

# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost*

October 29, 2023

11:00 A.M.

### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

**“Here I Am, Lord”**

Attie Carlton Handbell Choir

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.*

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

*Leader: God has been our dwelling place in all generations.*

**People: Before the mountains were brought forth,**

*Leader: before the earth and sky were formed,*

**People: God was from everlasting to everlasting.**

*Leader: We come to worship this day,*

**People: that God may gather us in.**

*Leader: We will love God fully,*

**People: and we will love one another well.**

\*Hymn #275

**“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**

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\*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robert Lapp

**God of Mercy, we hear your command to love one another. These words are easy to say, yet so difficult to do. If only loving could be as natural as breathing, but it takes work and dedication. Even when we think we are following you, O God, it is easy to get lost. Forgive us and turn us back to you when we have wandered from your ways. Show us once more what love looks like and send us into the world to try again. Amen.**

\*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

*Leader: When we lose our way,*

**People: God waits with compassion to turn us back to love, to grace, to God's own face.**

*Leader: Even before we ask for mercy, God has already forgiven us.*

**People: God sweeps away our mistakes and misdeeds and calls us home.**

\*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 #707

**"Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"**

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Prayer for Illumination (*Unison*)

Elder Greg Maready

**Bless us, O God, with ears to hear your truth, vision to discern your path,  
and feet ready to move into action. Open our minds and our hearts to the  
reading and proclamation of your Word. Ready us to respond to the Spirit's call.  
Amen.**

Old Testament Reading:

*Psalm 1*

Anthem

**"Evidence of Grace"**

arr. Mary McDonald

*So many lives are empty, so many walk alone; Weary, sad, and longing for home.*

*Reaching out for something they cannot seem to find*

*Lord, let your love illuminate the pathway to my side.*

*This is my command: that you take your brother's hand*

*And love him as I have first loved you.*

*Let the warmth of your embrace give him strength to run the race;*

*May your love's work be the evidence of grace.*

*Children cry in hunger as parents strive for bread;*

*Still, their hearts are lost and unfed.*

*Broken people wonder: "O God, where can you be?"*

*Share my heart with those who weep,, and bring them back to me.*

*Give the hungry food to eat. Give them more than tears to drink.*

*Give the broken ones a place at Jesus' feet!*

*May your love's work be the evidence of grace.*

Gospel Reading:

*Matthew 22:34-46*

Sermon

**"Love God, Love Neighbor"**

Rev. Robert Lapp

A Time for Silent Reflection

Welcome of New Members

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

**“Here I Am, Lord”**

arr. Mark Hayes

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

\*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: 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 #729

**“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”**

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

\*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;*

\*Postlude

*\*All who are able may stand.*

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 29	9:45 am	Adult Sunday School Class, Curt Simpson & Glenn Price
	10:00 am	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 am	Called Session Meeting to receive New Members
	11:00 am	Worship, in person & livestream/Reception of New Members/5 <sup>TH</sup> Sunday Building Offering
Wednesday, November 1	10:00 am	Bible Study, Room 304
	6:00 pm	Handbells
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome** to these new members: Bill Elrod, by transfer from Forest Lake Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC; Beth Flemming, reaffirmation of faith; and Henry and Melissa Stevens and their children Hank and Savannah Kate by transfer from Warsaw Presbyterian Church. Our congregation is blessed and strengthened by the addition of these brothers and sisters in the faith.
- **This morning** we receive our 5th Sunday Building Offering. This offering helps us maintain the physical space of our sanctuary, the Currie Building, Gladden Hall, and the Church Office building so we can carry out our mission of worship, education, and service. Thank you for your contributions.
- **Pastor Led Bible Study** is on Wednesday, November 1, at 10 am in room 304. Together we will examine the lectionary text for the following Sunday's sermon (1 Thess. 2:9-13). We look forward to you joining us.
- **River Landing Food Drive** is Monday, November 6. Donation bags are available in the sanctuary as you leave the church. If anyone would like to donate their time, Sunday or Monday, contact Barbara Swetits at 908-500-9079. Monetary donations also welcome.
- **Christian love and sympathy** is extended to Lenny and Sandy Ward and family on the death of their daughter, Vanessa Ward who died on October 13.



*The flowers in the sanctuary today are in memory of Jack David Wells and Verlie Quinn Wells. They are given by Joyce Ange, Jackie Dormaaen. Dave Wells and their families.*

### NURSERY

October



10/29: Kelli Norris & Sara Matthews  
11/05: 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

10/29: Jennifer Johnson  
11/05: Tonya Patram