



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY *Second Sunday of Advent*

December 10, 2023

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

arr. Mark Hayes

*Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is Born!*

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Greg Maready

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

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

Zach, Mandy, Adlyn Jo, and Clara Gray Casteen

Opening Sentences

Leader: Advent is a time to watch.

People: We watch, with hope, for the dawning light.

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

People: We watch, with hope, for the dawning light.

Leader: Advent is a time to watch for grace and forgiveness.

People: We watch, with hope, for the dawning light.

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

People: We watch, with hope, for the dawning light.

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

People: We watch for Jesus, the Light of the world.

Candle Lighting

Congregational Response (see insert)

Advent Prayer

*Hymn #143

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

REGENT SQUARE

*Prayer of Confession

Like the shepherds long ago we go about our lives, O God, without any thought that you might burst onto the scene. And when you send messengers to reveal what you are doing in the world, we are afraid that the news is too good to be true. Forgive us, and give us hearts and minds that are full of expectation and hope so that we may sing of your glory and your promise of peace on earth, goodwill to all. Amen.

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God will feed you with goodness and grace and give you what is good-

People: mercy and forgiveness, love and acceptance, an eternity of justice and peace.

Leader: Beloved, in Jesus Christ we are a forgiven people.

People: Thanks be to God!

*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

Prayer for Illumination (*Unison*)

Open us, Holy One, to your Word and your way. Clear our minds of holiday distractions and busy tasks. Fill our hearts with child-like wonder to experience the Christmas story through the eyes of the shepherds. Amen.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 2:1-20*

Hayes Skidmore, Miller Ludlum, Henry Stevens



A Shepherd's Story

by Pam Andrews

Rejoice!

All Night, All Day

Angels Are Rejoicing

Away in a Manger

Angels We Have Heard on High

O Come, Let Us Adore Him

Immanuel, Immanuel

Joyful, Joyful Medley

Happy Hallelujah Christmas Song

Shepherds

Isla Blanton

Adlyn Casteen

Clara Casteen

Callie Jane Cottle

Hattie B Farrior

John-Ward Farrior

Cooper Hall

Kate Hall

Elliana Johnson

Pearson Johnson

Harper Jane Ludlum

Mary Camron Matthews

Winston Matthews

Jack Newton

Ellison Patram

Emerson Patram

Emery Landon Patram

Lane Philip Rouse

Hollis Skidmore

Windsor Farrior

Sunday School Teachers

Ellie Newton, Kelli Norris, Melony Henderson, Sara Matthews

Jennifer Johnson, Bailey Riley, Kristin Cottle, Casey Hall

Mary Laine Rouse, Lindsay Skidmore

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Jude Whitfield, Fisher Blanton
Miller Ludlum Hayes Skidmore

Offertory

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”
*Swift are winging angels singing,
Noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all!*

arr. Heather Sorenson

*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: (*The Christmas Spirit* by Ann Weems) Savannah Kate Stevens

The Christmas spirit

is that hope

which tenaciously clings

to the hearts of the faithful

and announces

in the face

of any Herod the world can produce

and all the inn doors slammed in our faces

and all the dark nights of our souls

that with God

all things are possible

that even now

unto us

a Child is born!

*Hymn #136

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

GO TELL IT

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

“Gloria”

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

French Carol

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*

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, 12-14-23

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 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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