

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost/All Saints' Sunday

November 5, 2023

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

“His Eye Is On the Sparrow”

arr. John Purifoy

*I sing because I'm happy. I sing because I'm free.
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.*

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Sandy Cobb

Choral Call to Worship

“Rain Down”

Jaime Cortez

*Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your people.
Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of life*

Opening Sentences (*based on Psalm 107*)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

People: his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

People: those he redeemed from trouble and safely gathered home.

Leader: When they cried to the Lord in their trouble,

People: he delivered them from their distress.

*Hymn #22

“God of the Sparrow”

ROEDER

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robert Lapp

Strong deliverer, we yearn to follow Jesus, but find it difficult to humble ourselves and take the role of a servant. We long to release the fear that holds us captive, but fear we will lose power and prestige, that we will no longer hold places of honor, that we will be perceived as weak. Heal our insecurities, O God. Help us live into Christ's truth that the greatest are those who serve, and that those who humble themselves will be exalted. Amen.

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Beloved, Christ's grace saves us from our fears

People: and leads us into a freedom the world cannot touch, much less take away.

Leader: Rest in the assurance of God's redeeming love.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen

*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 #749

"Come! Live in the Light!"

WE ARE CALLED

Prayer for Illumination (*Unison*)

Elder Sandy Cobb

You call us through your Word read and proclaimed, Holy God. May our eyes be opened and our hearts willing to follow wherever your Spirit leads. Amen.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 23:1-12

Anthem

"Raise Your Hands"

Heather Sorenson

*Raise your hands when you're high upon the mountain,
And you know that you've been blessed.
Raise your hands when you start your day with nothing, and you end with even less.
Raise your hands to the One who gives us everything, yet He shines in emptiness.
Raise your hands when you're offering up the sacrifice that you want to claim as yours.
Raise your hands, reaching up to heaven, when your heart's bowed to the floor.
Raise your hands, trusting in the grace of God that has carried you before.
I will lift my hands to You, and bless Your name forever.
I will lift my hands to You, and bless Your holy name.
Raise your hands when your heart is full of worship,
And your songs are filled with praise.
Raise your hands when the battle ends in victory, and God's glory is ablaze.
Raise your hands. Let the earth shout, "Hallelujah!"
And the people shout, "Amen!"
Raise your hands and the hands that have been emptied,
God will fill them once again. Raise your hands.*

Epistle Reading:

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Sermon

"Remembering"

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

“For All the Saints”

arr. John Purifoy

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

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

**In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God’s image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.**

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

**Ignoring God’s commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

We deserve God’s condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love,

**the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.**

Hearing their cry,

God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

*Hymn #326

“For All the Saints”

SINE NOMINE

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

“When the Saints”

arr. Michael Sinshack

*Oh, when the saints go marching in, Lord,
I want to be in that number!*

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 5	<p style="text-align: center;">ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY</p> <p>9:45 am Adult Sunday School Class, Curt Simpson & Glenn Price</p> <p>10:00 am Sunday School Classes</p> <p>11:00 am Worship, in person & livestream</p>
Monday, November 6	<p>8:30 am River Landing Food Drive, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>10:30 am Circle #1: Room 304</p>
Tuesday, November 7	<p>10:30 am Circle #3: Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:00 pm Circle #4: Fellowship Hall</p>
Wednesday, November 8	<p>10:00 am Bible Study, Room 304</p> <p>6:00 pm Handbells</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Practice</p>

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Note: In our worship service, we will remember with thanksgiving those who were part of the Wallace Presbyterian Church family who have died since All Saints' Day, November 1, 2022: **Charles Joseph "CJ" Caproni, Judith King Pye Robinson, Shirley Moore Carlton, Lois Carmen Edgerton, and Vanessa Ward.**

- **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.
- **Pastor Led Bible Study** is on Wednesday, November 8, at 10 am in room 304. Together we will examine the lectionary text for the following Sunday's sermon (Matthew 25:1-13). We look forward to you joining us.
- **There will be a Congregational Meeting** on Sunday, November 19 immediately following worship to present the 2024 budget, elect three Ruling Elders to the Class of 2026, and hold the annual meeting of the corporation. Following the congregational meeting there will be a covered dish luncheon in the fellowship hall. Following lunch, we will have an opportunity as a congregation to have table discussions about continuing to move the church forward during our transitional ministry with Pastor Lapp.
- **Congratulations to Nick and Payton Westbrook** on the birth of their daughter, Shelby Mack Westbrook, who was born on Wednesday, October 25. Shelby Mack weighed in at 6 lbs. 6 oz. and 19 1/2 inches long. Proud Grandparents are Kevin and Christy Johnson.



The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in loving memory of our dear, sweet Nana, Jane W. Sheffield. They are lovingly given by the Ludlum family.

NURSERY

October



11/05: Sara Matthews & Kelli Norris
11/12: Courtenay Thompson & Joyce Ange

Dan Robinson, Leader
Freddy Hall **Kelli Norris**
Tom Whitfield **Sam Rose**

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

November 1-15: Jim Simpson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

11/05: Tonya Patram
11/12: Lindsay & Hayes Skidmore