



# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

August 24, 2025

11:00 A.M

### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome

Elder Sandy Cobb

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

Prelude

**“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

arr. Joel Raney

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!*

*All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea.*

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

**“I Love You, Lord”**

Laurie Klein

*I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.*

*Take joy, my King, in what you hear;*

*May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.*

Opening Sentences (Psalm 71:1-6)

*In you, O Lord, I take refuge;*

**let me never be put to shame.**

*In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;*

**incline your ear to me and save me.**

*Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me,*

**for you are my rock and my fortress.**

*Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,*

**from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

*For you, O Lord, are my hope,*

**my trust, O Lord, from my youth.**

*From my birth I have leaned upon you, my protector since my mother's womb.*

**My praise is continually of you.**

\*Hymn #1

**“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”**

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\*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Bob Thompson

**Lord our God, we come boldly before you by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. We also come humbly, knowing that our God is a consuming fire. You are holy and we are sinful. We confess that we are prone to judge the sins of others while excusing our own. Examine our hearts as well as our actions today. Forgive us again and grant us renewed grace to follow you with sincere hearts and resolute obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

*Friends, you have come to Jesus, the Mediator of the new covenant. His life, death, and resurrection has fully borne the consequences of our sins. He is seated at the right hand of God, interceding for us. Through faith in Christ, we are forgiven.*

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri

**“Glory Be to the Father”**

Hymn #581

**PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD**

Children’s Sermon

\*Hymn #829

**“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”**

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\*Unison Prayer for Illumination

Elder Sandy Cobb

**Holy Spirit of God, who has spoken to us by prophets and apostles, we now turn our attention to the reading and explaining of the Bible. Give us ears to hear, a heart to receive, and the will to respond in faith and obedience. Amen.**

First Reading

*Luke 13:10-17*

Second Reading

*Hebrews 12:18-29*

Sermon

**“How to Spot a Hypocrite”**

Rev. Dr. Bob Thompson

A Time for Silent Reflection

Prayers of the People 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

Feed Our Hungry Children Backpack Ministry Offering

Offertory                               **"Blessed Assurance"**                               arr. Joel Raney  
*Perfect submission, all is at rest. I, in my Savior, am happy and blessed,  
 Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.  
 This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”** Hymn #606

## \*Prayer of Dedication

**\*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.**

## “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” AZMON

## \*Benediction

**“Amen”** Danish Amen  
*Amen. Amen. Amen.*

*\*All who are able may stand.*

## THE SESSION

### Class of 2025

Sandy Cobb  
Debbie Price  
Blake Wallace

### Class of 2026

Kevin Johnson  
Royal Johnson  
Nell Sloan

### Class of 2027

Karla Casteen  
Geneva Maready  
Devan Riley

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

### **Interim Pastor**

Rev. Robert (Robb) Lapp  
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### **Secretary**

Cheryl Brinkley  
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### **Treasurer**

Wayne Casteen

### **Clerk of Session**

Hone Turnbull

### **Vision**

At Wallace Presbyterian Church, we envision a community where faith, friendship, and service intertwine to embody God's love and grace. We strive to create a nurturing environment and develop ministries where individuals of all ages can grow spiritually, form meaningful relationships, and actively participate in acts of compassion and service, both locally and beyond.

### **Mission**

To carry on Christ's mission today by enriching the lives of our church and community, nurturing the faith of children and youth, fostering meaningful relationships across all ages, and serving through dedicated outreach and support.

## THE CHURCH SCHOOL

Birth-Kindergarten.....Melony Henderson, Ellie Newton, Kelli Norris, Sara Matthews  
First-Third Grade.....Jennifer Johnson & Bailey Riley  
Fourth-Sixth Grade.....Kristin Cottle & Casey Hall  
Seventh-Ninth Grade.....Mary Laine Rouse & Lindsay Skidmore  
The Adult Class.....Glenn Price & Curt Simpson

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Sandy Cobb, Moderator  
Christy Johnson, Vice-Moderator  
Carol Steen, Treasurer  
Joyce Ange, Secretary

