. Jay is a QRE (Qualified Ruling Elder) and the Clerk of Session at the Pollocksville Presbyterian Church. He is the Chair of the EAST COM, and has served numerous terms on COM. Jay was elected Moderator of Presbytery in 2012 and at the 219th meeting of the PCUSA General Assembly, he chaired the Committee on Social Justice Issues. After 40 years, he has retired from his wholesale/retail grocery business and occupies his time with regional and local church work as well as serving 41 years as Mayor of Pollocksville. Jay is a graduate of St. Andrews Presbyterian College and the University of Maryland Graduate School. He is married to the former Sheron Greeson of Thomasville, NC and they have two children and one grandchild.

* **We will receive** our 5th Sunday Building Offering on Sunday, July 30.



The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given by David and Brenda Long in loving memory of Brenda's brothers, Richard and William Vanderwel.

NURSERY

JULY



07/09: Debbie & Katie Price

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

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

July 1-15: Charley Farrior

