



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

11:00 A.M

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome

Elder Karla Casteen

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

Prelude

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" arranged by Mark Hayes

Let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring.

Evermore and evermore.

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

"Come Emmanuel"

James Chepponis

Come, come Emmanuel. Come Emmanuel.

Lighting the Candle of Hope - Kate and Cooper Hall

*Hymn #643

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robert H. Lapp

Holy One, we want to know your plan. We want to know when and how things will happen. You have taught us your ways and shown us your path. Forgive us that we have not prepared ourselves to welcome the Prince of Peace. Teach us to trust your never-ending care, for our future is in your hands. Help us cast aside our holiday worries and live with Advent hope! Amen.

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri

“Glory Be to the Father”

Hymn #581

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Sermon

Chrismon Tree

*Hymn #92

“While We Are Waiting, Come”

WAITING

*Unison Prayer for Illumination

Elder Karla Casteen

Hope of the World, guide us by your Word and Spirit that we might hear your truth, heed your call and be prepared for Christ’s coming this Christmas. Amen

Epistle Lesson

Romans 13:11-14

Anthem

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*arranged by Battistelli
Marney Crayton, contralto*

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan’s tyranny.
From depths of hell, Thy people save, and give them victory o’er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Gospel Reading

Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon

“It’s About Time”

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

Fifth Sunday Building Fund Offering

Offertory

“Lo, How A Rose E’er Blooming” *arranged by Mark Hayes*
Isaiah ‘twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind.
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God’s love aright. She bore to men a savior.
When half-gone was the night.

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymn #606

*Prayer of Dedication

*Affirmation of Faith: (Romans 8, selected verses)

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God’s purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

*Hymn #104

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

“Nowell”

English Carol

Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

*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



11/30: Devan & Bailey Riley
12/07: Lindsay & Hayes Skidmore

Dan Robinson, Head
Freddy Hall Kelli Norris
Tom Whitfield

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

November 16-30: Glenn Price

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

11/30: Courtenay & Parker Thompson
12/07: Sara Matthews



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 30	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	9:00 am Choir Practice
	9:45 am Adult Sunday School Class
	9:45 am Officer Training, Blue Room
	10:00 am Sunday School Classes
	10:30 am Fellowship Time
	11:00 am Worship/5 th Sunday Building Fund Offering
	5:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 35
Wednesday, December 3	10:00 am Bible Study, Room 304 (Matthew 3:1-12)
	5:30 pm Confirmation Class Orientation, Fellowship Hall
	6:00 pm Handbells
Thursday, December 4	12:05 pm Community Advent Service & Luncheon

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **This morning we receive the 5th Sunday Building Offering.** This offering helps us provide and maintain our church physical plant so our worship, education, and outreach ministries can continue. Thank you for your generous support!
- **Advent Wreaths:** If you would like to make a donation toward the expense of an Advent Wreath or other church decorations, please fill out an envelope provided in the pew pockets in honor of or in memory of a friend or loved one, and put it in the offering plate today and December 7. A list with the names of those being honored will be in the Bulletin on December 14 and December 21. Thank you!
- **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.
- **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.
- **St. Nicholas Project:** WPC will be sponsoring four families again this year. Please pick tags from the tree in fellowship hall and bring the wrapped packages with the tags from the tree on them back to fellowship hall by Sunday, December 14.



The Advent floral arrangement in the sanctuary today is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Harry and Shirley Carlton, Bill Saunders, and Steve Wells.

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.

