



# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

*Third Sunday of Advent*

**December 16, 2018**

**11:00 A.M.**

### 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 Third Advent Candle Joy**

Elder Christy Johnson and Garrett Bullard

Choral Call to Worship

**“Silent Night”** Living Stones Handbells

Opening Sentences

Elder Christy Johnson

*Leader: God comes! So don't let go of all the reasons to rejoice.*

**All: We will sing a song of Advent to the One who fills our lives with joy.**

*Leader: God comes! So don't stop lifting your prayers with thanksgiving.*

**All: We will sing a song of Advent to the One who hears our words and silence.**

*Leader: God comes! So don't stop giving your hearts to God.*

**All: We will sing a song of Advent to the One who graces us with a peace we cannot begin to understand.**

*Leader: Let us worship our God!*

**All: For the Lord, our God is coming to us!**

*“Joy is the serious business of heaven.”*  
C.S. Lewis,  
Letters to  
Malcolm:  
Chiefly on Prayer

\*Hymn #82

**“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”**

HYFRYDOL

Today's Prayer  
of Confession is  
from UWorship,  
a campus  
ministry worship  
resource of the  
Presbyterian  
Church  
(U.S.A.).

### Unison Prayer of Confession

**Magnificent God, time and time again, you tell us not to be afraid. You bring us good news of great joy for all people—that a Savior is born to us, the Messiah, Christ the Lord. Yet, in spite of what you tell us, we live in fear, afraid of what people may think of us, afraid of failure, afraid of being alone. Your good news is just too good to be true. We doubt it. We take it for granted. Forgive our lack of faith, O God! During this season, inspire our glance heavenward, where we find a star guiding us to Bethlehem. Enable our words to be words of peace, hope, and faith, thus sharing the good news of great joy to all surrounding us, in the name of the child lying in a manger, Jesus the Christ. Lord, hear our prayers . . .**

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

### Responsive Assurance of Pardon

*Leader: Rejoice! Rejoice! The story is true.*

**All: Through Jesus Christ, born to us in Bethlehem, we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*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

### Anthem

**“Waiting”**

**Joel Raney**

*Waiting, we are waiting, we are waiting for the coming King.  
Waiting, we are waiting, for the bells of heaven to ring.  
When the valleys rise up and the mountains lie down,  
Savior's gonna come to claim his heavenly crown.  
Waiting, we are waiting, we are waiting for the coming King.  
Waiting, we are waiting for the sun to rise.  
Waiting, we are waiting, till the clouds don't cover the skies.  
For the fighting to stop, for the quarrels to cease,  
Savior's gonna come and bring us heavenly peace.  
Waiting, we are waiting, we are waiting for the coming King.  
O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!  
Waiting, we are waiting, we are waiting for the coming King.  
Waiting, we are waiting for the angel chorus to sing.  
When the valleys rise up and the mountains lie down,  
Savior's gonna come to claim his heavenly crown.  
Waiting, we are waiting, we are waiting for the coming King.*

“Sing praises to  
the Lord, O you  
his faithful ones,  
and give thanks  
to his holy  
name. For his  
anger is but for  
a moment; his  
favor is for a  
lifetime.  
Weeping may  
linger for the  
night, but joy  
comes with the  
morning.”

Psalm 30:4-5

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.**

*"In the long run, there can be no joy for anybody until there is joy finally for us all."*

*Frederick Buechner, The Sacred Journey: A Memoir of Early Days*

*"Joy is the simplest form of gratitude."*  
Karl Barth, 20th century Swiss Reformed theologian

*"Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king."*  
Joy to the World, Hymn #134

Old Testament Lesson

*Zephaniah 3:14-20*

Elder Christy Johnson

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\*Hymn 144

**"In the Bleak Midwinter"**

CRANHAM

Gospel Lesson

*Luke 3:7-20*

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Sermon

**"What Should We Do?"**

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

**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: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Hymn #119

**"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"**

MENDELSSOHN

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction

**"Nowell"**

English Carol

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.*

\*Postlude

\*All who are able may stand.

+The page number in the pew Bible.



## COMMUNITY ADVENT SERVICES

Wallace Presbyterian Church

Worship Service: 12:05 P.M.

Luncheon: 12:30 P.M.



