



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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

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

Choral Call to Worship **"Of The Father's Love"** Joel Raney

*Of the Father's love begotten, ere the world began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He.*

Congregation

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, ever more and ever more, Emmanuel.

Responsive Reading and Candle Lighting

*Let the heights of heaven adore Him; angel hosts His praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before Him, and extol our God and King.*

Congregation

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, ever more and ever more, Emmanuel.

Opening Sentences Elder Jim Sills

Leader: During Advent, we wait for the one promised in scripture.

All: And he will be called the Prince of Peace.

Leader: We wait for the one who can turn discord into perfect harmony.

All: And he will be called the Prince of Peace.

Leader: We wait for the one who can replace hate with love, and anger with understanding.

All: And he will be called the Prince of Peace.

Leader: We wait for the one who can replace division with unity, and war with peace.

All: And he will be called the Prince of Peace.

*"Light three
candles to watch
for Messiah: let
the light banish
darkness. Lift
your heads and lift
high the gateway
for the King of
glory."
Hymn #85, Glory
to God*

"She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."
Matthew 1:21

Lighting the Third Advent Candle

*Hymn #100

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

"My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

*Unison Prayer of Confession:)

O promised Christ, we are a world at war. Our peace depends on your coming. We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on your coming. We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises. Our only hope of doing God's will is that you should come and help us do it. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace. Even so: Come, Lord Jesus. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

(A time for silent prayers . . .)

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: May the God of peace cleanse you through and through.

All: The promise is that our whole being — spirit, soul, and body — will be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: Rejoice, then, and give thanks as we receive forgiveness and healing in Christ's name.

*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.

"At Christmas, I am always struck by how the spirit of togetherness lies also at the heart of the Christmas story. A young mother and a dutiful father with their baby were joined by poor shepherds and visitors from afar. They came with their gifts to worship the Christ child."
Queen Elizabeth II

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD



Mary: Windsor Farior

Joseph: Miller Ludlum

Angels: Bella Peach Parker, Ireland Parker, Harper Jane Ludlum

Innkeeper: Lane Philip Rouse

Star: Adlyn Casteen

Shepherds: John Ward Farior, Hollis Skidmore

Wise Men: JJ Rouse, Hayes Skidmore, Jude Whitfield

Stable Animal: Clara Gray Casteen

Mary's Donkey: Richmond Parker

Narrators: Elizabeth Sills, James Sills, Ellie Carone,

Crew: Susie Bullard, Garrett Bullard, Georgia Farrow, Harriet Farrow, Nancy Gladden, Emily Ludlum, Joell Parker, Curt Simpson, Lindsay Skidmore, Stanley Skidmore, Carol Steen

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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 "A Brief Statement of Faith"*)

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,**

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

**we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

**even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Hymn #119
MENDELSSOHN

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction
IT

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

GO TELL

*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.

*"Once in our
world, a stable
had something in
it that was bigger
than our whole
world."*

C.S. Lewis

*"For a child has
been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests
upon his
shoulders; and
he is named
Wonderful
Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting
Father, Prince of
Peace."
Isaiah 9:6
(NRSV)*



Christmas Eve Communion



Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Sunday, December 24

7:00 p.m.

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



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 17	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:40 am Opening Assembly 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship/Children's Play/Christmas Joy Offering
Monday, December 18	6:15 pm Presbyterians Dining Together
Tuesday, December 19	6:00 pm Session Meeting, Room 304
Wednesday, December 20	10:00 am Bible Study, Church Office Building 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Thursday, December 21	12:05 pm Advent Worship & Luncheon

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **Today** we receive our annual Christmas Joy Offering which 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. For more information about the Christmas Joy Offering, visit www.specialofferings.pcusa.org/christmasjoy.

* **The session** will meet on Tuesday, December 19 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 2:1-20 on Wednesday, December 20 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the Church Office Building.

* **Our third and final** Advent worship service and luncheon will be Thursday, December 21 at 12:05 p.m. Randy Bittner, Karla Casteen, and Vera Coombs will provide a program of music.

* **We extend** our Christian love and sympathy to Joey and Rita Brinkley and their family on the death of Rita's son, Michael Sloan on December 13.



The sanctuary flowers for the month of December are given in memory of Lacey Elizabeth Johnson, Fred and Bertha Mae Burroughs, and William and Doris Krupitzer by the Johnson and Burroughs families.



Today, December 17, 2017



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

12/17: Sarah Pearl Farrior & Ellie Carone

12/24: Garrett Bullard & Hill Lanier

USHERS
THIS MONTH

Freddy Hall, Leader

J Parker

Wayne Casteen

Dave Wells

Clay Blue

Roger Coombs



GREETERS

12/17: Bill & Susan Walters

12/24: Charley & Harriet Farrior

Opening Church Building

December 1-15: Roger Coombs December 16-31: Dave Long



June Blalock (Rosemary). **James Brice** (automobile accident, suffering some paralysis), **Joe Dormagen** (Verlie Wells' son-in-law), **Betty Hall**, (Rosemary), **Royal & Jennifer Johnson family**, **Wright Lanier Family**, **Amy Moss** (breast cancer, sister of Debbie Thomas) **Jason Norris** (cancer, Kelli Norris' brother-in-law) **Matthew Parks** (16 years old, snow-sledding accident, broken back, paralysis; parents are college friends of Hope Turnbull) **Nathan Pensinger** (back in hospital due to vomiting caused by internal bleeding) **Amanda Perry**, (cancer-niece of Margaret Toothman), **Dick Phillips** (friend of Tim Peppe-pancreatic cancer, John Hopkins), **Jennifer Raynor** (Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome) **Brison Ricker** (continued prayer requested)- **His brother Preston** diagnosed with thyroid cancer, doing well) **Judy Robinson**, **Zayne Rivenbark** (cancer), **Rylan Schubkegel** (18 year-old nephew of Nick Baker diagnosed with Hodgkin's Disease), **Michael Sloan Family**, **Robert Smith** (ear Surgery- Sandee DiDomenicos brother), **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)



**Year-End Giving Deadline
For 2017 Tax Purposes**

Sunday, December 24

**Wayne Casteen, Church Treasurer, requests that
all 2017 contributions be submitted by December
24 if you wish to have them credited in 2017.**

**Thank you for your generous financial support of
the Wallace Presbyterian Church!**



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 memory of Isadore and Cynthia Peppe and
Dell and Marty Jones*
Given by Tim & RJ Peppe

In memory of Marie Pettey Laufer
Given by George and Mary Laufer Francis

In honor of Andrea Casteen
Given by Zach, Adlyn Jo and Clara Gray Casteen

In memory of Bettisue Tillman
Given by Joe Tillman

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

In memory of Alice Obenour and Dorothy W. Ring
Given by Bob & Dottie Obenour

In memory of Philip Longest
Given by Georgia Longest

In memory of Ruth Buckner
Given by Dave & Gloria Wells

In memory of Harry L. "Toots" Carlton
Given by Greg & Geneva Maready

In memory of Bill Saunders
Given by Greg & Geneva Maready

In memory of Virginia "Sit" Knowles
Given by Greg & Geneva Maready

In memory of Attie Carr Carlton and in honor of the Music Ministry of Wallace Presbyterian Church
Given by Greg & Geneva Maready

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

In memory of Doris B. Barfield
Given by Leon & Jewell Wells and children



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

