

# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 30, 2022

11:00 a.m.

### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

**"Come Just As You Are"**

arr. by Bill Ingram

Attie Carr Carlton Handbell Choir

*Come just as you are; Hear the Spirit call.*

*Come just as you are. Come and see.*

*Come receive. Come and live forever.*

*Life everlasting; strength for today;*

*Taste the living water and never thirst again.*

*Come just as you are.*

Welcome and Announcements

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

Choral Call to Worship

**"Sanctuary"**

Thompson & Scruggs

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy, tried and true.*

*With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

Opening Sentences

Elder Danielle Sills

*Leader: From all walks of life, Christ desires to bring us into the fold of love.*

**All: Seeking after us, God meets us where we are.**

*Leader: Through the love of God, we are awakened to truths that set us free.*

**All: God liberates us from evil to live with joy and meaning.**

*Leader: Revealing possibilities for healing and restoration, God ushers us  
towards God's Kingdom.*

**All: Let us rejoice! Through Christ, all things are being made new.**

\*Hymn #1


**"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"**

NICAEA

\*Unison Prayer of Confession

**O God, sometimes we cannot see you. We search for you and have to strain to hear your voice. And yet you come to us where we are, in our sinful lives. You forgive us and change our hearts through the grace of your Son, Jesus and his liberating love. Loving God, help us confess, repent, and repair: the neglect in our lives and relationships, the tragedy of evil in the society around us, and the sin that separates us from you and our neighbors. Help us see ourselves for what we are: sinners in need of a Savior, a Savior we have in Christ. Lord, hear our prayers . . .**

**(A time for silent prayers of confession . . .)**



*The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.*

*"Zacchaeus was a wee little man and a wee little man was he. He climbed up in a sycamore tree for the Lord he wanted to see."  
Children's Song*

*"And when the Savior passed that way he looked up in the tree, and said,  
"Zacchaeus, you come down! For I'm going to your house today! For I'm going to your house today!"  
Children's Song*

"Zacchaeus was a wee little man but a happy man was he, for he had seen the Lord that day and a happy man was he; and a very happy man was he."  
Children's Song



"The story of Zacchaeus is the gospel in sycamore. It is the best and oldest joke in the world."  
Frederick Buechner,  
*Wishful Thinking*



\*Responsive Assurance of Pardon  
Leader: Let us proclaim the truth to one another:  
**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.**

Gloria Patri

**Glory Be to the Father  
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

Prayer for Illumination

**Empty us, Great God, of all that prevents us from hearing what you want us to hear. Empty us of our preconceptions, our preoccupations, and our prejudices. Empty us that we might be filled with your Spirit and your Word. Empty us that we might be filled for ministry and mission. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Epistle Lesson

*Ephesians 2:1-10*

Elder Danielle Sills

Gospel Lesson

*Luke 19:1-10*

Sermon

**"Seeking & Seen"**

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

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

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Building Offering

*Zacchaeus's actions belied the meaning of his name ("pure, innocent") and warranted the label "sinner." When salvation visited the sinner, everything was different.*



*"Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."  
Matthew 9:13, Jesus's answer to the Pharisees who criticized him for eating with tax collectors*

Offertory

**"Our Song Shall Rise to Thee"**

Sandra Eithun

*Based on the hymn tune NICAEA*

Attie Carr Carlton Handbell Choir

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!*

*All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky, and sea.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!*

*God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*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.*

\*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, 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 #726

**"Will You Come and Follow Me"**

THE SERVANT SONG

(The Summons)

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction

**"O Christ, Surround Me"**

Richard Colligan

*God, be the love to search and keep me;*

*God, be the prayer to move my voice;*

*God, be the strength to now uphold me;*

*O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

\*Postlude

*\*All who are able may stand.*

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 30  Monday, October 31 Tuesday, November 1 Wednesday, November 2  Thursday, November 3	9:30 am Alternative Sunday School Class, Room 304 & via Zoom 10:00 am Sunday School Classes 11:00 am Worship in person and live stream/5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Building Offering No Monday Evening Bible Study ALL SAINTS DAY No Bible Study 6:00 pm Handbells Practice 7:00 pm Choir Practice 12:30 pm Meeting of the Commission on Ministry of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
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## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \* **There will be no Monday night or Wednesday morning Bible Study this week.**
- \* **The East Commission on Ministry of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina** will meet in Room 304 on Thursday, November 3. This commission oversees the relationships between congregations and pastors. Philip Gladden serves on the commission.
- \* **Coming Soon! Children's Fellowship Activity**, Sunday, November 13. "Getting Ready for Advent" — led by Mrs. Karla and Dr. Phil. Lunch after worship, music, devotion, craft activity to help decorate the sanctuary for Advent.
- \* **River Landing Food Drive** is Monday, November 7. 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.

**Today  
October 30**

  
**Nursery**  
 10/30:  
 Geneva & Greg  
 Maready

  
**USHERS**  
 Greg Maready  
 Royal Johnson  
 Curt Simpson

**Opening  
Church  
Building**  
 October  
 16-31:  
 Greg Maready

**Children's  
Church**  
 10/30:  
 Jennifer  
 Johnson



*The flowers in the sanctuary today are in memory of Jack David and Verlie Quinn Wells in remembrance of their birthdays, October 31 and November 11. They are given by Joyce Ange, Jackie Dormagen and Dave Wells families.*



**5TH SUNDAY BUILDING OFFERING  
TODAY, OCTOBER 30**

**This offering helps us provide and maintain our church physical plant so our worship, education, and outreach ministries can continue.  
Thank you for your generous support!**