

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 2023

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

“Wade in the Water”

arr. by Victor Labenske

*Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,
Wade in the water. God's gonna trouble the water.*

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

Elder Greg Maready

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: You have set your glory above the heavens.

*Leader: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars
that you have established;*

**People: What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you
care for them?**

**All: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! Let us
worship God.**

*Hymn #2

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

ITALIAN HYMN

*Unison Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, we wander through the days of summer and we are thirsty
for your presence, your love and your guidance. Forgive us for turning away
from you and for seeking quick spiritual fixes. Enable us to focus on Your voice
and ground us in a faith that is deep, vibrant and trusting. In the name and
spirit of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People: As far as the East is from the West, God's love is wide and deep.

Leader: The gift of grace is forgiveness.

People: Thanks be to God!

*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 Greg Maready

*Hymn #23

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

PLEADING SAVIOR

*Pastoral Prayer

First Scripture Reading:

Romans 12: 1-8

Elder Greg Maready

Second Scripture Reading:

Matthew 6: 13-20

Sermon

"Popping the Question"

Rev. Sid Batts

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

“Brother James’ Air”
(The Lord’s My Shepherd)

arr. by Larry Shackley

*The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want. He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by.
My soul He doth restore again; and me to walk doth make
Within the paths of blessedness, even for His own Name’s sake.*

*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 #299

“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

HANOVER

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

“Amen”
Amen. Amen. Amen.

Danish

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 27

9:45 am Adult Sunday School Class, Curt Simpson & Glenn Price
10:00 am Sunday School Classes
11:00 am Worship, in person & livestream/Rev. Sid Batts, Preacher

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **We welcome** to the pulpit today Rev. Sid Batts. Sid is a retired Presbyterian minister who was the senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, NC for 18 years. Prior he served churches in Mobile, Al, Atlanta, Dunn and Lowell, NC. He has degrees from High Point University, Princeton Theological Seminary and McCormick Seminary in Chicago. He is a guest preacher in churches across North Carolina. A native of Edgecombe County and Charlotte, he and his wife, Cathy, (a former educator and principal), have 2 daughters, five grandchildren and live in Southport. Sid enjoys golf, reading, genealogy and The Beatles.
- **We will receive** our initial Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering of the 2023-2024 school year today during worship. This offering provides school lunches and weekend food for students in Duplin County Public Schools. Thank you for your generous and faithful support.
- **Choir and Handbell practice** will resume on Wednesday after Labor Day, September 6. Handbells are at 6:00 pm and Choir practice is at 7:00 pm. See you there!

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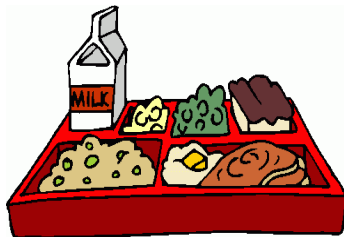


08/27: Geneva & Greg Maready
09/03: Jennifer & Royal Johnson

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
Today, August 27**