



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY *The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

September 15, 2024

11:00 A.M

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome

Elder Sandy Cobb

Prelude

“Be Thou My Vision”

John Rutter

*Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my whole armor, be thou my true might;
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.*

Announcements

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

Choral Call to Worship

“Sanctuary”

Thompson & Scruggs

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

Opening Sentences (*Psalm 19*)

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

People: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Leader: Day pours forth speech,

People: and night declares knowledge of our God.

Leader: God's wisdom is written in the stars.

People: It is seen and heard to the ends of the earth.

Leader: When we see God's teachings in the clouds,

People: or hear them in the symphonies of the birds,

Leader: our minds are enriched,

People: our eyes are enlightened,

Leader: our souls are revived,

People: and our hearts rejoice.

Leader: Then we shall bless God's name with our words,

People: and with the silence between them.

*Hymn #826

“Lift High the Cross”

CRUCIFER

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robert H. Lapp

O God, we long for you—for your love, for your wisdom, for your grace. We long for the words of your mouth, when we cannot find our own. We long for the courage to speak and sing your blessings. We pray for the wisdom to keep silent, rather than speak words of harm. Be our vision, O God, and our voice. And may our mouths proclaim your praise. Amen.

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, receive the good news: the Risen Christ enters all corners of our lives and declares us forgiven.

People: Having been forgiven, we take up Christ's ways as we journey toward peace and justice. Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri

“Glory Be to the Father”

Hymn #581

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

*Hymn #726

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

KELVINGROVE

*Prayer for Illumination (*Unison*)

Elder Sandy Cobb

Speak to us, O God, so that we may focus on things above. Pour out your Wisdom upon us so we may respond by taking up our cross and following you. Amen.

Epistle Reading

James 3:1-12

Anthem

“Take It to the Lord in Prayer”

arr. Joel Raney

*What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!
Have a little talk with Jesus, tell him all about our troubles.
He will hear our faintest cry and he will answer by and by.
Now when you feel a little prayer wheel turning,
And you know a little fire is burning,
You will find a little talk with Jesus makes it right.
Oh, are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a heavy load of care.
We should never be discouraged when we can take everything to God in prayer!
Oh, can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness, take everything to God in prayer.*

Gospel Reading

Mark 8:27-38

Sermon

“A Dangerous Path”

Rev. Robert H. Lapp

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

“A Flower Remembered”

John Rutter

*A flower remembered can never wither:
Forever blooming as bright as day,
Its fragrance lingering like music softly playing,
A gentle voice that's saying "I'll never fade away."
I hear the echoes of many voices;
Sometimes they're distant, sometimes so clear;
Through all the sounds of life they seem to whisper,
"Will you remember, will you remember?"*

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymn #606

*Prayer of Dedication

*The Affirmation of Faith: *(from The Confession of 1967)*

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people.

The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

*Hymn #738

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

MARYTON

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

“Amen”

Danish

Amen. Amen. Amen.

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 15	THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
	9:00 am Choir Practice
	9:45 am Adult Sunday School Class
	10:00 am Sunday School Classes
	10:30 am Fellowship Time
	11:00 am Worship
	5:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 35
Tuesday, September 17	6:00 pm Session Meeting, Room 304
Wednesday, September 18	10:00 am Bible Study, Room 304
	6:00 pm Handbells

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The session** will meet on Tuesday, September 17 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 304 of Gladden Hall. If you have business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to Rev. Lapp or one of the elders.
- **Kirkwood Sunday is October 6, World Communion Sunday.** Join us for worship and a meal at Camp Kirkwood, 2015 Camp Kirkwood Road, Watha, NC 28478. No cost for meal!
- **We will receive** our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering next Sunday, September 22.



The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given in loving memory of Vanessa Ward by her parents, Lenny and Sandy.

NURSERY

SEPTEMBER



09/15: Parker & Courtenay Thompson
09/22: Kristin & Bradley Cottle

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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

09/15: Tonya Patram
09/22: Sara Matthews

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

September 1-15: Jason Rouse
September 16-30: Greg Maready

Kirkwood Sunday, Reservation Form, October 6, 2024

Return to the church office or email Cheryl Brinkley at cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com by Sunday, September 29.

NAME(S): _____
Number of Paid Reservations: _____ Number of Children under 13: _____
Total number of reservations: _____