



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 23, 2025

11:00 A.M

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome

Elder Debbie Price

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

Prelude

"Amazing Grace"

arranged by Sandra Eithun

Attie Carlton Handbell Choir

*The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

Announcements

Moment for Mission

Elder Geneva Maready

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 46:1-5, 7)

God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

*Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains
shake in the heart of the sea,*

**though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble
with its tumult.**

*There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of
the Most High.*

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;

God will help it when the morning dawns.

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

*Hymn #363

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

DARWALL'S 148TH

*Prayer of Confession

Elder Jim Sills

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 (*Ephesians 2:8-10*)

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.

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.

Believe the promise of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri

“Glory Be to the Father”

Hymn #581

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Sermon

Elder Danielle Sills

*Hymn #366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

HYFRYDOL

*Unison Prayer for Illumination

Elder Debbie Price

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

“Thankful”

arranged by Tom Fettke

Some days we forget to look around us.

Some dates we can’t see the joy that surrounds us.

So caught up inside ourselves, we take when we should give.

So for tonight we pray for what we know can be.

And on this day we hope for what we still can’t see.

It’s up to us to be the change. And even though we all can still do more,

There’s so much to be thankful for.

Look beyond ourselves, there’s so much sorrow.

It’s way too late to say, “I’ll cry tomorrow.”

Thanks for prayers God answers, thanks for what He does deny.

Thanks for storms we’ve weathered, thanks for all God has supplied.

Thanks for pain and pleasure, thanks for comfort in despair.

Thanks for His grace unmeasured, thanks for love beyond compare!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon

“Leave the Light On”

Elder Jim Sills

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

“Festive Prelude on HYFRYDOL”

arr. Mary McDonald

Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymn #606

*Prayer of Dedication

*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 #367

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*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



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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



11/23: Kristin & Brandon Cottle
11/30: Devan & Bailey Riley

Dan Robinson, Head
Freddy Hall Kelli Norris
Tom Whitfield

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

November 16-30: Glenn Price

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

11/23: Ellie Newton
11/30: Courtenay & Parker Thompson



First Sunday of Advent, November 30:

Light the Candle of **Hope** and decorate the Chrismon tree.

Second Sunday of Advent, December 7:

Light the Candle of **Peace** and the Chancel Choir presents "**The Heart of Christmas**".

Third Sunday of Advent, December 14:

Light the Candle of **Joy** and the children and youth present "**A Super Christmas**".

4th Sunday of Advent, December 21:

Light the Candle of **Love** and light candles to remember our grief and sorrows on the longest night of the year, and receive **The Christmas Joy Offering**.

Christmas Eve, December 24:

Light the **Christ Candle** and celebrate the birth of Christ with our Candlelight Communion Service.

COMMUNITY ADVENT SERVICES

Wallace Presbyterian Church

Worship Service: 12:05 P.M.

Luncheon: 12:30 P.M

THURSDAY, December 4, 2025

Speaker.....Dr. Karen Wolf
Special Music.....Suzannah Creech
Organist.....Karla Casteen

THURSDAY, December 11, 2025

Special Program of Christmas Music.....Karla Casteen and Vera Simpson
Organist.....Vera Simpson

THURSDAY, December 18, 2025

Speaker.....Rev. Dr. Martha Highsmith
Special Music.....Attie Carlton Handbell Choir
Organist.....Karla Casteen

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 23	CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
	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/Annual Thanksgiving Offering
	Children's Hope Alliance
	5:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 35
	6:00 pm Thanksgiving Service, Wallace Methodist Church
Monday, November 24	10:00 am Decorating the Church
Wednesday, November 26	10:00 am Bible Study, Room 304 (Romans 13:11-14)
	6:00 pm Handbells
Thursday, November 27	HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Church Office Closed

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **We welcome Jim Sills** as our guest preacher today. We also will collect our **Annual Thanksgiving Offering for the Children's Hope Alliance of North Carolina**. Children's Hope Alliance is the combination of Barium Springs and Grandfather Home for Children joining forces to serve children and families throughout North Carolina. They work hard to provide hope, health, and healing for generations. Their comprehensive services and programs are designed to give hope to North Carolina's children by providing a safe home, healing their hurt, and encouraging a healthy start. For more information, visit www.childrenshopealliance.org.
 - **Thanksgiving Service** will be at Wallace Methodist Church this evening, November 23, at 6:00 pm. Please plan to attend.
 - **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.
 - **It's hard to believe that the Christmas season will soon be here!** We will be decorating the church for Christmas tomorrow, 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.
- **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) or Karla Casteen (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.



The beautiful flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Johnston, Rev. Edward F. Johnston, Jr., and C.J. Caproni by Dotsie Caproni and family

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.

