



# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY *Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost*

November 16, 2025

11:00 A.M

### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome

Elder Royal Johnson

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

Prelude

**“Come, Just As You Are”**

Announcements

Moment for Mission

Elder Kevin Johnson

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 98:4-6*)

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;*

**break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

*Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,*

**with the lyre and the sound of melody.**

*With trumpets and the sound of the horn*

**make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.**

\*Hymn #720

**“Jesus Calls Us”**

CALILEE

\*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robert H. Lapp

**O God, we wish we could give all our anxiety away. And yet, we hold onto our worries and fears, as if they could bring us comfort, the way you do. We want to have the courage to release the trappings of this world, to reach out for something that is real. When the world falls apart around us; when we turn to things that never satisfy, help us place our trust in you. Keep our hearts from being idle and our souls from giving in to despair, for you are just waiting to bring new life. Amen.**

\*Responsive Assurance of Pardon (*Psalm 103:11-12*)

*“For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God’s steadfast love toward those who fear him.”*

**“As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us.”**

*Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.*

**Thanks be to God!**

\*Gloria Patri

**“Glory Be to the Father”**

Hymn #581

**PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD**

Children’s Sermon

\*Hymn #738

**“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”**

MARYTON

\*Unison Prayer for Illumination

Elder Royal Johnson

**Almighty God, Jesus said, “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it!” Open our hearts and minds to the reading and hearing of your holy Word today, that we may be doers of the Word, and not hearers only. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Word made flesh. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 65:17-25*

Anthem

**“Christ Be with Me”**

*Music by Michael Bryson*

*Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me,  
Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me.*

*Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet,  
Christ in danger, Christ to fill me and fulfill me.*

*Christ be always my all in all.*

*Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart.*

*Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;*

*Thou my best thought by day or by night*

*Waking or sleeping thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word*

*I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.*

*Christ, be always my all.*

Gospel Reading

*Luke 21:5-19*

Sermon

**“What Shall We Say?”**

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

**“This Is My Father’s World”**

#### \*Doxology

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

Hymn #606

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

\*Affirmation of Faith: (from “A Brief Statement of Faith”)

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,**

**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,**

**we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**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.**

#### \*Hymn #724

**“O Jesus, I Have Promised”**

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#### \*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**

Rev. Robert (Robb) Lapp  
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### **Secretary**

Cheryl Brinkley  
[cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com](mailto:cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com)

### **Treasurer**

Wayne Casteen

### **Clerk of Session**

Hone Turnbull

### **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 Fariior, Debbie Price, Sanctuary Flowers  
Susan Walters, Ann Carter, Candace Knowles, Bereavement



**NOVEMBER**



**11/16: Jennifer & Royal Johnson**  
**11/23: Kristin & Brandon Cottle**

**Dan Robinson, Head**  
**Freddy Hall**                      **Kelli Norris**  
**Tom Whitfield**

**OPENING CHURCH BUILDING**

**November 16-30: Glenn Price**

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**11/16: Casey Hall**  
**11/23: Ellie Newton**

**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.**



**30-Day Church Growth Project**

We are forming a small group of 2-3 motivated people who are willing to work with Robb Lapp to implement some very simple and practical strategies for growth. If you are interested or have questions, please contact him at [interimpastor@wallacepresbyterian.com](mailto: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 16	TWENTY-THIRD 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	Congregational Meeting & Luncheon
	5:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack 35
Monday, November 17	5:30 pm	PW Coordinating Team Meeting, Blue Room
Tuesday, November 18	6:00 pm	Session Meeting, Room 304
Wednesday, November 19	10:00 am	Bible Study, Room 304 (Luke 23:33-43)
	6:00 pm	Handbells
Thursday, November 20-Sunday, November 23	Pastor on Vacation	

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Today, immediately following worship**, will be the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation, which will include the election of three elders for the Class of 2028. Following the meeting a meal sponsored by the Congregational Care Ministry Team will be served in the fellowship hall.
- **The 2026 Offering Envelopes** are here. You can pick them up in the fellowship hall. They are in numerical order. If you can't remember your number, look for your name on the list.
- **Thanksgiving Service** will be at Wallace Methodist Church on Sunday, November 23, at 6:00 pm. Please plan to attend.
- **On Sunday, November 23**, Jim Sills will be our guest preacher and we will receive our Annual Thanksgiving Offering for Children's Hope Alliance. To learn more about this offering, See the article that is on back of page.
- **Advent Photo Project** - Help us express the meaning of Advent with your photographs depicting the candles of HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE. Your pictures will be shown during the Advent services. Please submit your photographs to Sandy Cobb ([sandycobb54@gmail.com](mailto:sandycobb54@gmail.com)) or Karla Casteen ([karla.casteen@gmail.com](mailto:karla.casteen@gmail.com)) and be clear on which photographs go with which theme. Submissions need to be received no later than the Tuesday before the Sunday they will be shown in worship.
- **Reverse Advent Calendar** - Instead of opening a door and taking out a treat, place a grocery item into a bag. There are bags with a list of requested items available at the back of the sanctuary and in Gladden Hall. Once the bag is full, donate it to our Helping Hands Food Pantry.
- **It's hard to believe that the Christmas season will soon be here!** We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Monday, November 24 at 10:00 am. Please come be a part of this festive time and help with making it special for the Advent and Christmas season. Any questions, call Karla Casteen at 910-284-0482 or Sandy Cobb at 202-320-3149.



*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in loving memory of Mack and Hilda Johnson by their family.*