



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

November 2, 2025

11:00 A.M

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome

Elder Kevin Johnson

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

Prelude

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

arr. John Purifoy

*For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great and armed with cruel hate.
On earth is not his equal.*

Announcements

Moment for Mission

Elder Sandy Cobb

Choral Call to Worship

“Give Thanks”

Henry Smith 1978

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.
And now let the weak say, “We are strong”; let the poor say, “We are rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us!” Give thanks.*

Opening Sentences (*Psalm 149*)

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song.

Rejoice and be glad, for the Lord reigns.

Praise God with dance.

Praise God with songs of adoration.

For God lifts up the lowly and casts down the mighty.

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song.

*Hymn #275

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

EIN' FESTE BURG

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robert H. Lapp

Holy and gracious God, you are the author of every good and perfect gift. Forgive us for the ways we fall short of your desire for our lives. You ask us to look to the margins and care for the lost; we center on ourselves. You ask us to give away; we grab for more. You ask us to love one another; we cannot see beyond our divisions. Forgive us. Help us. We call on you, our beloved, our help, our God, our hope. Amen.

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

Thanks be to God. Amen!

*Gloria Patri

“Glory Be to the Father”

Hymn #581

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Sermon

*Hymn #649

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

AMAZING GRACE

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Elder Kevin Johnson

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Epistle Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Gospel Reading

Luke 19:1-10

Sermon

“All Saints and Sinners”

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

“For All the Saints”
*Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia!*

arr. John Purifoy

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymn #606

*Prayer of Dedication

*Affirmation of Faith: *(A Brief Statement of Faith)*

In a broken and fearful world

**the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks**

**and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Hymn #326

“For All the Saints”

SINE NOMINE

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

“Amen”

Marty Hogan

*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



Interim Pastor

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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





NOVEMBER



11/02: Sara Matthews & Kelli Norris
11/09: Emily & Hayes Ludlum

Dan Robinson, Head
Freddy Hall Kelli Norris
Tom Whitfield

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

November 1-15: Jim Simpson
November 16-30: Glenn Price

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

11/02: Lindsay & Hayes Skidmore
11/09: Christy Johnson



30-Day Church Growth Project

4 Key reasons churches stop growing or close:

1. Church is no longer relevant to people's lives
2. Church no longer develops deep relationships and where friends meet
3. Due to limited resources and an aging membership, the church has lost connection with the community
4. People don't like to change and don't want to try new things

Robb Lapp recently participated in a 30-Day Church Growth Plan Workshop with John Fong. The next step is for us to form a small group of 2-3 motivated people who are willing to work with John Fong to implement some very simple and practical strategies for growth. If you are interested in helping our church grow or have questions, please contact Robb

at interimpastor@wallacepresbyterian.com, give him a call, or just let him know when you see him.



children's hope
ALLIANCE

Annual Thanksgiving Offering for Children's Hope Alliance Sunday, November 23

Children's Hope Alliance is committed to helping families of all shapes, sizes, and definitions through a vast array of community-based services. Their comprehensive programs give hope to North Carolina's children and families by providing hope for a safe home, a pathway to healing, and a healthy start.

Children's Hope Alliance has hundreds of years of experience helping children and families in need—dating back to the late 1800s. In April of 2014, Barium Springs Home for Children and Grandfather Home for Children came together in an effort to have a greater impact in helping children and families across North Carolina. These sister organizations were both founded by the Presbyterian Synod. The name chosen for the newly formed, merged organization was Children's Hope Alliance: an alliance forged by our deeply rooted mission to provide hope and healing for hurting children and families.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 2	TWENTY-FIRST 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
	12:00 pm	Nominating Committee Meeting, Room 304
	5:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack 35
Monday, November 3	8:00-12:00 pm	River Landing Food Drive, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, November 4	10:30 am	Morning Circle, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Evening Circle, Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, November 5	10:00 am	Bible Study, Room 304
	6:00 pm	Handbells
	7:00 pm	PNC, Room 304

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **PW Circles** meet this week on Tuesday, November 4. The Morning Circle meets at 10:30 am and Evening Circle at 7:00 pm. Both Circles meet in the Currie Building. (Fellowship Hall)
- **Pastor Led Bible Study** is Wednesday, November 5, at 10 am in room 304. The scripture for this week is Luke 20:27-38.
- **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 the fellowship hall following the meeting. Meats will be provided. Please bring a covered dish. Thank you!
- **The 20th Annual River Landing Food Drive** is tomorrow, 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.*
- **We extend our Christian love and sympathy** to the family of Catherine Blanchard who died on October 19, 2025.
- **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 today are given in love and memory of our parents, Jack David and Verlie Quinn Wells. Given by their children, Joyce Ange, Jackie Dormagen, and Dave Wells.