

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

arr. Mark Hayes

*Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm does bind the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea.*

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Hope Turnbull

Moment for Ministry

Elder Danielle Sills

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

Leader: Listen to God's teaching; incline your ears to his commands.

People: We will tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord and the wonders he has done.*Leader: God established a decree in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded us to teach to our children,*

People: so their hope will be in the Lord, they will remember his faithfulness, and keep his commandments forever.

*Hymn #354

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

BATTLE HYMN

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robert Lapp

Holy God, your way for us is clear: We are to live so that the manner of our lives speaks of your goodness and grace. Too often, though, we forget the purposes for which you made us. We are not prepared when our faith is tested. We are not prepared to give grace in the measure we have received it. Forgive us, we pray. Remind us that your goodness is enduring, and your mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Amen.

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God, not the result of works, so that no one might boast.

People: For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*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 #757

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

KINGSFOLD

Prayer for Illumination (*Unison*)

Elder Hope Turnbull

Let your Word dwell within us richly, O Lord. Let your truth ring as a clarion through the chatter around us. Hold us in this time, that your wisdom may shape us to the depth of our humanity, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Old Testament Reading:

Amos 5:18-24

Anthem

"Lord of the Dance"

arr. Mark Hayes
Zach Casteen

*I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth; At Bethlehem I had My birth.
Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.
I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, But they would not dance and they would not follow Me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; They came with Me and the dance went on.
I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame; The holy people said it was shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung Me high, And left Me there on a cross to die.
I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried My body and they thought I'd gone: But I am the Dance and I still go on.
They cut me down and I leap up high; I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me: I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.*

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon

"Are You Prepared?"

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

“Finlandia”

arr. Mark Hayes

This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine.

*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 #366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

HYFRYDOL

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

“Amen”

Dresden

Amen. Amen.

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 12	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Adult Sunday School Class, Curt Simpson & Glenn Price Sunday School Classes Worship, in person & livestream
Tuesday, November 14	5:30 pm 7:00 pm	PW Coordinating Team Meeting, Blue Room Session Meeting, Room 304
Wednesday, November 15	10:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study, Room 304 Handbells Choir Practice

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pastor Led Bible Study** is on Wednesday, November 15, at 10 am in room 304. Together we will examine the lectionary text for the following Sunday's sermon (Matthew 25:14-30). We look forward to you joining us.
- **The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team** will meet on Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Blue Room.
- **The session** will meet on Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 304. If you have any business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or the pastor.
- **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.
- **We will be decorating** the church for Christmas on Saturday, December 2 at 10:00 am. Please come be a part of this festive time. Any questions, call Joyce Ange 910-599-5156.



The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are in loving memory of William J. Carone, Sr., on his birthday. They are given by his family.



We encourage you to fill out the commitment card that was mailed to you and place it in the offering plate as an act of worship on **Sunday, November 19**. *A gift is not measured by how much it bears down on the scales, but by how much it lifts up the heart.*



NURSERY

October



11/12: Courtenay Thompson & Joyce Ange
11/19: Jennifer & Royal Johnson

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

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

11/12: Lindsay & Hayes Skidmore
11/19: Casey Hall