



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

11:00 A.M

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome

Elder Sandy Cobb

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

Prelude

“There Is A Balm in Gilead”

arr. Mark Hayes

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.*

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

John Carter

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.*

Opening Sentences (*Psalm 121 and 2 Timothy 4*)

We lift up our eyes to the hills — from where will our help come?

Our help comes not from the hills, but from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable;

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

With endurance, expectation, and joy, let us worship the living God!

*Hymn #645

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

MIT FREUDEN ZART

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robert H. Lapp

You call us, Lord God, to a faith that is alive. You urge us to grow in wisdom and to be reconciled with all. Yet, we fail to understand that faith is not a goal to be achieved, a place where we arrive and then rest on our laurels. Call us anew, O God, to seek you in the neighbors who need us. Help us pursue peace with more persistence than those who pursue violence. Grant us an unyielding faith—a faith that transforms our own hearts and the world around us. Amen.

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon (*Jeremiah 31*)

"I will be your God, and you will be my people," says the Lord.

God accepts us and calls us to accept all God's children.

In the name of 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 #465

"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

CONVERSE

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Elder Sandy Cobb

Amid a world where sound teaching is hard to find, our ears are easily tickled by words that suit our own desires. Open us to hear your word, O Lord, that we might know you and your will for us today.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:1-8

Sermon

"Persistency"

Rev. Robert H. Lapp

A Time for Silent Reflection

Prayers of the People 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

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

arr. John Purifoy

*O joy that seekest me though pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain and feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.*

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymn #606

*Prayer of Dedication

*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 #833

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

ST. MARGARET

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

“There Is a Redeemer”

Melody Green

*Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.*

*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





OCTOBER



10/19: Christy Johnson & Payton Westbrook
10/26: Debbie Price & Joyce Ange

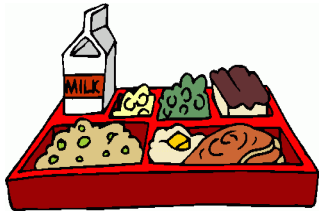
Curt Simpson, Head
Royal Johnson James Whitfield
Harvey Knowles

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

October 16-31: Blake Wallace

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10/19: Kristin Cottle
10/26: Georgia/Windsor Farrior



FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/ BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING Sunday, October 26



We will receive our monthly Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering on Sunday, October 26. This offering is an extension of Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries and provides lunches and weekend food for students in Duplin County Schools. During the 2025-2026 school year, the following schools will be served: Beulaville Elementary, Chinquapin Elementary, Rose Hill-Magnolia Elementary, Wallace Elementary, and Wallace-Rose Hill High School.

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.



***Daylight saving time ends on Sunday,
November 2, 2025.
Clocks will fall back one hour.***

ANNUAL MEETING Of the Congregation and Corporation

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation, which will include the election of three elders for the Class of 2028 will be on Sunday, November 16, following the worship service in the sanctuary. A meal sponsored by the Congregational Care Ministry Team will be served in fellowship hall following the meeting. Meats will be provided. Please bring a covered dish. Thank you!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 19	NINETEENTH 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
	5:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack 35
Monday, October 20	5:30 pm	PW Coordinating Team Meeting, Blue Room
Tuesday, October 21	6:00 pm	Session Meeting, Room 304
Wednesday, October 22	10:00 am	Bible Study, Room 304
	6:00 pm	Handbells
	7:00 pm	PNC, Room 304

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team** will meet Monday, October 20, at 5:30 pm in the Blue Room.
- **The session** will meet on Tuesday, October 21 at 6:00 pm in Room 304. If you have any business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or the pastor.
- **Pastor Led Bible Study** is Wednesday, October 22, at 10 am in room 304. The scripture for this week is 2 Timothy 4:9-22.
- **Food Pantry Needs for the month of October: Canned Vegetables, Pork & Beans, Baked Beans.** Also, if you have any empty egg cartons, we can use them! Thank you!
- **A Meal Train for Catherine "Cat" Blanchard** is being organized by the Wallace Presbyterian Church Congregational Care Ministry Team and the Presbyterian Women. Contact Sandy Cobb or go to church website to sign up. Click on this link: <https://mealtrain.com/4gl3g2>

Flowers



The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Bill and Susan Walters in loving memory of Bill's brother Al Elgin and his sister Judy Sterling.



A 30 Day Growth Plan Zoom Workshop with John Fong is designed to equip our church to grow in faith, expand its impact, and welcome new members. It's on **Saturday, October 25, from 10-11:30 a.m.**

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