



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

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

September 20, 2026

11:00 A.M

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome

Elder Karla Casteen

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

Prelude

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

arr. by Molly Ijames

*Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!*

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

*God calls us from our daily work, in the middle of our busy lives, to follow a new path.
We hear the Lord calling us, and we are ready to turn and listen.
*Elijah cast his cloak upon Elisha, marking him for service and a new beginning.
Christ calls us by name, inviting us to leave behind fear and hesitation.
*Elisha left his oxen, offered a sacrifice of commitment, and ran to serve.
**With grateful hearts, we lay down our burdens and give our whole lives to God.
Let us worship the Lord together!*****

*Hymn #12

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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*Prayer of Confession

Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

O God, our Rock and Redeemer, hear our confession. We worship idols of our own making; when temptation overtakes us we submit to its charm. We find it easier to grumble at hardships than to praise you for mercies we receive day by day. We test you in every way. Yet you promise that you will not test us beyond our endurance. Forgive us when we take advantage of your loving nature, and restore us to communion with you. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

We are convicted of our transgressions but also freed of them by God's grace.

We are guilty, but in facing that guilt, are forgiven.

"The scepter of wickedness shall not rest upon the land allotted to the righteous."

We are liberated to live creatively and courageously, risking all that love of neighbor requires.

*Gloria Patri

"Glory Be to the Father"

Hymn #581

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

*Hymn #724

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

ANGEL'S STORY

*Unison Prayer for Illumination

Elder Karla Casteen

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Galatians 5:16-25

Anthem

"Do Lord, Remember Me"

arr. by Mary McDonald

I've got a home in Gloryland that outshines the sun, way beyond the blue.

Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me, way beyond the blue.

I took Jesus as my Savior, you take him too, way beyond the blue.

Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me, way beyond the blue.

I've got a home on the other side way beyond the blue.

Do Lord, remember me!

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 19:19-21

Sermon

Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

"Confronted with a Decision: Will You Burn the Plow?"

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 **“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”** arr. by John Purifoy
*Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

*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 #611 **“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”** HYMN TO JOY

*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: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Sermon: “Confronted with a Decision: Going ALL In!”

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 20	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	
	9:00 am	Choir Practice
	9:45 am	Adult Sunday School Class
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Fellowship
	11:00 am	Worship
Wednesday, September 23	5:00 pm	Cub Scouts, Pack 35
	10:00 am	Bible Study, Room 304
	6:00 pm	Handbells

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pastor Led Bible Study** is on Wednesday, September 23, at 10:00 am in room 304.
- **Food Pantry Needs for the month of September: Chunky Soup**
- **We will receive** our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering on Sunday, September 27. (See article)
- **Just a reminder folks--** we have another opportunity for volunteers to feed the WRH Men's Varsity and Junior Varsity Soccer teams on October 19. Contact Pam Teachey [\(910\) 470-4555](tel:9104704555) to help with this great community project.

*Thank
you!*

To all who made the installation service and reception so special, please receive our thanks and appreciation. We are so blessed to be a part of this wonderful congregation.

Love, Angela and Pastor Joe



The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Bob & Carol Steen in honor of the wonderful Music Ministry of Wallace Presbyterian Church.



Mark your calendar and join us at 10:00 am, every Wednesday morning in room 304, for our Wednesday Bible Study!
Come join us and bring a friend!



SEPTEMBER



09/20: Mary Laine & JJ Rouse
09/27: Emily & Hayes Ludlum

Kevin Johnson, Leader
Clayton Hall Freddy Hall
Ray Cobb

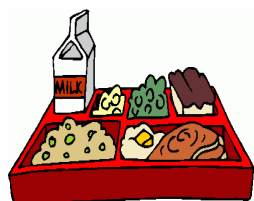
OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

September 16-30: Curt Simpson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

09/20: Jennifer Johnson
09/27: Debbie Price

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.



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

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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



Melissa Stevens, Courtenay Thompson, Sanctuary Flowers
Kelli Norris, Glenda Mobley, Ann Carter, Candace Knowles, Bereavement