



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

11:00 A.M

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome

Elder Debbie Price

Prelude

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

arr. Mark Hayes

*Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

Announcements

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

Lighting the Candle of Hope - Hope Turnbull and Matthew Coltren

“Wait for the Lord”

*Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!*

(“Wait for the Lord,” Glory to God, #90)

*Hymn #129

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

ES IST EIN' ROS'

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robert H. Lapp

Compassionate God, show us your ways, guide our paths, and lead us in your truth. Forgive us when we get distracted during this busy time of year and stress threatens to overwhelm us. Remind us of who we are meant to be: merciful, faithful, patient, and loving. Forgiven for our past mistakes, may we live into a future filled with hope. Amen.

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

God's mercy and steadfast love are eternal.

God shows us the way to abundant life.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father"

Hymn #581

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

Chrismons

*Hymn #106

"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

Prayer for Illumination (*Unison*)

Elder Debbie Price

Gracious God, by the gift of the Holy Spirit show us the Word made flesh, good news of great joy for all, so that we may sing with the angels: glory in the highest and peace on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Luke 21:25-36

Sermon

"God Is Drawing Near To Us"

Rev. Robert H. 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

P.A.T.H. Offering

Offertory

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

arr. Mark Hayes

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for, with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.*

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymn #606

*Prayer of Dedication

*The Affirmation of Faith: *(Isaiah 9:2, 6-7)*

**The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders,
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Great will be his authority,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.**

*Hymn #88 *(verses 1-4)*

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI EMMANUEL

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

African American Spiritual

*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 SESSION

Class of 2024

Joyce Ange
Danielle Sills
Curt Simpson

Class of 2025

Sandy Cobb
Debbie Price
Blake Wallace

Class of 2026

Kevin Johnson
Royal Johnson
Nell Sloan

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Interim Pastor

Rev. Robert (Robb) Lapp
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Secretary

Cheryl Brinkley
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Treasurer

Wayne Casteen

Clerk of Session

Hope Turnbull

THE CHURCH SCHOOL

Birth-Kindergarten.....Melony Henderson, Ellie Newton, Kelli Norris, 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
Brenda Long, Advent
Harriet Farrior, Debbie Price, Sanctuary Flowers



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 1	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	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/P.A.T.H. Offering/Lighting the First Advent Candle
	5:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 35 Meeting, Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, December 4	10:00 am Bible Study, Room 304
	6:00 pm Handbells
	7:00 pm PNC, Room 304
Thursday, December 5	12:05 pm Community Advent Service & Luncheon

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **We receive** our P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) Offering today. This offering supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina and provides funding for children's feeding programs in Haiti and Malawi. The Hunger Program also provides grants for church food pantries such as our Helping Hands Food Pantry.
- **Pastor Led Bible Study** is Wednesday, December 4, at 10 am in room 304. The scripture for this week is Luke 1:68-79.
- **Our First Advent worship** service and luncheon begin on Thursday, December 5 at 12:05 pm. Speakers are Emily Ludlum and Melissa Stevens. Special music will be provided by Jody Patram. Lunch will be provided by the Presbyterian Women in the Fellowship Hall following worship.
- **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 8. A list with the names of those honored will be in the Bulletin on December 15 and December 22. Thank you!
- **Wallace Presbyterian Church T-Shirts** - Badger Performance Style T-Shirts are available for \$18 and Comfort Colors for \$16. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the fellowship hall by the Youth bulletin board. List your name, size, and phone number. These are the T-Shirt designs that were given to our children and youth on Rally Day.
- **Food Pantry Needs for the month of December: Jelly** Thank you!
- **Camp Kirkwood Christmas Camp-2024** YMCA Camp Kirkwood Overnight Camp: Friday-Sunday, December 13-15, 2024. Check-In Time: Friday, 12-13-24: 5-6 pm. Check-Out-Time: Sunday, 12-15, 11am-12 noon. Closing ceremony on Sunday is for all campers and families. How to Register? Follow the link below to get started. Register today: Spaces are limited, so be sure to sign up soon to guarantee your spot. What better way to give a gift, than a gift to camp!
<https://www.ymcasenc.org/events/2024/12/13/ymca-camp-kirkwood/ymca-camp-kirkwood-christmas-camp/>



The beautiful 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.



DECEMBER



12/01: Devan & Bailey Riley
12/08: Kristin Cottle

Charley Farrior, Leader
Joyce Ange Hayes Ludlum
David Long

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

12/01: Courtenay & Parker Thompson
12/08: Lindsay & Stanley Skidmore

December 1-15: Hayes Ludlum

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 15.**

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 or donate online. Families are listed in the December Newsletter.

Please bring gifts to the church or make donations by **Sunday, December 15.**

Join us to deliver the gifts a few days before Christmas. The date and time will be announced. The families are listed in the December Newsletter.

The Outreach Committee



Community Advent Worship Services and Luncheons

Sponsored by the Worship & Music Ministry Team & the Presbyterian Women

Worship Service: 12:05 P.M. Luncheon: 12:30 P.M.

Thursday, December 5, 2024:

Speaker.....Emily Ludlum & Melissa Stevens
 Special Music.....Jody Patrum
 Organist.....Vera Simpson

Thursday, December 12, 2024

Special Program of Christmas Music.....Karla Casteen & Vera Simpson

Thursday, December 19, 2024

Speaker.....Rev. Matthew Pope
 Special Music.....The Attie C. Carlton Handbell Choir
 Organist.....Vera Simpson