

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

“Lift High the Cross”

arr. by Lloyd Larson

*Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.*

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”** *arr.* Hal Hopson

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit One.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Opening Sentences

Elder Sandy Cobb

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

People: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

All: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the judgments he has uttered.

*Hymn #826

“Lift High the Cross”

CRUCIFER

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord God, you call us to proclaim the good news of the gospel, but we remain silent. You call us to be reconciled to one another, but we remain divided. You call us to seek the good of all, but we seek our own well-being. Forgive us, Lord, and give us the courage to follow you wherever you lead. Reconcile us to you and to each other by the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you I have called you by name; you are mine.

People: God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!

Leader: By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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

*Hymn #833

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

ST. MARGARET

Prayer for Illumination

Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, and prepare our hearts to receive your word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading:

Exodus 3:1-15

Elder Sandy Cobb

Anthem

"One Song"

Pepper Choplin

*When God's people are wounded by holy war,
And brother fights brother in the name of the Lord.
I find myself praying that it won't be too long 'til we all join together in one song.
When God's family is broken, each goes his own way.
And I feel so lost, I don't know what to pray.
But still I'll go forward to follow the call to join people together in one song.
One song, like the one sung in heaven. One song, united in love.
There will be no division. Everyone will belong
As we stand before Christ singing one song.
So come and build bridges and tear down the wall.
Let our love for each other be a witness to all.
They will see us united, and we'll sing it out strong
As we praise our Great Savior in one song.*

Second Scripture Reading:

Matthew 16:21-28

Sermon

"Getting To Know Jesus"

Rev. Robert Lapp

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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|------------------------|----------|---|
| Sunday, September 3 | 9:45 am | Adult Sunday School Class, Curt Simpson & Glenn Price |
| | 10:00 am | Sunday School Classes |
| | 11:00 am | Worship, in person & livestream/P.A.T.H. Offering |
| Monday, September 4 | | Happy Labor Day! Church Office Closed |
| Wednesday, September 6 | 6:00 pm | Handbells |
| | 7:00 pm | Choir Practice |

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **We welcome Robert “Robb” Lapp** as our Interim Pastor. Robb, in his 36 years of ministry has served as an Associate Pastor and a Solo Pastor in churches ranging in size from 300 to 2,000 members. Most recently, he completed an interim pastorate at Southport Presbyterian Church and before that had a long pastorate of congregational care and assimilation at St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church in Wilmington. His formal training was in Montreat NC, but his informal training came from serving three times on the staff of churches with interim pastors. Robb grew up in Florida and is a graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne University and Louisville Presbyterian Seminary and is active in the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. Robb and his wife Vickie live in Wilmington. They have a daughter, Kate (Bob) a son Stephen, and a three-year-old grandson, Charlie. (Kate)
- **The church office** will be closed on Monday, September 4, in observance of Labor Day.
- **Choir and Handbell practice** will resume on Wednesday, September 6. Handbells are at 6:00 pm and Choir practice is at 7:00 pm. See you there!
- **Interim Pastor's Email**-Robb's email address is: interimpastor@wallacepresbyterian.com.



The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are in loving memory of Ty Henderson for his birthday on September 4. They are given by his mother Melony, sister Blair, and niece Rylan.

NURSERY

SEPTEMBER



09/03: Jennifer & Royal Johnson
09/10: Tonya & Michael Patram

Jason Rouse, Leader
Sam Rose
Dave Wells
Joyce Ange
Michael Patram

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

September 1-15: Jason Rouse



P.A.T.H. OFFERING
Presbyterian Answer to Hunger
Today, September 3

