WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost/World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2023

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love" arr. Mark Hayes They'll know we are Christians by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

"Come All You People"

Alexander Gondo

Elder Debbie Price

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker. Come now and worship the Lord.

Opening Sentences

Leader: Today we celebrate the joyful feast of the people of God

People: with believers from all around the world!

Leader: People will come north and south,

People: and from east and west,

Leader: to peaceably sit and eat together in the kingdom of God.

People: Thanks be to God for welcoming us to the table of grace.

*Hymn #340

"This Is My Song"

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*Prayer of Confession

Lord of all creation, when we are blind to your ways, give us eyes to see how you are reconciling the world unto yourself. Pardon us when we fail to acknowledge your presence, and give us the courage to join you in the building of your kingdom. Forgive us when we fail to understand your will, and give us the wisdom to pursue what is good and just and true for the sake of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon (John 3:16-17)
Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
People: so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.
Leader: Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,
People: but in order that the world might be saved through him.
Leader: Beloved, in Jesus Christ we are a forgiven people.
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 #526	"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"	LINSTEAD
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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.

Sermon "	By What Authority?"	Rev. Robert Lapp
Gospel Reading:	Matthew 21:23-32	
Epistle Reading:	Philippians 2:1-13	Elder Debbie Price

A Time for Silent Reflection

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"This Is My Song"

arr. John Purifoy

This is my song, O God of all the nations, A song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; *Here are my hopes, my dreams my holy shrine;* But other hearts in other lands are beating With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

*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: (adapted from the Belhar Confession) We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another, that we are share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table Words of Institution Great Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Receiving of the Bread and Cup

Communion Music	"Fairest Lord Jesus"	arr. Molly Ijames			
	"Fairest Lord Jesus"	arr. Joel Raney			
Prayer After Communion					
*Hymn #300	"We Are One in the Spirit"	THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS			
*Benediction					
*Choral Benediction	"Amen"	African American			
*Postlude		*All who are able may stand.			

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 1	WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY		
	9:45 am	m Adult Sunday School Class, Curt Simpson &	
		Glenn Price	
	10:00 am	Sunday School Classes	
	11:00 am	Worship, in person & livestream/The Sacrament	
		of The Lord's Supper	
Monday, October 2	10:30 am	Circle #1: Room 304	
Tuesday, October 3	10:30 am	Circle #3: Fellowship Hall	
•	7:00 pm	Circle #4: Fellowship Hall	
Wednesday, October 4	10:00 am	Bible Study, Room 304	
-	6:00 pm	Handbells	
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice	
Saturday, October 7	9:30 am	Meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina/	
		St. Andrews University, Laurinburg, NC	

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Today we** celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the sign and seal of our communion with the crucified and risen Lord. The Lord's Supper enacts and seals what the Word proclaims: God's sustaining grace offered to all people. Come to the table! Taste and see that the Lord is good! 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 Presbytery of Coastal Carolina** will hold a hybrid (in person and by Zoom) meeting on Saturday, October 7 at St. Andrews University in Laurinburg, NC. Please keep ministers, elders, and presbytery staff members in your prayers.

NURSERY	October	USENERS
10/01: Sara Matthews 10/08: Danielle Sills & Hope Turnbull OPENING CHURCH BUILDING		Greg Maready, Leader Royal Johnson Curt Simpson Tom Whitfield James Whitfield Stan Skidmore
October 1-15: Greg Maready		CHILDREN'S CHURCH
MORL	COMMENION HONDES	10/01: Danielle Sills 10/08: Kelli Norris

Fill out this form if you didn't fill one out last Sunday or haven't emailed or called the church office with information.



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 <u>cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com</u>, or fill out the form below and put it in the offering plate. Thanks!

Name(s)	
Address	
Cell phone(s)	
Home phone (if you have one)	-
Email address(es)	
Children's names	
Birthdays	