

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

December 3, 2023

11:00 A.M

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

“Come O, O Come, Emmanuel”

arr. John Purifoy

O come, O Bright and Morning Star, and bring us comfort from afar!

Dispel the shadows of the night and turn our darkness into light.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Danielle Sills

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

Jesus, the Light of the World- WAIT for the Light

Jason, Mary Laine, J.J., and Lane Philip Rouse

Opening Sentences

Leader: Advent is a time to wait.

People: We wait in hope for the dawning light.

Leader: Advent is a time to wait for freedom from captivity.

People: We wait in hope for the dawning light.

Leader: Advent is a time to wait for comfort in our sorrow.

People: We wait in hope for the dawning light.

Leader: Advent is a time to wait for power in our weakness.

People: We wait in hope for the dawning light.

Leader: Advent is a time to wait for the end of darkness.

People: We wait for Jesus, the Light of the World.

Candle Lighting

Congregational Response (see insert)

Advent Prayer

*Hymn #92

“While We Are Waiting, Come”

WAITING

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robert Lapp

The mountains quake at your presence, O God. The nations tremble at your feet. Rather than rejoicing in our salvation, we have wandered from your path and lost our way. Tear open the heavens and come down, Mighty One, as you did of old. Awaken our world from slumber, and help your people stand in awe of your glory. May your refiner's fire purify us of our transgressions, that we might be reshaped into vessels worthy of your kingdom. Amen.

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: We have been enriched in every way

All: through the grace and peace of Christ.

Leader: When we abide in this grace and live in this peace,

All: we are vessels worthy of God's kingdom.

Leader: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

*Gloria Patri

***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

*Hymn #104

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Prayer for Illumination (*Unison*)

Elder Danielle Sills

Savior God, guide us by your Word and Spirit that we might hear your truth, heed your call and be prepared for Christ's coming. Amen.

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 64:1-9

Anthem

“Immanuel, Immanuel”

arr. Joseph Linn

Immanuel, Immanuel, God is with us, Immanuel.

They shall call Him Immanuel, God is with us.

For the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a Son:

And they shall call Him Immanuel.

They will worship Him, Immanuel; and they will serve Him, Immanuel.

God is with us.

Gospel Reading:

Mark 13:24-37

Sermon

“Keep Conscious”

Rev. Robert 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

Offertory

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

arr. John Purifoy

*Of the Father’s love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the Source, the Ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore!*

*Doxology

***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.***

*Prayer of Dedication

*The Affirmation of Faith: *(Book of Common Worship)*

**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 #88 (vs. 1, 2, 6, 7)

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI EMMANUEL

*Choral Benediction

“Gloria”
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

French Carol

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 3	<p>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>9:45 am Adult Sunday School Class, Curt Simpson & Glenn Price</p> <p>10:00 am Sunday School Classes</p> <p>11:00 am Worship, in person & livestream</p>
Wednesday, December 6	<p>10:00 am Bible Study, (Mark 13:24-37) Room 304</p> <p>6:00 pm Handbells</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Practice</p>
Thursday, December 7	<p>12:05 pm Community Advent Service & Luncheon</p>

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.
- **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 10. A list with the names of those honored will be in the Bulletin on December 17 and December 24. Thank you!
- **Our Advent worship** services and luncheons begin on Thursday, December 7 at 12:05 pm. This week's speaker is Dr. Steve Le Roux, pastor of Rose Hill Baptist Church and Headmaster at Wallace Christian Academy. Special music will be provided by Devan Riley. Lunch will be provided by the Presbyterian Women in the Fellowship Hall following worship.
- **Youth Group Event: THE SOUTHERN LIGHTS:** Sunday, December 10, 2023, 5--9:00pm. 985 Johnson Nursery Road-Pender County, NC 28478. Tickets: (link below) \$10 when purchased ahead of time-5 and under FREE. <http://www.thegardensofsenc.com/>
USE Coupon CODE: WCHA to support Hattie B.'s School! In note to seller section add "Wallace Presbyterian Youth" Each child attending please bring a small wrapped gift for a fun game to play with the youth. Any questions Call Jennifer Johnson 829-385-0644 and Please let Jennifer know when you purchase tickets so we can plan accordingly.



The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given in loving memory of Mary Glyn Johnson, by her husband Tom, for their 61st wedding anniversary. We remember you always. "Do everything in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14

NURSERY

November



12/03: Devan & Bailey Riley
12/10: Lindsay & Stanley Skidmore

Charley Farrisior, Leader
Joyce Ange
David Long

Hayes Ludlum
Curt Simpson

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

December 1-15: Hayes Ludlum

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

12/03: Courtenay Thompson
12/10: No Children's Church

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 17.**

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 17.**

Join us to deliver the gifts a few days before Christmas. The date and time will be announced.

The Outreach Committee



COMMUNITY ADVENT SERVICES

Wallace Presbyterian Church
Worship Service: 12:05 P.M.
Luncheon: 12:30 P.M.

Thursday, 12-07-23

Speaker.....Dr. Steve Le Roux
Special Music..... Devan Riley
Organist.....Vera Simpson

Thursday, 12-14-23

Speaker.....Rev. Robert Lapp
Special Music.....Jody Patram
Organist.....Karla Casteen

Thursday, 12-21-23.....Special Program of Christmas Music
Karla Casteen & Vera Simpson, Organ & Piano



Christmas Music 2023

December 3, 2023, 5:00 pm- First Baptist Church, Wallace, will present a
“Christmas Play & Music”

December 10, 2023, 11:00 am- Wallace Presbyterian Church will present their
Children’s Christmas Pageant “A Shepherd’s Story”

December 17, 2023, 11:00 am- Wallace Presbyterian Church will present the
cantata "Heaven's Child, Unto Us a Son is Given" by Joseph Linn.

December 24, 2023, Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services

5:00 pm - Wallace First Baptist Church

6:00 pm - Wallace United Methodist Church

7:00 pm - Wallace Presbyterian Church

Jesus, the Light of the World

Congregational Part

ELDERKIN
GEORGE D. ELDERKIN

(Sing twice)



We'll walk in the light, beau-ti - ful
light, come, where the dew-drops of mer-cy shine
bright, O, shine all a-round us by day and by
night, Je - sus, the light of the world.

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