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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

11:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

setting by Mary McDonald

*Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung.
It came, a floweret bright,
amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.*

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Advent Candle

Windsor Farrior and Lindsay Skidmore

WATCH for the Light

(See insert)

Opening Sentences

Elder Lindsay Skidmore

Leader: Can you hear?

All: A voice is heard in the darkness, the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

Leader: Make way! Level the valleys! Straighten the paths!

All: Prepare the way for his coming: The coming of the Lord!

Leader: God, your servant John cries out to us:

All: Repent; turn and be restored.

Leader: Can you hear?

All: God, open the ears of our souls to hear your word of salvation.

Leader: God, on the second Sunday of Advent,

All: open wide our hearts and our minds to see, feel, hear, and know the salvation of our God. Amen.

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have done so much for us and we so little in return. You ask for humility and we are often a proud people. You ask for willingness and we are often a stubborn people. You ask for repentance and we are often a deaf people. You ask for service and we are often a busy people. Gracious God, you want the best for us. Teach us obedience and grant us forgiveness, that we might be your willing servants. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

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

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

*"There was a man
sent from God
whose name was
John. He came as
a witness to
testify to the light,
so that all might
believe through
him."
John 1:6-7*

*In those days
John the Baptist
appeared in the
wilderness of
Judea,
proclaiming,
"Repent, for the
kingdom of
heaven has
come near."
Matthew 3:1-2*

*"Behold the
Lamb of God
who takes away
the sin of the
world!"
John the Baptist
of Jesus in John
1:29*

***Responsive Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: The good news of Advent is that Jesus Christ has come into the world, has led the way through death that we may have life, and is coming again to make all things new. Hear these words of assurance from Romans 5:8-9:

All: "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!"

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

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.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11

Lindsay Skidmore

Gospel Lesson

Luke 3:1-18

Sermon

"Want to Keep Christ in Christmas?"

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**



"Christmas is fast approaching. And now that Christ has aroused our seasonal expectations, he'll soon fulfill them all!"
St. Augustine
(354-430 A.D.),
Bishop of Hippo
in N. Africa, from
"Sermon 51"

Offertory

"With Open Hearts"

Pepper Choplin

*With open hearts, we are waiting.
With open hearts, now we pray.
In our quietness, we are calling,
"Lord, come to us."
Emmanuel, O Come, Emmanuel,
and quench our thirsty souls.
Emmanuel, O Come, Emmanuel,
and make our spirits whole.
Our prayer is the same as the meaning of Your name,
"God be with us."
Lord, come and touch our open hearts
'til our open hearts are full.
To the wounded hearts, come and heal them.
To the grieving hearts be consoled.
With open hearts, we are calling,
"Lord come to us today."
With open hearts, we wait for you.*

*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.*



Affirmation of Faith: *From The Heidelberg Catechism (January 1563)*

Question 69: How does baptism remind and assure you that Christ's one sacrifice on the cross benefits you personally?

Answer 69: In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it promised that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and his Spirit wash away my soul's impurity, that is, all my sins.

Question 70: What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and Spirit?

Answer 70: To be washed with Christ's blood means that God, by grace, has forgiven our sins because of Christ's blood poured out for us in his sacrifice on the cross. To be washed with Christ's Spirit means that the Holy Spirit has renewed and sanctified us to be members of Christ, so that more and more we become dead to sin and live holy and blameless lives.

"Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush."

*Hymn #110

"Love Has Come"

BRING A TORCH

*Benediction

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*



Advent Wreaths

If you would like to purchase an Advent Wreath in honor of, or in memory of a friend or loved one, fill out the envelope provided in the pew and put it in the offering plate on your way out of church today. You can get your friend or loved one on the list in the Bulletin on December 12 and December 19. Thank you!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 5	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:30 am Alternative Sunday School Class, in Person (Room 304) & Zoom 10:00 am Sunday School Classes 11:00 am Worship in person & live stream/ P.A.T.H. Offering
Monday, December 6	10:30 am Circle #1: Ann Carter's home/with lunch No Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday, December 7	10:30 am Circle #3: Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm Circle #4: Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, December 8	No Bible Study 6:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Choir Practice
Thursday, December 9	12:00 Noon Advent Worship Service in Sanctuary

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **There will be** no Monday night or Wednesday morning Bible Study this week.

