

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2023

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "God Is Here!" arr. Lloyd Larson

Welcome and Announcements Elder Greg Maready

Choral Call to Worship "Christ, Be Our Light" Bernadette Farrell
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Opening Sentences (*Psalm 19*) Elder Greg Maready

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God

People: and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words,

People: but their voice is not heard.

Leader: It goes out through all the earth

People: and to the end of the world.

*Hymn #409 "God Is Here!" ABBOT'S LEIGH

*Prayer of Confession Elder Greg Maready

Merciful God, we confess that we put our confidence in our abilities rather than in your love, in our possessions rather than in your generosity, in ourselves rather than in you. Forgive us and redirect us according to your Spirit. Keep working with us Lord, even when we fail to work with you. Stick with us, Lord, that we might more faithfully stick with you. Open us to new levels of trust and joy as we press on towards your heavenly goal. Amen.

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, we have not already obtained the prize or reached the goal — but Christ has!

People: And in Christ we are a new creation,

Leader: We have been forgiven and made whole.

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 #353

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

SOLID ROCK

Prayer for Illumination

O Lord, may the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts, and the actions of our lives be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 22:33-46

Elder Greg Maready

Anthem

"How Beautiful" with "There Is a Redeemer" arr. Lloyd Larson
*How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the children of earth.
How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.
How beautiful is the body of Christ.
How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead.
How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise.
How beautiful is the body of Christ.
And as He laid down His life, we offer this sacrifice that we will live just as He died:
Willing to pay the price. How beautiful is the body of Christ.
There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.
Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.*

Epistle Reading:

Philippians 3:4b-14

Sermon

"Pressing On"

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

“Christ, Be Our Light!”

arr. Mark Hayes

*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: (*Philippians 2:5-11*)

**Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.**

**And being found in appearance as a human,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

*Hymn #314

“Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

“Song of Hope”

Argentine Folk Melody

*May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
Working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 8	9:45 am	Adult Sunday School Class, Curt Simpson & Glenn Price
	10:00 am	Sunday School Classes
	11:00 am	Worship, in person & livestream
Wednesday, October 11	10:00 am	Bible Study, Room 304
	6:00 pm	Handbells
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pastor Led Bible Study** is on Wednesday, October 11, at 10 am in room 304. Together we will examine the lectionary text for the following Sunday's sermon (Philippians 4:1-9). We look forward to you joining us.
- **Christian Love and Sympathy** is extended to Lou Brinkley and family on the death of her brother, Roy Parker on October 2, 2023.

NURSERY

October



10/08: Danielle Sills & Hope Turnbull
10/15: Geneva & Greg Maready

Greg Maready, Leader
Royal Johnson Curt Simpson
Tom Whitfield James Whitfield
Stan Skidmore

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

October 1-15: Greg Maready
October 16-31: Hayes Ludlum

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10/08: Kelli Norris
10/15: Ellie Newton



Join us on Wednesday mornings for Bible study at 10:00 am in room 304. Together we will examine the lectionary text for the following Sunday's sermon. We look forward to seeing you there!



**FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/BACKPACK
MINISTRY OFFERING
Sunday, October 22**



We will receive our monthly Feed Our Hungry Children/ Backpack Ministry Offering on Sunday, October 22. This offering provides school lunches and weekend food for students in Duplin County Public Schools. Thank you for your generous and faithful support.