THURSDAY, December 20, 2018

Speaker.....Allison Cavenaugh

Special Music.....Carol Carr

Organist.....Vera Simpson



CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING  
Today, December 16, during worship



The Return of Sheepdog and Friends  
This evening,  
December 16  
5:00 p.m.  
The Sanctuary

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 16	THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT: 9:40 am      Opening Assembly 10:00 am     Sunday School 11:00 am     Worship/Christmas Joy Offering 5:00 pm     Advent Plays and Dinner
Monday, December 17	5:30 pm     Nominating Committee Meeting: Room 304
Tuesday, December 18	6:15 pm     Presbyterians Dining Together: Golden City 6:00 pm     Session Meeting, Room 304
Wednesday, December 19	10:00-11:00 am     Bible Study, Room 304 1:00 pm     Long-term Recovery Meeting: Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm     No Handbells practice 7:30 pm     Choir Practice
Thursday, December 20	12:05 pm     Advent Worship & Luncheon

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \* **Receiving the annual Christmas Joy Offering** is a long-standing and important tradition in our congregation. Each year during the Advent and Christmas seasons, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor this gift by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.
- \* **The session** will meet on Tuesday, December 18 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 304. If you have any business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or the minister.
- \* **Please join** the minister for a Bible study on Luke 1:39-56 on Wednesday, December 19 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. in Room 304. This is the sermon text for the Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 23.
- \* **If you are interested** in being part of a Long-Term Recovery Group for Duplin County in the wake of Hurricane Florence, please attend an information/planning meeting on Wednesday, December 19, at 1:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. Representatives from the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program will assist.
- \* **Our third and final Advent worship service and luncheon** will be Thursday, December 20 at 12:05 p.m. Speaker: Allison Cavenaugh. Special Music: Carol Carr.



**Coats and Hoodies for Wallace Elementary School**  
**Buy a coat and/or hoodie and drop it off at the church office.**  
**Monetary donations: Make check payable to**  
**Wallace Presbyterian Church**  
**and mark "Coats & Hoodies."**  
**Deadline is Sunday, December 23.**



12/16: Casey Hall & Emily Ludlum

12/23: Georgette & Kennedy Thompson



## YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

12/16: Henry & Piper Moore

12/23: Ayden & Camryn Fussell

## Opening Church Building

December 16-31: Dave Long



June Blalock (Rosemary), **Carla DeNatale** (Mary Carone's niece) diagnosed with Breast Cancer, **Joe Dormagen** (Verlie Wells' son-in-law), **Betty Hall**, (The Gardens), **Judy Holley** (recovering from surgery), **Royal & Jennifer Johnson family**, **Tom Johnson** (recovering from heart surgery), **Wright Lanier Family**, **Amy Moss** (breast cancer, sister of Debbie Thomas) **Nancy Pate**, (Libby Godwin's twin sister-inoperable brain tumor), **Nathan Pensinger** (Nathan is slowly gaining weight and energy. He did return to work this week and will continue on a limited schedule. Prayers for continued good health). **Jennifer Raynor** (Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome) **Judy Robinson**, **Zayne Rivenbark** (cancer), **Rev. Bobby Tyson**, Wallace United Methodist Church (heart issues), **Kelsea Webster**, 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)

## THIS MONTH USHERS

Charley Farrior, Leader

Rick Batchelor

Jonathan Fussell

Curt Simpson

Bill Carone



## GREETERS

12/16: Jim & Pat Simpson

12/23: Effie Mobley & Georgia Longest



We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper during our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Monday, December 24 at 7:00 pm. All who put their trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and have been baptized in his name are welcome at the table.



## **ADVENT WREATHS**

*These Wreaths were bought for the Church during Advent Season and given in honor and memory of the following loved ones by the names listed below.*

*In Thanksgiving*

Given by the Carone & Dier families

*In memory of Nancy Covington*

Given by Rick & Nettie Batchelor

*In memory of Ruth Buckner*

Given by Dave & Gloria Wells

*In memory of Harry L. "Toots" Carlton*

Given by Greg & Geneva Maready

*In honor of our church family members impacted by Hurricane Florence*

Given by Greg & Geneva Maready

*In memory of Attie Carr Carlton*

Given by Greg & Geneva Maready

*In honor of the Music Ministry of The Wallace Presbyterian Church*

Given by Greg & Geneva Maready

*In memory of Virginia "Sit" Knowles*

Given by Greg & Geneva Maready

*In memory of Jason Norris*

Given by Bill & Kelli Norris

*In memory of Dr. John D. Robinson, Sr.*

Given by Dan & Tanya Robinson

*In memory of Dr. John D. Robinson, Jr.*

Given by Dan & Tanya Robinson

*In memory of Lewellyn Robinson*

Given by Dan & Tanya Robinson

*In memory of Jean Hawkins*  
Given by Dan & Tanya Robinson

*In memory of Louise Brinson*  
Given by Dan & Tanya Robinson

*In honor of Judy Robinson*  
Given by Dan & Tanya Robinson

*In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Edward F. Johnston, Sr., and The Rev.  
Edward F. Johnston, Jr.*  
Given by C.J. & Dotsi Caproni

*In memory of our granddaughter Ally Simpson*  
Given by Pat & Jim Simpson

*In memory of my grandmother Barbara Ward*  
Given by Vanessa Ward



*The Chrismon Tree is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Harry  
"Toots" Carlton and William "Bill" Saunders.*

