

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2023

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

arr. Joel Raney

*Come Thou fount of every blessing tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise.*

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Blake Wallace

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

Leader: Rejoice in God always. Again I say, Rejoice!

People: Take heart; the Lord is near.

Leader: Make it known among the people: God reigns.

People: Proclaim it from the rooftops.

Leader: Let gentleness and gladness be our guide.

People: Rejoice in God always. Again I say, Rejoice!

Leader: Take heart; the Lord is near.

*Hymn #804

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

MARION

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robert Lapp

We seek your goodness, O God, for we search our hearts and find them wanting. We seek your joy, source of love and laughter, for our souls are weary and our hearts are heavy. Set our minds on things that are excellent, admirable, and worthy of praise. Shine the light of your love on our lives, that we might strive after things that are just, righteous, and true. Amen.

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The peace of God, which passes all understanding,

People: is ours through Christ Jesus.

Leader: Rest secure in this assurance,

People: for it is trustworthy and true.

*Gloria Patri

**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 #306

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

DENNIS

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Blake Wallace

As we listen for the word of God, may our thoughts linger on what is honorable and true, just and pure, pleasing and commendable, excellent and worthy of praise. Amen.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 22:1-14

Anthem

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

John Newton

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.*

Epistle Reading:

Philippians 4:1-9

Sermon

"Being The Church Together"

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 15	9:45 am	Adult Sunday School Class, Curt Simpson & Glenn Price
	10:00 am	Sunday School Classes
	11:00 am	Worship, in person & livestream
	12:00 pm	Nominating Committee, Blue Room
Tuesday, October 17	5:30 pm	PW Coordinating Team Meeting, Blue Room
	7:00 pm	Session Meeting, Room 304
Wednesday, October 18	10:00 am	Bible Study, Room 304
	6:00 pm	Handbells
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team Meeting** will be Tuesday, October 17 at 5:30 in the Blue Room.
- **The session** will meet on Tuesday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 304. If you have any business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or Rev. Lapp.
- **Membership** - On Sunday, October 29, new members will meet with the session at 10:30 a.m. and then be welcomed in the worship service at 11:00 a.m. If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining the church, please have them contact Robert Lapp, interim pastor, at interimpastor@wallacepresbyterian.com or 285-2808.
- **Congratulations to** Jimmy & Marney Crayton on the birth of their daughter Margarette “Maggie” Windham Crayton on Friday, October 6, 2023. Maggie weighed in at 8 lbs. and 20 1/2 inches long. God Bless this little girl and her family.

NURSERY

October



10/15: Geneva & Greg Maready
 10/22: Christy Johnson & Payton Westbrook

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

10/15: Ellie Newton
 10/22: Windsor/Georgia Farris



**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.