



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY *Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

September 6, 2026

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

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

arr. Mark Hayes

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.*

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

“I Love You, Lord”

Laurie Klein, 1978

*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.*

Call to Worship

We are pulled in many directions.

Many duties and tasks seek to lay claim on our lives.

This day, in this place, let service to God be your choice.

This day, in this place, we open our hearts and spirits to God.

Blessed be the God of creation who has called us here.

Praise be to God who sustains and nurtures our lives.

*Hymn #475

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

*Prayer of Confession

Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

God of grace, we confess that we sometimes do not believe in our hearts what we proclaim with our lips. We hear your word and continue to live unchanged. We know of your liberating grace, yet remain bound by our limitations. We would rather rely on our own abilities, our works, and our intellect than rely on faith in you. Help us approach each moment as an intentional expression of our faith, that we may be mindful that your grace surrounds us and binds us to you forever. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

The God who created us never turns away from us, but ever calls us into his righteousness with an abundant and healing love.

By God's grace we are made new as faithful covenant people. Alleluia!

*Gloria Patri

“Glory Be to the Father”

Hymn #581

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

*Hymn #828

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

MORE LOVE TO THEE

*Unison Prayer for Illumination

Elder Sandy Cobb

**O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient
to your will and live always for your glory, through Jesus Christ our
Savior. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

Scripture Reading

Joshua 24:14-25

Sermon

Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

“Confronted with a Decision: Whom Will You Serve?”

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

P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) Offering

Offertory

“Be Thou My Vision”

Traditional Irish

*High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'ns Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

*Doxology

“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.

*Hymn #450

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Benediction

“O Christ, Surround Me”

Richard Colligan, 2004

*Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me: O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.*

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*

Next Week:

Scripture: Psalm 77:1-15

Sermon: “Confronted with a Decision: Remembering”

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 6	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
	9:00 am Choir Practice
	9:45 am Adult Sunday School Class
	10:00 am Sunday School
	10:30 am Fellowship Time
	11:00 am Worship/P.A.T.H.(Presbyterian Answer to Hunger Offering)
	5:00 pm Cub Scouts, Pack 35
Monday, September 7	Labor Day (Church Office Closed)
Tuesday, September 8	10:30 am Morning Circle: Fellowship Hall
	6:00 pm Evening Circle: Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, September 9	10:00 am Bible Study, Room 304
	6:00 pm Handbells

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Today we receive** our quarterly (March, June, September, December) P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) offering during worship. This offering supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina which, in turn, funds feeding programs for children in Haiti and Malawi. The Hunger Program also provides funds for congregational food ministries such as our Helping Hands Food Pantry.
- **The church office** will be closed on Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day.
- **Handbell practice** will resume on Wednesday, September 9. **Choir practice** is on Sunday mornings at 9 am. If you are interested in ringing and/or singing, contact Karla Casteen.
- **Pastor Led Bible Study** will resume on Wednesday, September 9, at 10:00 am in room 304.
- **A BIG shout out and thank you** to Joyce Ange, Karla Casteen, Dotsie Caproni, Patsy Ludlum, and Glenda Mobley, for preparing bag lunches for both WRH Men's Varsity and Junior Varsity Soccer teams. Just a reminder folks-- we have another opportunity for volunteers to feed the team on October 19. Contact Pam Teachey [\(910\) 470-4555](tel:9104704555) to help with this great community project.
- **Food Pantry Needs for the month of September: Chunky Soup**
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - ***September 9:** Wednesday Morning Bible Study will resume.
 - ***September 13:** A big and exciting day in the life of the church!
 - * **Annual Rally Day Covered Dish Breakfast & Open House:** We begin the day with our covered dish breakfast. Bring a breakfast dish to share. Then we continue with our annual Rally Day as we kick-off a new year in our educational ministry. We will get a glimpse of the classrooms and officially commission our dedicated Sunday School teachers and present Bible's to our fourth graders. We will also have a back to school blessing for all of our students, teachers, and staff/administrators. (See insert)
 - ***Installation Service:** The excitement of the day continues as we gather back at church in the afternoon, at 4:00, for our installation service. I hope you will come and celebrate this day...it is a service to celebrate God bringing us together for ministry. I am excited to have one of my best friends and colleagues, the Rev. Jeremy Simmons to be the guest preacher for that service. He is pastor at Missionary Rest Baptist Church near Wrightsville Beach and also the chaplain at Columbus Regional Hospital in Whiteville. (See insert)



SEPTEMBER



09/06: Kristin & Bradley Cottle
09/13: Parker & Courtenay Thompson

Kevin Johnson, Leader
Clayton Hall Freddy Hall
Ray Cobb

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

September 1-15: Jason Rouse
September 16-30: Curt Simpson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

09/06: Tonya & Emory Landon Patram
09/13: Mary Laine Rouse & JJ



*The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given by David & Brenda
Long in loving memory of Brenda's parents William and Gertrude
Vanderwel.*

Stewardship – In response to the gospel of Jesus Christ, we offer our gifts to God.
Thank you for your generosity to the mission and ministry of WPC.



P.A.T.H. Offering
(Presbyterian Answer to Hunger)
Today, September 6, 2026



**FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/
BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING**

Sunday, September 27



We will receive our monthly Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering on Sunday, September 27. This offering is an extension of Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries and provides lunches and weekend food for students in Duplin County Schools. During the 2025-2026 school year, the following schools were served: Beulaville Elementary, Chinquapin Elementary, Rose Hill-Magnolia Elementary, Wallace Elementary, and Wallace-Rose Hill High School. A total of 6,186 backpacks of food were provided over the weekends, 900 backpacks were provided over the summer, totaling 7,086 backpacks!

You may contribute to the offering in worship, by mailing a check to the church at P.O. Box 717, Wallace, NC 28466, by dropping your contribution through the mail slot of the front door of the church office building, or by giving online at www.wallacepresbyterian.com. Thank you for your generous and faithful support.

THE SESSION

Class of 2026

Kevin Johnson
Royal Johnson
Nell Sloan

Class of 2027

Karla Casteen
Geneva Maready
Devan Riley

Class of 2028

Susan Carone
Kristin Cottle
Dwight Hall



CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Pastor

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Karla Casteen

Organist

Vera Simpson

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.....Ellie Newton, Kelli Norris, Danielle Sills, 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
Brenda Long, Advent

Harriet Farrior, Debbie Price, Sanctuary Flowers Susan Walters,
Ann Carter, Candace Knowles, Bereavement





INSTALLATION SERVICE

**REVEREND
DR. JOSEPH D. WASHBURN**

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September
2026

Wallace
Presbyterian
Church

4:00 PM

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
205 WEST MAIN STREET, WALLACE, NC 28466



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, September 13, 2026

Please join us for Christian Education activities!

Christian Education



Rally Day Covered Dish Breakfast & Open House

10:00 Covered Dish Breakfast
& Open House

10:30 Teacher Introductions
& draw for door prizes
Please join us!
Visit the youth and adult
classrooms

**A great opportunity to join a
new class!**

**Come and eat breakfast and
visit all of our classrooms and
see what's going on in
Christian Education!**

**ANNUAL
RALLY DAY**
children youth adult
SUNDAY SCHOOL



Covered Dish Breakfast



**Bring a breakfast dish to
share.**



**School Sunday and Children's Church Teachers will be
commissioned during the worship service. Bibles will be
presented to Fourth grade students.**

