



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2025

11:00 A.M

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome

Parker Thompson

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

Prelude

"To God Be the Glory"

arr. Mark Hayes

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory, great things He Hath done.

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship **"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

Opening Sentences (Hymn 435, *Glory To God*)

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.

There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.

There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.

And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

*Hymn #634

"To God Be the Glory"

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robert H. Lapp

Gracious God, welcome us home when we wander afar. Restore us with your compassion and love. Transform us with your miraculous grace, that we might become the new creations you envision us to be. Strengthen us with the power of your Holy Spirit, that we might offer others the same welcome, grace, and love that you have offered us. In your beloved name, we pray. Amen.

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon
Faith, hope, and love remain.

But it is through the greatest of these, love, that we forgive and are forgiven.
This is the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

“Glory Be to the Father”

Hymn #581

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Sermon

*Hymn #445

“God, How Can We Forgive”

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*Unison Prayer for Illumination

Parker Thompson

Open us, Holy One, to your Word and your Way. Clear our minds of daily distractions. Fill our hearts with the humility we need to hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:1-13

Anthem

“God’s Peace”

Choral setting by C.J. Adams

*Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God’s peace;
From our vain ambition’s worry, come to Christ and find release.
Come away from noise and clamor, life’s demands and frenzied pace;
Come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God’s grace.
In the pastures of God’s goodness we lie down to rest our soul.
From the waters of God’s mercy we drink deeply, are made whole,
At the table of God’s presence all the saints are richly fed.
With the oil of God’s anointing into service we are led.
Come, then children, with your burdens, life’s confusions, fear, and pain.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus, take instead his kingdom’s reign.
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them, he alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die.
Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God’s peace.*

Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Sermon

“What Does God Desire?”

Rev. Robert H. Lapp

Prayers of the People with the Lord's Prayer

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Offertory **“As The Deer”** arr. Douglas Wagner
You alone are my strength, my shield. To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart’s desire and I love to worship thee.

*Affirmation of Faith: (*from* A Brief Statement of Faith)

*Hymn #321 **“The Church’s One Foundation”** AURELIA

*Choral Benediction	“Go, My Children, with My Blessing” <i>“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.”</i>	Vajda
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*Postlude *All who are able may stand.

THE SESSION

Class of 2025

Sandy Cobb
Debbie Price
Blake Wallace

Class of 2026

Kevin Johnson
Royal Johnson
Nell Sloan

Class of 2027

Karla Casteen
Geneva Maready
Devan Riley

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

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



09/21: Emily & Hayes Ludlum
09/28: Lindsay & Hayes Skidmore

Jason Rouse, Head
Sam Rose Dave Wells
Michael Patram

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

September 16-30: Greg Maready

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

09/21: Jennifer Johnson
09/28: Debbie Price



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

Sunday, September 28



We will receive our monthly Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering on Sunday, September 28. This offering is an extension of Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries and provides lunches and weekend food for students in Duplin County Schools. During the 2024-2025 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.



**World Communion Sunday
October 5, 2025**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 21	FIFTEENTH 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
	12:00 pm Handbells Retreat & Lunch
	5:00 pm Cub scout Pack 35
Wednesday, September 24	10:00 am Bible Study, Room 304
	6:00 pm Handbells
	7:00 pm PNC, Room 30

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pastor Led Bible Study** is Wednesday, September 24, at 10 am in room 304. The scripture for this week is 1 Luke 16:19-31.
- **Handbell Practice** resumes on Wednesday, September 24, at 6:00 pm.
- **Food Pantry Needs for the month of September: Soap, toothpaste, and toothbrushes.** Also, if you have any empty egg cartons, we can use them! Thank you!



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



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
10:00 am, Room 304



SERMON TEXTS FOR SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY
September 28:

SERMON TEXT
Luke 16:19-31

PREACHER
Rev. Robb Lapp