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# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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We support Presbyterian Church (USA) mission co-workers,  
Rev. Dustin and Sherri Ellington, in Lusaka, Zambia, Africa.

*Please silence your cell phones.*

*\*All who are able may stand.*

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY *Stewardship Dedication Sunday*

**December 1, 2019**

**11:00 A.M.**

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

### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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

Minute for Mission

**St. Nicholas Project**

Danielle Sills

**Lighting the First Advent Candle Hope**

Elder Dean Hanson and Elder Sam Rose

Congregational Choral Call to Worship

**"While We Are Waiting"**

Cason, 1986

*While we are waiting, come. While we are waiting, come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

*"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  
and writer.*

Opening Sentences

Elder Dan Robinson

*Leader: The days are shorter and darkness comes early to our lives.*

**All: Lord, hear our prayers through the darkness.**

*Leader: Come, seek the Lord. Place your hope in God's mercy and love.*

**All: Lord, we seek your presence among us.**

*Leader: Look closely! God is making us ready.*

**All: Brighten our spirits this day, and help us to receive your Good News. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #82**

**"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"**

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Today's Advent  
Prayer of  
Confession was  
written by Thom  
Shuman,  
Presbyterian  
minister who has  
a writing  
ministry.

"And in the  
Incarnation the  
whole human  
race recovers  
the dignity of the  
image of God."

Dietrich  
Bonhoeffer,  
The Cost of  
Discipleship

### \*Unison Prayer of Confession

**O God, it is never easy for us to confess our sins. There are the hurts we have caused to our families and friends, which we would like to forget. There are those we believe are impossible to love, and so we don't try. There are people who live on the edge of our society, and we ignore their cries for help. Forgive us, God who comes near to us. When we have lost our way, show us yours. Lead us in humility down the streets of your kingdom. Teach us your truth, so we might be able to keep your Word, revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Lord, hear our prayers . . .**

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

### \*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

*Leader: God does not remember our sins, but does remember the promises which have been made to us.*

**All: God does not shame us, but lifts us to new life.**

*Leader: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

*Leader: Lead us in your hope, O God, and teach us your love.*

**All: You are the God of our days, we wait for you to come to us.**

### \*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**

P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) Offering

Children's Sermon

Anthem

*"May the God of  
hope fill you with  
all joy and peace  
in believing, so  
that you may  
abound in hope  
by the power of  
the Holy Spirit."  
Romans 15:13*

*"He became  
what we are that  
he might make  
us what he is."  
St. Athanasius  
(296 - 373 A.D.)  
Bishop of  
Alexandria*

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

## Advent Prayer for Illumination

**Speak to us, Lord. Speak to us in the waiting, the watching, the hoping, the longing, the sorrow, the sighing, the rejoicing. Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days, and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.**

## Scripture Lesson

Elder Dan Robinson

## \*Hymn #772

## "Live into Hope"

TRURO

## A Report from the Gideon International

Shawn Stovall

## A Time for Silent Reflection

## Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

## Offertory

## \*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 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 #158

## "Born in the Night, Mary's Child"

MARY'S CHILD

## \*Benediction

## Congregational Choral Benediction

**“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”** Spiritual, 19<sup>th</sup> century

*Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

\*Postlude

\*All who are able may stand.

+The page number in the pew Bible.



## Wednesday Morning Bible Study Christmas Break

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study will not meet during the month of December. The study will resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2020.



### Advent Wreaths

Due to the upcoming repairs and construction, the Worship Music Ministry team will be decorating our sanctuary this Advent season with a live Frazier fir tree, two large wreaths, greenery, and six outside wreaths. If you would like to make a donation for a wreath or to the Building Fund in honor of, or in memory of a friend or loved one, please fill out the envelope provided in the back of a pew and put it in the offering plate on either December 1 or December 8. A list with the names of those honored will be in the December 15 and 22 bulletins. Thank you!

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 1	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: HOPE 9:40 am Opening Assembly 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship/P.A.T.H. Offering
Monday, December 2	10:30 am Circle #1: Room 304 6:00 pm Disaster Recovery Group Meeting, Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm WPC Choir sings in Carnegie Hall, NYC
Tuesday, December	10:30 am Circle #3: Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm Presbyterian Men Christmas Dinner-Rose Hill Restaurant 7:00 pm Circle #4: Emily Lee
Wednesday, December 4	No Bible Study 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Thursday, December 5	12:05 pm Advent Worship & Luncheon

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* **We welcome** to the pulpit today Gideon speaker Shawn Stovall. Shawn Stovall grew up in Graham NC, graduated from UNC-CH and then moved to Wilmington where he met Carol his wife of 24 years. Shawn and Carol reside in Leland and attend Woodburn Presbyterian Church. They have been involved with the Gideons and Auxiliary(Gideon wives) for about 1 year and Shawn currently serves as the Church Ministry Chairman.

