

# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

September 17, 2023

11:00 A.M.

### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

**“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

*arranged by Mayo*

*Here's my heart  
Oh take and seal it.  
Seal it for Thy courts above!*

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 (*Psalm 103*)

Elder Hayes Ludlum

*Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.*

**People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits-**

*Leader: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,*

**People: who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

*Leader: who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

\*Hymn #620

**“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”**

LAUDA ANIMA

(Psalm 103)

\*Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of grace and mercy, when we have repeatedly erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, you responded by seeking, finding, and welcoming us back home. You offered us a forgiveness that we did not deserve, paid a debt that we could not pay. When we cherish our wounds and count all the ways we have been wronged, remind us that we are to forgive others as we have been forgiven. Amen.**

\*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

*Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

**People: He does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

*Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;*

**People: as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

\*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 #475

**“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

NETTLETON

Prayer for Illumination

**God of our lives, your grace is our daily bread. Nourish us by your Word and Spirit so that we may grow in faith, love, and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Epistle Reading:

*Romans 14:1-12*

Elder Hayes Ludlum

Anthem

**“Ask of Me”**

Martin and Nolan

*Ask of me and I will hear. Ask of me for I am near.  
I will hear the whispered prayer, every need and every care.  
Ask of me and I will give. Ask of me and you will live. Ask of me.  
Call my name and you will find that all your needs will be supplied.  
Knock, the door will open. Seek and you will find.  
Ask and I will answer. None will be denied.  
Till that day I take your hand, and lead you to the promised land.  
Ask of me. Ask of me.*

Gospel Reading:

*Matthew 18:21-35*

Sermon

**“How Often Should I Forgive?”**

Rev. Robert 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 **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”** *arranged by Lloyd Larson*

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!*

*Morning by morning, new mercies I see.*

*All I have needed thy hand hath provided.*

*Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

\*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 #39

**“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

FAITHFULNESS

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction

**“Amen”**

Thomas Pavlecho

*Amen, Amen, Amen.*

\*Postlude

*\*All who are able may stand.*

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 17	9:45 am	Adult Sunday School Class, Curt Simpson & Glenn Price
	10:00 am	Sunday School Classes
	11:00 am	Worship, in person & livestream
Tuesday, September 19	5:30 pm	PW Coordinating Team Meeting: Blue Room
	7:00 pm	Session Meeting, Room 304
Wednesday, September 20	6:00 pm	Handbells
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Presbyterian Women** Coordinating Team will meet on Tuesday evening at 5:30 pm in the Blue Room.
- **The session** will meet on Tuesday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 304. If you have business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or Rev. Lapp.
- **We will receive** our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering next Sunday, September 24.



*The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Carol Steen in memory of her parents, Charles and Marian Lightfoot.*

### NURSERY

September



09/17: Courtenay Thompson & Joyce Ange  
09/24: Emily & Hayes Ludlum

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

### OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

September 16-30: Dave Wells

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

09/17: Debbie Price  
09/24: Sara Matthews

