



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 26, 2025

11:00 A.M

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome

Hollis Skidmore

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

Prelude

“Ellacombe”

arr. Mark Hayes

*I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.*

Announcements

Moment for Mission

Elder Debbie Price

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 (*Joel 2, Psalm 65*)

Rejoice in the Lord and be glad.

God is our hope and our salvation.

The Lord blesses the earth with rain.

God crowns the year with bounty.

The Lord makes the old dream dreams.

God makes the young see visions.

Rejoice in the Lord and be glad.

God is our hope and our salvation.

*Hymn #32

“I Sing the Mighty Power Of God”

ELLACOMBE

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robert H. Lapp

Merciful God, prepare us for our journey through this world. May we never tire of fighting the good fight, nor fall exhausted from running our race. May we never grow weary from keeping the faith. Speak your words of promise once more, O God, for we need to find your quiet center amid the noisy tumult of life. Bless us with dreams and guide us with visions, that we may faithfully endure life's trials and receive your righteous crown. Amen.

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Christ offers a crown of righteousness to those who love him and long for his appearance.

Let us rejoice and be glad!

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri

“Glory Be to the Father”

Hymn #581

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Sermon

*Hymn #828

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

MORE LOVE TO THEE

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Hollis Skidmore

God of Wisdom and Grace, you speak through your Word read and proclaimed. Prepare us, then, to listen well. Open our ears to your truth; open our minds to the unexpected. Humble us here, in your presence, so nothing stands in the way — not pride, not distraction, not weary hearts. Let your Word reach us as we are now. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:9-14

Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-22

Sermon

“Come Before Winter!”

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

“Duke Street”

arr. Lloyd Larson

*Run the straight race through God’s good grace;
Lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ’s face.*

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymn #606

*Prayer of Dedication

*Affirmation of Faith: *(Philippians 2: 5-11)*

**Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

*Hymn #846

“Fight the Good Fight”

DUKE STREET

*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



10/26: Kristin Cottle & Joyce Ange
11/02: Sara Matthews & Kelli Norris

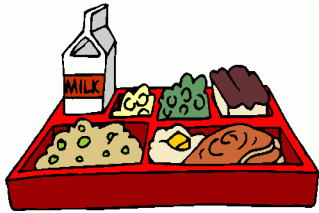
Curt Simpson, Head
Royal Johnson James Whitfield
Harvey Knowles

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

October 16-31: Blake Wallace

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10/26: Georgia/Windsor Farrior
11/02: Lindsay & Hayes Skidmore



**FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/
BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING**
Today, October 26



*Daylight saving time ends next 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 26	TWENTIETH 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/Feed Our Hungry Children Backpack Ministry Offering
	12:00 pm	Nominating Committee, Room 304
Wednesday, October 29	5:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack 35
	10:00 am	Bible Study, Room 304
	6:00 pm	Handbells
	7:00 pm	PNC, Room 304

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!
- **Pastor Led Bible Study** is Wednesday, October 29, at 10 am in room 304. The scripture for this week is Luke 19:1-10.
- **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!
- **The 20th Annual River Landing Food Drive** is Monday, November 3. Donation bags are available in the sanctuary as you leave the church and on Information table in Gladden Hall. If anyone would like to donate their time from 8:00-12:00 on Monday, contact Barbara Swetits at 908-500-9079. Monetary donations also welcome.
- **The Nominating Committee** is seeking three members to place in nomination at the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 16 to serve as Elders on the Session for the class of 2028 . If you have suggestions of those who you would like the committee to consider, please contact: *Curt Simpson, Hayes Ludlum, Bailey Riley, Mary Laine Rouse, Linda Burroughs, Ann Carter, Windsor Farrior, or Miller Ludlum.*
- **Stewardship** - In response to the gospel of Jesus Christ, we offer our gifts to God. Thank you for your generosity to the mission and ministry of WPC.



The flowers in the sanctuary today are in celebration of the 34th Wedding Anniversary (October 25) of Dan and Tanya Robinson. Happy Anniversary!

Thank You!

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the calls, kind thoughts and prayers since my surgery and return home. I am walking with just my cane now! I couldn't have gone through it all without you! Thank you all so much!

*Love in Christ,
Bettie Lettieri*