

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2023

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

arr. Dan Forrest

*Children of the heavenly Father, safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
God His own doth tend and nourish; in His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them; in His mighty arms He bears them.*

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

“Celebrate”

Carol Saylor, 1980

*Celebrate, come celebrate. Join in as God's people in worship and singing.
Celebrate, come celebrate. Rejoice as we witness His love.
As we follow the path of life, may His strength be shown.
Celebrate, come celebrate His loving us as His own.*

Opening Sentences *(From Psalm 147)*

Elder Debbie Price

Leader: Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God;

People: For he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

Leader: The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

People: He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

Leader: He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

People: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

Leader: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

People: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!

All: Praise your God, O Zion!

*Hymn #722

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

PERRY

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*Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name.

(A time for silent prayers of confession . . .)

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear this good news!

People: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

Leader: Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: As far as east is from west,

Leader: So far has he removed our transgressions from us.

People: Let us all believe this good news!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*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

*Hymn #697

"Take My Life"

HENDON

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*Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

Gracious God, as we come to hear your word proclaimed, open our minds that we may learn and understand; open our hearts that we may love and share that understanding with all your children. Amen.

First Scripture Reading:

Matthew 28:16-20

Elder Debbie Price

Second Gospel Reading:

1 Kings 19:1-15a

Sermon

"Listen and Go"

QRE Becky Jones

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

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

arr. Dan Forrest

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise.
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.*

*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 #743

“O God, You Are My God”

STEP BY STEP

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*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

“Amen”

Danish

Amen. Amen. Amen.

*Postlude

** All who are able may stand*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 20	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/Becky Jones, Speaker
Tuesday, August 22	7:00 pm Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering-Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, August 23	7:00 pm Choir Practice

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **We welcome** to the pulpit today Elder Becky Jones. Becky is a Qualified Ruling Elder and has filled the pulpit for many churches in the area. She is also Session Moderator at McClure Memorial Presbyterian Church in Castle Hayne, NC. Becky serves on Presbytery's East Commission on Ministry. She is an Elder at First Presbyterian in Wilmington where she has been a member for 52 years. Becky lives in Wilmington and she has five granddaughters.

Thank You

My Dear Church Family, I have really felt all of your prayers during my recent recovery from knee surgery. I have enjoyed all of the calls, cards, flowers and visits. Your kindness will always be remembered. Love to all,

Donna Piferd



The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given by David & Brenda Long in loving memory of his parents Flora V. and David R. Long.

NURSERY

AUGUST



08/20: Harriet & Windsor Farrior

08/27: Geneva & Greg Maready

Devan Riley, Leader

Clay Blue

Ray Cobb

Kevin Johnson

Debbie Price

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

August 16-31: Clay Blue

FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING RESUMES

August 27



As school begins this month, we resume our monthly Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering on Sunday, August 27. This offering provides school lunches and weekend food for students in Duplin County Public Schools. Thank you for your generous and faithful support.