

# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost*

October 22, 2023

11:00 A.M.

### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

**“Pass It On”**

arr. Mark Hayes

*I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want the world to know*

*The Lord of Love Has come to me*

*I want to pass it on.*

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Curt Simpson

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: In this sacred hour of worship where truth is revealed,*

**People: we give to God what is God's.**

*Leader: Between the demands of last week and the week that is coming,*

**People: we give to God what is God's.**

*Leader: In gratitude for the abundance that our Creator provides,*

**People: we give to God what is God's.**

\*Hymn #394

**“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”**

REGENT SQUARE

\*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robert Lapp

**Lord of all, we believe in you as the ruler of our lives but our actions too often betray that profession. Forgive us for not fully trusting you with those things we value so highly. Give us the courage to align our lives with your desires. May we live in such a way that the world might see your love and grace reflected in us, your church, as a living, earthly sign of your heavenly realm.**

**Amen.**

\*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

*Leader: Beloved, believe the good news of the Gospel: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are a forgiven people.*

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*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 #307

**"God of Grace an God of Glory"**

CWM RHONDDA

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Curt Simpson

**Lord, give us ears to hear your Word, open our hearts and minds to your Truth, and grant us the courage to respond faithfully to what you have to say to your church today. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading:

*Psalm 96*

Gospel Reading:

*Matthew 22:15-22*

Sermon

**"The Head of the Church"**

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

**“Wayfaring Stranger”**

arr. Mark Hayes

*I’m just going over Jordan  
I’m just going over home.*

\*Doxology

***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.***

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*The Affirmation of Faith: *(adapted from the Heidelberg Catechism, 1563)*

*Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?*

**People: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of sin and evil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

\*Hymn #321

**“The Church’s One Foundation”**

WAREHAM

\*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 22	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, October 25	11:00 am	Memorial Service
	6:00 pm	Handbells
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **This morning** we receive our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/ Backpack Ministry offering. This ministry is an extension of the Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries in Wallace and provides weekend food for students in the Duplin County Education system. Numerous organizations and individuals support this ministry. Thank you for your generosity!
- **There will be no Wednesday morning Bible study this week.**
- **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](mailto:interimpastor@wallacepresbyterian.com) or 910-285-2808.
- **Christian Love and Sympathy** is extended to Lenny & Sandy Ward and family on the death of their daughter, Vanessa on October 13. The memorial service will be held in the sanctuary on Wednesday, October 25 at 11:00 am, with a reception following in Fellowship Hall.

### NURSERY

October



10/22: Christy Johnson & Payton Westbrook  
10/29: Debbie & Katie Price

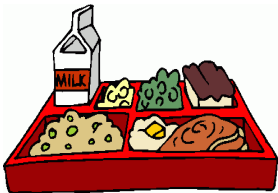
Greg Maready, Leader  
Royal Johnson Curt Simpson  
Tom Whitfield James Whitfield  
Stan Skidmore

### OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

October 16-31: Hayes Ludlum

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10/22: Windsor/Georgia Farrior  
10/29: Jennifer Johnson



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