

# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

November 19, 2023

11:00 A.M.

### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

**"A Quiet Moment with *Amazing Grace*"**

Mary McDonald

*I once was lost, but now I'm found. Was blind, but now I see.*

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Debbie Price

Moment for Ministry

Elder Greg Maready

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: Lord, you have been our dwelling place;*

**People: we come today to rest in you.**

*Leader: You have been the voice that guides us;*

**People: we come today to listen.**

*Leader: You have been the host who feeds us;*

**People: we come today to be filled.**

*Leader: You have been our joy and crown;*

**People: we come today to sing your praise!**

\*Hymn #649

**"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"**

AMAZING GRACE

\*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robert Lapp

**Loving God, we do not always pay attention— to others, even to you. We do not always treasure your blessings— the gifts you give to us, the people you offer us, the work you entrust to us. We take it all for granted. Help us wake up, O God, to your presence actively working among us. Show us the way back to you and help us to find in you meaning and purpose for our lives. Amen.**

\*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

*Leader: When we wander away into places of death and despair,*

**People: God is always ready to bring us back.**

*Leader: For no matter where we go or what we do,*

**People: we belong to God and God is there for us.**

*Leader: We belong to the one who clothes us in faith and hope and love.*

\*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 #716

**"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"**

BEACH SPRING

Prayer for Illumination (*Unison*)

Elder Debbie Price

**Holy Spirit, your wisdom guides us deep into the mystery of your truth.  
Speak to us today, that we might understand your will and walk in your ways. In  
Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Old Testament Reading:

*Psalm 8*

Special Music

**"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

*arr.* Lloyd Larson

Attie Carr Carlton Handbell Choir

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!  
Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.*

Gospel Reading:

*Matthew 25:14-30*

Sermon

**"Risky Business"**

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

**“God Whose Giving Knows No Ending”** arr. Mark Hayes  
*Gifted by you, we turn to you, Offering up ourselves in praise;  
Thankful song shall rise forever, Gracious donor of our days.*

\*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 #726

**“Will You Come and Follow Me”**  
(The Summons)

KELVINGROVE

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction

**“Amen”**  
*Amen. Amen.*

Dresden

\*Postlude

*\*All who are able may stand.*

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 19	9:45 am	Adult Sunday School Class, Curt Simpson & Glenn Price
	10:00 am	Sunday School Classes
	11:00 am	Worship, in person & livestream/Children's Hope Alliance Thanksgiving Offering
	12:00 pm	Congregational Meeting & Covered Dish Luncheon
Wednesday, November 21		No Bible Study
Thursday, November 23		HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Church office closed.
Friday, November 24		Church office closed

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The congregation-wide nominating committee places in nomination the following people to serve as elders in the class of 2026: Royal Johnson, Nell Sloan, and Kevin Johnson.**
- **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 at 910-599-5156.
- **The church office** will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 24-25, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.
- **Feed Our Hungry Children Backpack Offering** is next Sunday, November 26. This offering provides school lunches and weekend food for students in Duplin County Public Schools. Thank you for your generous and faithful support.



*The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Johnston, The Rev. Edward F. Johnston, Jr. and C. J. Caproni ....They are given by Dotsie Caproni and family.*

### NURSERY

November



11/19: Jennifer & Royal Johnson  
11/26: Kristen & Bradley Cottle

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

### OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

November 16-30: Glenn Price

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

11/19: Casey Hall  
11/26: Mary Laine Rouse



# ST. NICHOLAS PROJECT



For many years the St. Nicholas Project has been a mission of Wallace Presbyterian Church. The Outreach Committee has received families from our community for this year.

St. Nicholas Project family and gift information will be available on the tree in the fellowship hall.

Thank you for participating in this wonderful ministry and sharing the love of Christ with others.

To participate by **selecting a tag** and **buying a gift**:

- Select and remove labeled ornament tags from the tree.
- Purchase the gift
- **Wrap the gift**
- Label the wrapped gift with the tag you selected
- Place **wrapped and labeled gifts** on the table in front of the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall
- **Deadline to bring gifts to the church- Sunday, December 17.**

If you would like to make a donation to the St. Nicholas Fund:

- Please place a check, designated for “St. Nicholas Fund”, in the offering plate.

Please bring gifts to the church or make donations by **Sunday, December 17.**

Join us to deliver the gifts a few days before Christmas. The date and time will be announced.

The Outreach Committee

# December Youth Event-ALL AGES



**THE SOUTHERN LIGHTS**  
**Sunday, December 10, 2023**

**5:00—9:00 pm**

**985 Johnson Nursery Road**  
**Pender County, NC 28478**

**Tickets: (link below) \$10 when purchased ahead of time**  
**5 and under FREE.**

<http://www.thegardensofsenc.com/>

**USE Coupon CODE: WCHA to support Hattie B.'s School!**  
**In note to seller section add**  
**“Wallace Presbyterian Youth”**



**Bring a friend!!!**



**Each child attending please bring a small wrapped gift for a fun game to play with the youth. Any questions Call Jennifer Johnson 829-385-0644 and Please let Jennifer know when you purchase tickets so we can plan accordingly.**