



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

11:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

Prelude "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *setting by Joel Raney*
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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

Choral Call to Worship "While We Are Waiting, Come" Don Cason
While we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

*"Advent is patience. It's how God has made us a people of promise, in a world of impatience."
Stanley Hauerwas,
Professor Emeritus
of Theological
Ethics at Duke
Divinity School*

Opening Sentences Elder Greg Maready
Leader: Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is near.

All: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise: I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness.

Leader: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! Let us pray.

All: Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations. Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our judge and savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*Hymn #97 "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night" ABERYSTWYTH

*"During Advent, we occupy our greatest longings."
Ruth Haley Barton,
Christian author,
Teacher, Spiritual
Director*

*Unison Prayer of Confession
Eternal God, we confess that we resist your holy realm. You seek justice and righteousness, but we pursue selfish agendas. You promise us salvation, but we trust in our own strength. Forgive us, God of grace. Lead us in your way of truth so that we may be ready to see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

(A time for silent prayers of confession . . .)

*"Into this world,
this demented
inn in which there
is absolutely no
room for him at
all, Christ comes
uninvited."
Thomas Merton
(1915-1968),
American
Trappist monk,
writer, theologian*

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon
Leader: But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons and daughters.
All: And because we are sons and daughters, God has set the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba, Father!'
Leader: So through God we are no longer slaves, but sons and daughters, and if sons and daughters then heirs.
All: In Christ, we are forgiven, adopted into God's family, heirs to the kingdom!

Gloria Patri

**Glory Be to the Father
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

Lighting the First Candle: HOPE

Prayer for Illumination

God of truth and wisdom, as we listen for your living Word, send your Spirit to teach us your way, and lead us in the path of your steadfast love and faithfulness. Amen.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 24:36-44

Elder Greg Maready

Epistle Lesson

Romans 13:11-14

Sermon

"This Is Your Wake-Up Call"

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

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

Feed Our Hungry Children Backpack Ministry Offering

*"Teach us, O
Lord, the
disciplines of
patience, for to
wait is often
harder than
to work."
Peter Marshall
(1902-1949),
Presbyterian
minister and
Chaplain of the
U.S. Senate*

The
LORD'S
Prayer





"The Prayer of
Dedication was
written by Rev.
Joanna Harader,
from
SpaciousFaith.
com."

Offertory Anthem **"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"** *arr. by Molly Ijames*
*O come, Thou Dayspring, from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel*

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
*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.*

*The Affirmation of Faith: *The Nicene Creed*
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated on the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

*Hymn #88 (verses 1, 4, 6, & 7)

VENI EMMANUEL

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction **"Come, Come, Emmanuel"** James Chepponis
Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel. Amen.

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*

*The one who
testifies to these
things says,
"Surely I am
coming soon."
Amen. Come,
Lord Jesus!
Revelation 22:20*



WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Today
November 27**

Nursery
11/27:
Devan & Baily Rouse

USHERS
Dan Robinson
Freddy Hall
John Ludlum

**Opening
Church
Building**
November
15-30:
Greg Maready

**Children's
Church**
11/27:
Joyce Ange

Sunday, November 27		FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	9:30 am	Alternative Sunday School Class, Room 304 & via Zoom
	10:00 am	Sunday School Classes
	11:00 am	Worship in person and live stream/ Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Offering
Monday, November 28	7:00 pm	Bible Study, via Zoom
Wednesday, November 30	10:00 am	Bible Study, via Zoom and in person, Room 304
Thursday, December 1	12:05 pm	Advent Worship Service & Luncheon
	1:15 pm	Meeting of the East Commission on Ministry of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, Room 304

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **Please join** the minister for our weekly Bible Study on Monday night, November 28 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. via Zoom and Wednesday morning, November 30 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. in Room 304 and via Zoom. This week we will read and talk about Matthew 3:1-12, the story of John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus. Check your email on Monday for the Zoom links.

* **Our Advent worship** services and luncheons begin on Thursday, December 1 at 12 noon. This week's speaker is Rev. Chris Jarman, pastor of the Poston Baptist Church. Special music will be provided by Bill Palmer. Lunch will be provided by the Presbyterian Women in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

* **The session** has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, December 4 immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to hear a report from the 2022 Nominating Committee, elect three Ruling Elders to the Class of 2025, act on proposed changes in the minister's terms of call, and hold the annual meeting of the corporation.


* **Please pick up** your 2023 Offering Envelopes at the front of the sanctuary on your way out after worship.

***Our youth will be visiting Cinderella Farms** (419 Northeast Rd, Wallace, NC) on Sunday, December 11 for lunch, a hayride, hot chocolate, s'mores, and a devotion. We will meet there directly after church and should be done around 2:00pm. Please text Emily Ludlum (910-296-4039) with a head count if you would like to attend.

ST. NICHOLAS PROJECT

Check Tree in Fellowship Hall for tags with Family name & wishes. See December Newsletter for complete details.

The floral arrangement in the sanctuary today is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Harry "Toots" Carlton (1934-2003) and William "Bill" Saunders (1943-2014)




QUARTERLY P.A.T.H. OFFERING
Presbyterian Answer to Hunger
Sunday, December 4