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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 *Second Sunday of Advent*

**December 8, 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

**Lighting the Second Advent Candle    Peace**

Elders Jason Rouse and Clay Blue

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.*

Opening Sentences

Elder Jason Rouse

*Leader: In these darkening days,*

**All: we come seeking peace.**

*Leader: We seek serenity within ourselves.*

**All: We seek harmony within our families.**

*Leader: We seek goodwill among our neighbors.*

**All: We seek a ceasefire among all nations.**

*Leader: We seek not just the absence of conflict,*

**All: But the presence of shalom— the abiding peace, the healing life, the unrelenting justice that God calls us to in Christ.**

*Leader: O God, be with us today, as we listen, as we sing, as we pray.*

**All: Fill us with your Spirit, giving light in our dark places.**

*"Peace I leave  
with you; my  
peace I give to  
you. I do not give  
to you as the  
world gives. Do  
not let your  
hearts be  
troubled, and do  
not let them be  
afraid."*

*John 14:27*

\*Hymn #92

**"While We Are Waiting, Come"**

WAITING (Cason)

*"For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near."*

*Ephesians  
2:14, 17*

*"O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."*

*Hymn #88, Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal*

*"He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace; hallelujah forevermore."*

*Hymn #137, Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal*

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Lord of Christmas Peace, we have done wrong. We have tarnished the gift you gave freely. We have buried you so deeply in our hearts, the world doesn't see you. We have not followed Christ. We have ignored your teachings. We have lived lives of apathy against your love. We have built fences and fortresses to push people away. We have silenced the cries of those in need. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our sin. Free us from our captivity to sin. Free us to a life lived in joy through Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord, hear our prayers . . .**

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

**\*Responsive Assurance of Pardon**

*Leader: The truth of Advent is this: God is coming to us! We are not alone.*  
**All: In Christ, we are accepted. We are set free of the past. We are given the future.**  
*Leader: Believe the Good News:*  
**All: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven!**

**\*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 Christmas Program  
The Christmas Four**

*Adapted from a Nursery Rhyme Story by Brian Ogden*

**Cast**

Narrators.....JJ Rouse, Hayes Skidmore  
Fisher Blanton, Miller Ludlum, Windsor Farrior  
Dusty the Donkey .....Hollis Skidmore  
Wooly the Sheep .....Harper Jane Ludlum  
Kasbah the Camel .....John-Ward Farrior  
Penny the Hen .....Isla Blanton  
Mary .....Kate Hall  
Joseph .....Pearson Johnson  
The Angel .....Adlyn Casteen  
Roman Soldiers .....Lane Philip Rouse, Cooper Hall,  
Rowan Casteen, Jack Newton  
Angel Choir .....Adlyn Casteen, Clara Casteen, Callie Jane Cottle  
Star .....Hattie B. Farrior  
Wise Men.....Older boys

## Songs

*We Need a Savior  
An Angel Came from Heaven  
Knock, Knock, Knock  
The Song of the Angels  
Little Star  
Joy to the World*

### GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Christmas Joy Offering

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: From "The Confession of 1967" of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.

\*Hymn #145

**"What Child Is This"**

GREENSLEEVES

\*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.*



**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.**



### **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 8	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: PEACE 9:40 am Opening Assembly 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship/Children's Christmas Program/Christmas Joy Offering
Wednesday, December 11	No Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir Practice
Thursday, December 12	12:05 pm Advent Worship & Luncheon 2:00 pm Elder Training, Room 304 6:30 pm Lessons and Carols for River Landing, RL Clubhouse, Community invited
Saturday, December 14	10:00-11:30 am Wallace Christmas Parade

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* **Our second Advent Worship Service** will be Thursday, December 12 at 12:05 p.m. Special Music: Attie C. Carlton Handbell Ensemble (Emily Saunders, Geneva Maready, Sharon Robison, Karla Casteen, Vera Simpson.) Speaker: David Johnson. A soup and sandwich lunch will follow the service.

\* **On Thursday, December 12**, elders-elect Fred Burroughs, Patsy Ludlum, and Darleen Weller will continue their elder training in preparation for ordination and installation on Sunday, January 5, 2020. Please keep all of our elders in your prayers as they lead us in our Christian journey of discipleship.



The poinsettias in the sanctuary for the month of December are given in loving memory of Jane Currie Barenborg by her husband Bill Barenborg and their children MaryBeth, Bill and Kristen. Jane is the granddaughter of William Currie, for whom the Currie Building is named.



**Christmas Joy Offering**  
**"God is with us."**

**The Perfect Gift**  
**Sunday, December 8**

By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor God's gift of Jesus Christ by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.



12/08: Lydia Woodard & Andrea Casteen  
12/15: Mary Laine & Jason Rouse

**USHERS**  
THIS MONTH

Dan Robinson, Leader  
Harvey Knowles  
Cameron Lee  
Chuck Farrior  
Joyce Ange



## YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

12/08: Henry & Piper Moore  
12/15: Ayden & Camryn Fussell



## GREETERS

12/08: Bill & Susan Walters  
12/15: Joey Fussell & Georgia Longest

## 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).



## 2020 SOUND RETREAT!!

“All in the Family,  
Problem Children and  
Sibling Rivalries in  
the book of Genesis”

**January 31 - February 2, 2020, at the beautiful Trinity Center, on Bogue Sound, Outer Banks, N.C. Great Leaders, Delicious food, Rest & Relaxation, Spiritual renewal, Fellowship & Fun, Worship, All ages welcome!**

The upcoming Retreat has great news, all Youth attending the Retreat will be **FREE!**

Our spiritual leader for the adult program will be Dr. George Anderson, Senior Minister of Second Presbyterian Church in Roanoke, VA. We will also have an exciting youth program for our school age kids, led by Rachel Whaley Doll, Director of Christian Education, Winter Park Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, NC. It will be a stimulating and exciting time! Watch the church's bulletin board and website <http://wallacepresbyterian.com> for more information on our Sound Retreat!



Dr. George Anderson



Rachel Whaley Doll



# 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*