

# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

September 24, 2023

11:00 A.M.

### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

**“Be Thou My Vision”**

*arranged by Joel Raney*

*Be thou my best thought, by day or by night.  
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.*

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 145*)

Elder Curt Simpson

*Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.*

**People: One generation shall extol your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.**

*Leader: They will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works I will meditate.*

**People: They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.**

*Leader: They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.*

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

\*Hymn #450

**“Be Thou My Vision”**

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\*Unison Prayer of Confession

**Lord God, you are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy. Forgive us when we grumble about your grace - who you choose to bestow your love and forgiveness upon. We confess there are times when we believe we are more deserving of your mercy than others. Open our hearts, O God, to the depth and breadth of your kingdom revealed in the life and ministry of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

\*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

*Leader: Hear the good news! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.*

**People: May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life.**

*Leader: I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*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 #435

**"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"**

IN BABILONE

Prayer for Illumination

**Lord, open your hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading:

*Exodus 16:2-14*

Elder Curt Simpson

Gospel Reading:

*Matthew 20:1-6*

Sermon

**"The Kingdom of Heaven is Like..."**

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

Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering

Offertory

**“Be Thou My Vision”**

John Rutter, 1989

*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.*

\*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 #716

**“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”**

BEACH SPRING

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction

**“Amen”**  
*Amen, Amen, Amen.*

Thomas Pavlecho

\*Postlude

*\*All who are able may stand.*

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 24	9:45 am	Adult Sunday School Class, Curt Simpson & Glenn Price
	10:00 am	Sunday School Classes
	11:00 am	Worship, in person & livestream/Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering
Wednesday, September 27	6:00 pm	Handbells
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **We will receive** our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering this morning. This offering provides school lunches and weekend food for students in Duplin County Public Schools. Thank you for your generous and faithful support.
- **We will** celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on World Communion next Sunday, October 1. All are welcome at the table.
- **Pastor Led Bible Study** will resume on Wednesday, October 4, at 10 am in room 304. Together we will examine the lectionary text for the following Sunday's sermon (Philippians 3:4b-14). We look forward to you joining us.



*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Henry B. Ludlum, Senior, and B.C. Sheffield, III. Given by the Ludlum family.*

### NURSERY

September



09/24: Ellie & Michael Newton  
10/01: Tonya & Michael Patram

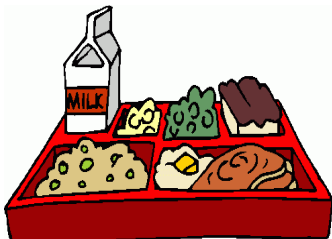
Jason Rouse, Leader  
Sam Rose  
Dave Wells  
Joyce Ange  
Michael Patram

### OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

September 16-30: Dave Wells  
October 1-15: Greg Maready

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

09/24: Tonya Patram  
10/01: Danielle Sills



**FEED OUR HUNGRY  
CHILDREN/BACKPACK  
MINISTRY OFFERING  
Today, September 24**





## **We Need a New Church Phone Directory**

It's time for a new phone directory! Several members have called and asked if we still have some old phone directories and we don't and the old one is just that, Old! We need to update with new members, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses. We have the online directory but everyone is not on it. If you update the phone directory, I can update the online directory too. Call the church office, email me at [cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com](mailto:cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com), or fill out the form below and put it in the offering plate. Thanks!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone (if you have one) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

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