



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 West Main Street • Wallace, North Carolina 28466

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

11:00 A.M

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome

Elder Kevin Johnson

Prelude

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” arr. Martha Thompson
Attie Carr Carlton Handbells

*Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.*

Announcements

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

Lighting the Candle of Love - Harriet & Charley Farrior and grandchildren Windsor, John-Ward, Hattie B.

“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 #143

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

REGENT SQUARE

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robert H. Lapp

Merciful Savior, you know the hunger of our hearts, the hurt of our world, and the weakness of our lives. Feed us with faith and hope. Comfort us with love and joy. Forgive us with grace and mercy. Strengthen us with your Spirit and give us the faith of Mary. For we yearn to proclaim your promises and draw strength from your vision for our weary world. In hope and trust, we pray. Amen.

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon (*Isaiah 40:4-5*)

Every Valley is lifted up; every mountain, made low.

Now the glory of the Lord is revealed, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father”

Hymn #581

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Sermon

*Hymn #146

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

Prayer for Illumination (*Unison*)

Elder Kevin Johnson

Open us, Holy One, to your Word and your Way. As we make our final preparations before Christmas, clear our minds of holiday distractions and long to do lists. Help us approach your Word with awe and wonder, so we may hear the message you intend for us today. Amen.

First Reading

Luke 1:26-38

Anthem

“Prepare for the Coming of the Lord”

Lloyd Larson

Prepare, prepare for the coming of the Lord; in the desert prepare a road.

Every valley shall be lifted high, every mountain and hill made low.

All those who wait the coming, rehearse the joyful song

That shall be sung forever with voices clear and strong!

With open hearts and voices, we yearn, O Lord, to see

The day of earth’s redemption that sets Your people free!

Prepare for the coming of the Lord.

Second Reading

Luke 1:39-55

Sermon

“Unto Us...”

Rev. Robert H. Lapp

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord’s Prayer

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

“To the World, Joy”

arr. Joel Raney

Attie Carr Carlton Handbells

*He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love.*

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymn #606

*Prayer of Dedication

*The Affirmation of Faith: *(Colossians 1:15–20)*

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;**

**in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible.**

All things have been created through him and for him.

He himself is before all things,

and in him all things hold together.

He is head of the body, the church;

he is the beginning,

the firstborn of the dead,

so that he might come to have first place in everything.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,

whether on earth or in heaven,

by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

*Hymn #145

“What Child Is This”

GREENSLEEVES

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

African American Spiritual

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 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
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Cheryl Brinkley
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Treasurer

Wayne Casteen

Clerk of Session

Hope Turnbull

THE CHURCH SCHOOL

Birth-Kindergarten.....Melony Henderson, Ellie Newton, Kelli Norris, Sara Matthews
First-Third Grade.....Jennifer Johnson & Bailey Riley
Fourth-Sixth Grade.....Kristin Cottle & Casey Hall
Seventh-Ninth Grade.....Mary Laine Rouse & Lindsay Skidmore
The Adult Class.....Glenn Price & Curt Simpson

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Sandy Cobb, Moderator
Christy Johnson, Vice-Moderator
Carol Steen, Treasurer
Brenda Long, Advent
Harriet Farrior, Debbie Price, Sanctuary Flowers



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 22	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	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 Fourth Advent Candle/Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering
Tuesday, December 24	5:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 35 Meeting, Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, December 25	7:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
Tuesday, December 24-Wednesday, January 1:	MERRY CHRISTMAS! Church Office Closed
Thursday, January 2, 2025	Pastor & Secretary on Vacation Church office open after Holidays.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **This morning** we receive our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/ Backpack Ministry offering. This ministry is an extension of the Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries in Wallace and provides weekend food for students in the Duplin County Education system. Numerous organizations and individuals support this ministry. Thank you for your generosity!
- **There will be no Wednesday Morning Bible Study this week. Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 8.**
- **Tuesday evening, December 24, at 7:00 pm** is our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service.
- **Church Treasurer** Wayne Casteen will make the final 2024 deposit on Tuesday, December 31. Contributions must be deposited by that date to be credited to your 2024 giving statement. Thank you for your faithful and generous giving!
- **The church office** will be closed, December 24-January 1 while Robb Lapp and Cheryl Brinkley are on vacation. Church office will be open Thursday, January 2. Please contact Clerk of Session Hope Turnbull (910) 284-2813 in an emergency.
- **Food Pantry Needs for the month of December: Jelly** Thank you!

Flowers



The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given in loving memory of Dr. Carl T. Uzzell and Eva Uzzell McLaughlin by the Price and Casteen families.

Merry Christmas



DECEMBER



12/22: Ellie & Michael Newton
12/29: Harriet & Windsor Farrior

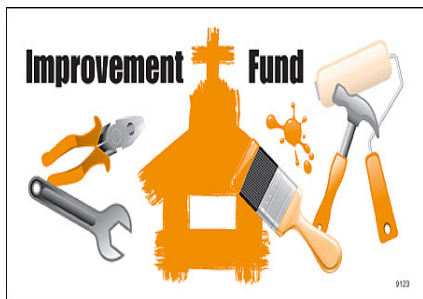
Charley Farrior, Leader
Joyce Ange Hayes Ludlum
David Long

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

12/22: Danielle Sills
12/29: Emily & Miller Ludlum

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

December 16-31: Dave Long
January 1-15: Charley Farrior



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!