\* **Today is** the first of the four Sundays of Advent. “Advent’ means ‘coming’ or ‘arrival.’ During the season of Advent, we celebrate Christ’s coming into the world and watch with expectant hope for his coming again. The four weeks of Advent present an opportunity for communal discernment and personal examination, as the church prepares to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord and looks with hope for Christ’s return.” (Presbyterian Mission)

\* **Today we receive** our quarterly (March, June, September, December) P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) Offering. This offering supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina which, in turn, funds feeding programs for children in Haiti and Malawi. The Hunger Program also provides funds for congregational food ministries such as our Helping Hands Food Pantry.

\* **Tomorrow night** our choir will join other choirs from around the United States as they sing “The Holiday Music of Mark Hayes and Pepper Choplin.” This concert will be in the Stern Auditorium, Perelman Stage of Carnegie Hall in New York City.

\* **Our first Advent Worship Service** will be Thursday, December 5 at 12:05. Special Music: Karla Casteen & Vera Simpson. Speaker: Greg Maready. A soup and sandwich lunch will follow the service.





12/01: Mary Stewart Blackwell & Pam Teachey

12/08: Lydia Woodard & Andrea Casteen

**USHERS**  
THIS MONTH

Dan Robinson, Leader

Harvey Knowles

Cameron Lee

Chuck Farrior

Joyce Ange



## **YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS**

12/01: Reese Blue & Garrett Bullard

12/08: Henry & Piper Moore



## **GREETERS**

12/01: Dotsie Caproni & Dana Myrick

12/08: Bill & Susan Walters

## **Opening Church Building**

December 1-15: Roger Coombs



**Andrea Casteen** (cancer treatments), **Jeff Cavanaugh** (stage 4 lung cancer), **Obbie Clemmons** (recovering from hip surgery), **Andrew DeNatale** (Mary Carone's brother), **Joe Dormagen** (Verlie Wells' son-in-law), **Shella Farrior** (recovering from surgery) **George Hatch** (cancer treatments), **Family of Erin Sanderson Haux** who died on 11/19 (long-time friend of Gerri Hanson), **Judy Holley Family**, **Hill Lanier**, **Frank Lettieri**, (cancer treatments), **Amy Moss** (breast cancer, sister of Debbie Thomas), **Jennifer Raynor** (Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome), **Judy Robinson**, **Rodney Rogerson** (Kidney Transplant, friend of Nell Sloan), **Joe Tillman**, (chemotherapy treatments), **Ronnie Watson** (non-Hodgkins Lymphoma, stem cell transplant), **Andy Wells** (Headmaster at HCA-Neuromyelitis Optica), **Verlie Wells-Rosemary**, **Members and friends in the armed services: Jason Payne. William Krupitzer**-(Linda Burroughs nephew).

(When you request a name to be put on the prayer list, please notify the church office when you wish it to be taken off).



The community is invited to hear  
**The Christmas Story**  
told through Lessons and Carols  
at the River Landing Clubhouse  
Grand Ballroom  
on Thursday, December 12, 2019  
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
(brass quintet preview at 6:30 pm).  
Program admission is free.

The program will feature readings by area church leaders, local musicians/vocalists, brass ensemble, bell choir and other instrumentalists with a special guest harpist from the Wilmington Symphony Orchestra. Please confirm your attendance by emailing [slewis@riverlanding.com](mailto:slewis@riverlanding.com). Optional dinner reservations will be accepted at the Mad Boar Restaurant.

# ST. NICHOLAS PROJECT



For many years the St. Nicholas Project has been an important mission of Wallace Presbyterian Church. The Outreach Ministry Team has received families for this year. St. Nicholas Project family and gift information is located on the bulletin board in the church fellowship hall.

Thank you for supporting this wonderful ministry of our church and sharing the love of Christ with others.

## **If you would like to participate in this project by buying a gift:**

- \* Select and remove a labeled ornament tag or tags from the tree on the bulletin board.
- \* Wrap the gift and tape the labeled ornament tag on the wrapped gift.
- \* Place wrapped and labeled gifts in the box beneath the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.
- \* Bring gifts to the church by Sunday, December 22.

## **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 22.

## **Please join us to deliver the gifts a few days before Christmas.**

The date and time will be announced.

*Merry Christmas*