* **Our second Thursday Advent Worship Service** will be December 9 at 12 noon. The speaker this week will be Susan Carter. Music will be provided by Karla Casteen and Vera Simpson. There will be no lunches served after services this year.

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 bulletin board in the fellowship hall, and will also be emailed to church members. This year you will be able to select a gift either from the tree in the fellowship hall or through "Sign-up Genius", which will be emailed. Please check the bulletin board or your email. If you would like to purchase a gift and need assistance with the sign-up, please call the church office. Thank you for participating in this wonderful ministry and sharing the love of Christ with others.

To participate by buying a gift:

- *Select and remove labeled ornament tags from the bulletin board.*
- *Follow the instructions in the email from the church and sign up through "Sign-up Genius" to purchase a specific gift (a link to "Sign Up Genius" will be in the email)*
- Wrap the gift
- *Label the wrapped gift with the **family # and person it is for**. (may use same tag)*
- *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 19.

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 19**

SECOND SUNDAY in Advent -- *WATCH for the Light*

Windsor Farrior and Lindsay Skidmore

Advent is a time to watch.

We watch, with hope, for the dawning light.

Advent is a time to watch for hope in our despair.

We watch, with hope, for the dawning light.

Advent is a time to watch for grace and forgiveness.

We watch, with hope, for the dawning light.

Advent is a time to watch for peace in the midst of conflict.

We watch, with hope, for the dawning light.

Advent is a time to watch for the end of darkness.

We watch for Jesus, the Light of the World.

Candle Lighting

Hymn

Closing Prayer

Jesus, the Light of the World

Congregational Part

ELDERKIN

GEORGE D. ELDERKIN

(Sing twice)



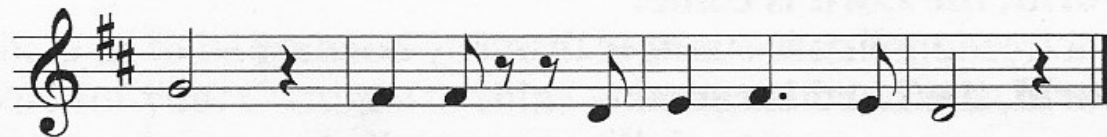
We'll walk in the light, beau-ti - ful



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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After 35 years of faithful and honorable service

**MAYOR
CHARLES COLWELL FARRIOR, JR.**

*Is retiring
Join us as we celebrate and wish him well*

CEREMONY AND RECEPTION

*The Wallace Depot
Immediately following the Christmas Parade
11:00 am, Saturday, December 11th, 2021*

**PRESENTED BY THE WALLACE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
AND THE TOWN OF WALLACE**



On Sunday, December 12, the children and youth of our church will lead us in worship. With music by the Attie Carr Carlton Handbell Choir, and special characters played by Susie Gaus and Glenn Price, we will hear the story of “Mary, Joseph, and the Baby” as told by the animals in the stable at the first Christmas. The older youth will lead us in lighting the candles and reading scriptures as we worship on the third Sunday in Advent.

The children will be rehearsing during Sunday School and during Children’s Church to get ready for our offering on December 12. We hope you will join us for worship that day when, for the first time in two long years, we’ll hear children’s voices singing Christmas music as the Nativity scene unfolds.



QUARTERLY P.A.T.H. OFFERING **Presbyterian Answer to Hunger** **TODAY**



We will receive our quarterly (March, June, September, December) P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) offering during worship today. This offering supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina which provides funding for feeding programs for children in Haiti and Malawi. The Hunger Program also awards grants to congregational food ministries such as our Helping Hands Food Pantry.

You may contribute in the offering plate, by mailing a contribution to the church (P.O. Box 717, Wallace, NC 28466), by putting a contribution in the mail slot of the church office door, or donating online at our church’s website (www.wallacepresbyterian.com).