



# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Third Sunday of Advent*

December 15, 2024

11:00 A.M

### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome

Elder Debbie Price

Prelude

**“O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

*arr.* Mark Hayes

*O come let us adore Him! Christ the Lord!*

Announcements

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

Lighting the Candle of Joy – Royal, Jennifer, Pearson, and Elliana Johnson

**“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 #133

**“O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

ADESTE FIDELES

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Robert Lapp

**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

**“O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

*arr.* Emily Lund

\*Doxology

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

Hymn #606

\*Prayer of Dedication

A Story of Christmas Joy

Emily Ludlum

**“The Christmas Story”  
Wallace Presbyterian Youth**



**Congregational Carols**

**Away in a Manger (115)**

1. Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
2. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

**Angels We Have Heard on High (113)**

1. Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
Glo---ria in excelsis Deo!  
Glo---ria in excelsis Deo!
2. Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
Glo---ria in excelsis Deo!  
Glo---ria in excelsis Deo!

## **Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow (135)**

1. There's a star in the east on Christmas morn.  
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.  
It will lead to the place where the Christ was born.  
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.  
Follow, follow; rise up, shepherd, and follow.  
Follow the star of Bethlehem.  
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
2. If you take good heed to the angel's words,  
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.  
You'll forget your flocks; you'll forget your herds.  
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.  
Follow, follow; rise up, shepherd, and follow.  
Follow the star of Bethlehem.  
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

## **We Three Kings (145)**

1. We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.  
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!
5. Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Sounds through the earth and skies.  
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!  
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

## **Joy to the World (134)**

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;  
While field and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy;  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

\*Benediction

\*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  
[interimpastor@wallacepresbyterian.com](mailto:interimpastor@wallacepresbyterian.com)

### **Secretary**

Cheryl Brinkley  
[cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com](mailto:cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com)

### **Treasurer**

Wayne Casteen

### **Clerk of Session**

Hope Turnbull

## **Wallace Presbyterian Youth**

### **Middle and High School Youth**

Fisher Blanton  
Adlyn Casteen  
Robert Coombs  
Eli Crayton  
Windsor Farrior  
Miller Ludlum  
Emory Landon Patram  
Will Phillips  
JJ Rouse

Hayes Skidmore  
Hollis Skidmore  
Henry Stevens  
Savannah Kate Stevens  
Bear Thompson  
Elle Thompson  
Parker Thompson  
Trace Thompson  
Jude Whitfield

### **Preschool and Elementary Youth**

Isla Blanton  
Clara Casteen  
Callie Jane Cottle  
Harris Cottle  
Charlotte Crayton  
Maggie Crayton  
Hattie B Farrior  
John-Ward Farrior

Kate Hall  
Elliana Johnson  
Pearson Johnson  
Harper Jane Ludlum  
Mary Camron Matthews  
Winston Matthews  
Jack Newton  
Wells Newton

Emerson Patram  
Walt Phillips  
Addison Riley  
Lane Philip Rouse  
Liam Whitfield  
Noah Whitfield  
William Whitfield

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 15	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> 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//Lighting the Third Advent Candle/ Youth Christmas Program, <b>“The Christmas Story”</b> 5:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 35 Meeting, Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm Session Meeting, Rose Hill Restaurant
Tuesday, December 17	No Bible Study
Wednesday, December 18	6:00 pm Handbells
Thursday, December 19	12:05 pm Community Advent Service & Luncheon

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **St. Nicholas Project:** Today, December 15 is the deadline to bring gifts to the church or make donations. Thank you for all your donations and gifts to this wonderful ministry of the church.
- **The session** will meet on Tuesday, December 17 at 6:00 pm at the Rose Hill Restaurant. If you have any business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or the pastor.
- **Our Third and final Advent worship** service and luncheon will be Thursday, December 19 at 12:05 pm. Rev. Matthew Pope will be our speaker and the Attie C. Carlton Handbell choir will provide the music. Lunch will be provided by the Presbyterian Women in the Fellowship Hall following worship.
- **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!



*The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given in loving memory of Andrea Lyn Bentley Casteen by the Casteen and Bentley families.*



### *Advent Schedule*

**Community Advent Worship Services and Luncheons**

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

**Thursday, December 19, 2024**

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



DECEMBER



12/15: Mary Laine & Jason Rouse

12/22: Ellie & Michael Newton

Charley Farrior, Leader

Joyce Ange

Hayes Ludlum

David Long

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

12/15: No Children's Church

12/22: Danielle Sills

**OPENING CHURCH BUILDING**

December 1-15: Hayes Ludlum

December 16-31: Dave Long



**FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/  
BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING**

**Sunday, December 22**



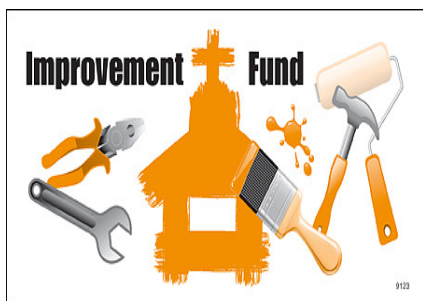
We will receive our monthly Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering on Sunday, December 22. This offering is an extension of Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries and provides lunches and weekend food for students in Duplin County Schools. During the 2023-2024 school year, the following schools were served: Beulaville Elementary, Chinquapin Elementary, Rose Hill-Magnolia Elementary, Wallace Elementary, and Wallace-Rose Hill High School. A total of 6,186 backpacks of food were provided over the weekends, 900 backpacks were provided over the summer, totaling 7,086 backpacks!

You may contribute to the offering in worship, by mailing a check to the church at P.O. Box 717, Wallace, NC 28466, by dropping your contribution through the mail slot of the front door of the church office building, or by giving online at [www.wallacepresbyterian.com](http://www.wallacepresbyterian.com). Thank you for your generous and faithful support.



*Christmas Eve  
Communion*

**We will celebrate the  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
on Christmas Eve,  
Tuesday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m.  
All are welcome at the table.**



**5TH SUNDAY BUILDING OFFERING  
Sunday, December 29**

This offering helps us provide and maintain our church physical plant so our worship, education, and outreach ministries can continue. Thank you for your generous support!