Harriet Farrior, Debbie Price, Sanctuary Flowers





AUGUST



08/24: Debbie Price & Joyce Ange  
08/31: Jennifer & Royal Johnson

Kevin Johnson, Head  
Henry Stevens      Debbie Price  
Ray Cobb

## OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

August 16-31: Clay Blue  
September 1-15: Jason Rouse



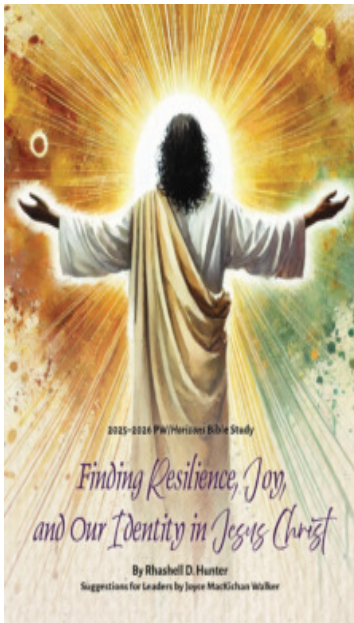
## 2025-2026 Horizons Bible Study

*“Finding Resilience, Joy, and  
Our Identity in Jesus Christ”*

*By*

**Rhashell D. Hunter**

*Suggestions for Leaders by  
Joyce Mackichan Walker*



**Welcome to the 2025–2026 Presbyterian Women/*Horizons* Bible study,**  
*Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ.*

In this Bible study, we will explore resilience. This is modeled for us by several biblical characters, gospel and epistle writers, as well as Jesus. So, what exactly is resilience? Resilience is the ability to spring back into shape and to adapt well in the face of adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats, or stress—such as from family, relationships, health, workplace, and financial stressors. People who survive and thrive well in change are resilient.

The Bible study is also about joy. How do we find joy in a chaotic world? Christian joy may be different from how a lot of people define joy. Joy is sometimes confused with happiness. For Christians, joy can occur while we are in the midst of difficult circumstances. Joy is the second fruit of the spirit, preceded by love and followed by peace (Gal 5:22-23). Trusting in God when we are in trying times can fill us with glorious joy and peace. We have joy in our suffering, because ultimately our joy is found in Jesus Christ.

We will also seek to rediscover our identity. Identity is more than who we are or who we show ourselves to be. At its core, it points to our humanity. Our core identity is not found in our titles, our positions, our spouses, our partners, or our possessions. For Christians, our identity is found in Jesus Christ. **The Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering will be held this evening, August 24, at 5:00 pm,** in the Currie Building. Elder Jim Sills will introduce the 2025-2026 Study Book. Refreshments will be served. All women are invited. See you there!

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

|                      |                                 |  |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Sunday, August 24    | ELEVENTH 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. Bob Thompson, Guest Preacher/<br>Feed Our Hungry Children Backpack Offering |
| Wednesday, August 27 | 5:00 pm                         | PW Fall Gathering, Fellowship Hall   |
|                      | 10:00 am                        | Bible Study, Room 304  |
|                      | 6:00 pm                         | PNC, Room 304  |

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **We welcome to the pulpit today** Rev. Dr. Bob Thompson. Bob retired to Leland November 2023 after 30 years as Senior Pastor of Corinth Reformed Church, a United Church of Christ congregation in Hickory, North Carolina. Bob's wife Linda served with him on Corinth's staff for 25 years, first as Director of Christian Education and later as Director of Adult Ministries. The Thompsons met at Columbia International University in Columbia, SC, where both earned degrees in Bible. Bob later earned the Master of Divinity at the same school and a Doctor of Ministry at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte. The Thompsons have three adult children and four grandchildren ranging in age from 7 to 1.

• **This morning** we receive our first Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering of the 2025-2026 school year. In these times when grocery prices have risen sharply, this outreach of Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries provides food for public school children who might not have enough to eat otherwise. Thank you for your continued support.

• **Youth on a Mission** - The youth are participating in a mission weekend through today **August 24**, and are serving at Eden Village, a tiny home community in Wilmington for those who are homeless and disabled. Eden Village's vision is to build tiny home communities so no one has to sleep alone outside. <https://edenvillagewilmington.org/> We are staying at Matthew House, a two-story beach house located at Little Chapel on the Boardwalk, Wrightsville Beach and will worship with them at their beach service. There are 15 youth who signed up!

• **Pastor Led Bible Study** is Wednesday, August 27, at 10 am in room 304. The scripture for this week is Luke 14:1, 7-14.

• **Annual Rally Day Covered Dish Breakfast & Open House - Sunday, September 7, 10:00 am.** Bring a breakfast dish to share. Sunday School teachers will be commissioned in worship and Bibles presented to our 4th grade students.

• **Food Pantry Needs for the month of August: Chunky Soups, Condensed Soups.** Also, if you have any empty egg cartons, we can use them! Thank you!



*The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given in honor of the Women of the Wallace Presbyterian Church.*



### **Fifth Sunday Building Offering--August 31, 2025**

We will receive our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Building Offering during worship on Sunday, August 31. This offering helps us provide and maintain our church physical plant so our worship, education, and outreach ministries can continue. Thank you for your generous support!