

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2023

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

“Be Thou My Vision”

arranged by Joel Raney

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 Debbie Price

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Almighty God, we thank You for planting in us the seed of Your Word.

Leader: The words You have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord; You have the words of eternal life.

All: By Your Holy Spirit, help us to receive Your Word with joy, and live according to it, that we may grow in faith, hope, and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*Hymn #12

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in Your light, and walk in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The assurance of God's pardon from our sins is provided through His Word. Let us rejoice in receiving God's assurance to forgive us in Christ Jesus.

People: "He does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far He removes our transgressions from us."

*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 Debbie Price

*Hymn #450

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

Prayer for Illumination

May Your word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path as we anticipate the work of Your Holy Spirit to apply Your truth to our life. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson:

Romans 8:1-11

Elder Debbie Price

Second Scripture Lesson:

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sermon

"The Calculus of Faith"

Dr. David Vanderbilt

A Time for Silent Reflection

Psalm Prayer (*Unison*)

Psalm 119:105-112

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to keep Your righteous rules.

I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to Your word!

Accept my freewill offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me Your rules.

I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget Your law.

The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from Your precepts.

Your testimonies are my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart.

I incline my heart to perform Your statutes forever, to the end.

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

“Be Thou My Vision”

John Rutter

*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 #688

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

MORECAMBE

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

“Amen”

African American

Amen, Amen.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 16 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/Dr. David Vanderbilt,
Preacher

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Today Rev. Dr. David Vanderbilt** fills our pulpit. He lives in Jacksonville and is retired from active pastoral ministry from the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. He has served in ordained ministry over 47 years—both in local churches and as a military chaplain in the U. S. Navy. Dr. Vanderbilt has also taught for Campbell University and Coastal Carolina Community College in the departments of history and religion. He is married to Jennifer (for 53 years) and has one son and two granddaughters.

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



The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given in loving memory of Lois Carmen Edgerton by her family.

NURSERY

JULY



7/16: Danielle Sills & Hope Turnbull
7/23: Christy Johnson & Payton Westbrook

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

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

July 16-31: Curt Simpson

**ENJOY
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SUMMER!**