

Tuesday, December 6 6:30 p.m. Rose Hill Restaurant Christmas Dinner



- 1- Vera Coombs
- 2- Joe Tillman Cameron Lee Christy Johnson
- 3- Chason Johnson
- 4- Colby Phaneuf Lauren Parks Rick Batchelor
- 6- Anna Kathryn Feeley Corey McNamara
- 11- Mark Henderson
- 13- Jane Caroline Minchew Jackson Gladden

- 14- Emily Sue Lee Michael Teachey
- 17- Tommy Newkirk
- **19-** Georgette Thompson
- 20- Windsor Farrior
- 21- Jim Sills
- 22- Eliza Roberts
- 23- Tim Peppe Sandee DiDomenico
- 25- Christy Kohne
- 26- Bob Lanier
- 28- Garrett Bullard
- 30- Lori Newkirk Bud Newkirk
- 31- Lane Philip Rouse



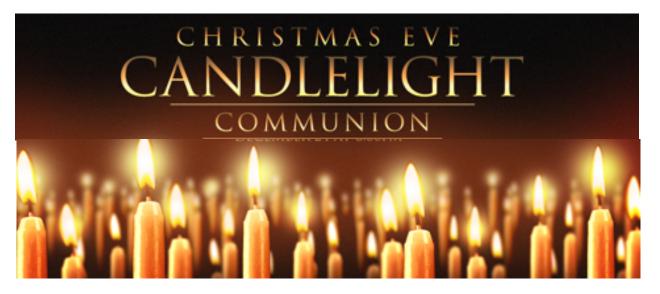
WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

**DECEMBER 2016** 

**Cheryl Brinkley, Editor** 

# You are invited to our



Saturday, December 24, 2016 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 25, 2016 10:00 am Worship with Scripture & Carols Come as you are!

# FROM THE PASTOR

#### Dear Friends,

Nancy and I spent Thanksgiving week in New York City. As we stood on the corner in front of Penn Station and tried to catch a cab, I looked at Nancy and said, "We're not in Wallace anymore!" It was exciting to be in Rockefeller Plaza on the day after Thanksgiving, even if the Christmas tree wasn't yet lit. There were so many people going in so many directions.

On the day after Thanksgiving, we were riding the subway from Long Island City to the Upper West Side of Manhattan. The subway cars were packed full of people of many different colors and ethnic origins. I heard people talking on their cell phones in many different languages. As I looked at all of the people around me, I closed my eyes and said a prayer to God: "God, what does it mean that you sent your only Son for the whole world? Look at all of these people. Lord. You love them all. Show me how to love them with the love you have given us in your Son Jesus. Amen." John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only

Son that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." On Christmas Eve, we will hear Luke's Christmas story, in which the angel announces to the shepherds, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people; to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah."

As we make our way through Advent, we eagerly anticipate celebrating the birth of our Savior, the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Jesus was born in the midst of a world full of strife, oppression, warfare, and division, much like the world in which we wait to celebrate the Messiah's birth.

The candles of Advent have thrown off the darkness, bit by bit. On Christmas Eve, we will light the Christ candle and remember that Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." Let us all strive to walk in the light of Christ and the glow of Christmas throughout our lives, to shine Christ's light in a dark world. Merry Christmas!



In Christ,

ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

At the Tuesday, November 15, 2016 stated session meeting, the elders and minister:

\* were led in an opening devotion and prayer by Elder Nell Sloan;

\* conducted the meeting as a worship service;

\* examined members of the session's Class of 2019 in preparation for their ordination and installation;

\* studied God's Word in Acts 2:1-13 and discussed a reading "Elders as sailors in the sailboat church";

\* approved minutes from the October 18, 2016 stated session meeting, the November 13, 2016 called session meeting, and the November 13, 2016 congregational meeting;

\* set Sunday, December 4, 2016 for the ordination and installation of the session's Class of 2019;

\* approved a request from Mary Blair Ange and Matthew Young to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during their wedding ceremony on Saturday, December 3, 2016. The entire congregation attending will be invited to participate. Elders Dave Wells and Gary Ange will distribute the elements;

\* approved a request from the minister to be absent from the pulpit on Sunday, January 8, 2017 in order to attend his mother's 95th birthday celebration in Georgia;

\* noted changes in church rolls;

\* approved a recommendation from the Worship & Music Ministry Team to have worship at 10:00 a.m. on Christmas Day (Sunday), with no Sunday School that day;

\* heard reports from the Congregational Care and Stewardship & Finance Ministry Teams;

prayed for members of the congregation and community;

\* were led in a closing prayer by Elder Dottie Obenour.



#### ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS CLASS OF 2019 Sunday, December 4

During worship on Sunday, December 4 and December 11, the members of the session will ordain and install members of the Class of 2019. For ordination and installation: Dean Hanson, Linda Burroughs. For installation: Curt Simpson, Geneva Maready, Jason Rouse.

We thank the members of the Class of 2016 for three years of dedicated and faithful service on the session: Rick Batchelor (Building & Grounds), Zach Casteen (Worship & Music), Harriet Farrior (Outreach), Dottie Obenour (Congregational Care, Personnel), Joell Parker (Christian Education)



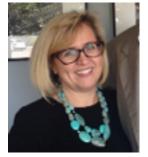
## ANNUAL SOUND RETREAT!!

"Hearing and Speaking the Psalms"

SAVE THE DATE: February 10-12, 2017, at the beautiful Trinity Center, on Bogue Sound, Outer Banks, N.C. Great Leaders, Delicious food, Rest & Relaxation, Spiritual renewal, Fellowship & Fun, Worship, All ages welcome! The upcoming Retreat has great news, all Youth attending the Retreat will be FREE!

Our spiritual leader for the adult program will be Reverend Bill Goodnight, Retired Pastor of the Lillington Presbyterian Church. Reverend Goodnight is serving as the stated supply Pastor at the Oak Plain & Potts Memorial Presbyterian Churches. We will also have an exciting youth program for our school age kids, led by Rachel Whaley Doll, Director of Christian Education, Winter Park Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, NC.





Dr. Bill Goodnight

Rachel Whaley Doll

It will be a stimulating and exciting time! Watch the church's bulletin board and website <u>http://wallacepresbyterian.com</u> for more information on our Sound Retreat!

Have a blessed day! Louis DiDomenico Sound Retreat Chairperson





12/04: Cameron & Reese Blue 12/11: Garrett Bullard & Rance Creech 12/18: Ellie Carone & Madelyn Coombs 12/25: Sarah Pearl Farrior & Hill Lanier

#### **OPENING CHURCH BUILDING**

December 1-15:	<b>Roger Coombs</b>
December 16-31:	Dave Long

Fred Burroughs, Leader Blake Wallace Bill Walters Susan Walters Greg Maready

#### GREETERS

- 12/04: George & Elizabeth Hatch
- 12/11: Dan & Tanya Robinson
- 12/18: Bill & Susan Carone

12/25: Leon & Jewel Wells



Hospital & at home: Cathy Wells (Fayetteville) Judy Robinson (home)

George Walker (Rosemary) Kelsea Webster (home)

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#### CHURCH NEWS .... For Your Information

\* **Presbyterian Men** will have their Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rose Hill Restaurant.

\* **Members of the session's Class of 2019** will be ordained and installed for service during worship on Sunday, December 4 and December 11.

\* **We will receive** special offerings during December: P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) on December 4; Christmas Joy Offering on December 11; Feed Our Hungry Childfren/Backpack Ministry on December 25.

\* **The Session** will meet on Tuesday, December 20 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 304. If you have any concerns or business for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or the minister.

\* **We will celebrate** the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Saturday, December 24 during our Christmas Eve Candlelight worship service and during worship on Sunday, January 1, 2017.

\* **The church office** will be closed on Monday-Tuesday, December 26-27 in observance of the Christmas holiday.

- \* The minister will be on vacation Monday Saturday, December 26-31.
- \* **The church secretary** will be on vacation Friday, December 23, Wednesday- Friday, December 28-30.





#### **COMMUNITY ADVENT SERVICES** Wallace Presbyterian Church

Worship Service: 12:05 P.M. Luncheon: 12:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, December 1, 2016	
Speaker	Rev. Buck Garrison
	Bethel Wesleyan Church
Special MusicEmily Saunders	& Geneva Maready, Handbell Duet
Organist	Vera Coombs
THURSDAY, December 8, 2016	
THURSDAY, December 8, 2016 Speaker	, , ,
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#### THURSDAY, December 15, 2016

Speaker	Judith Kunst
Special Music	Glen McCune
Organist	Vera Coombs



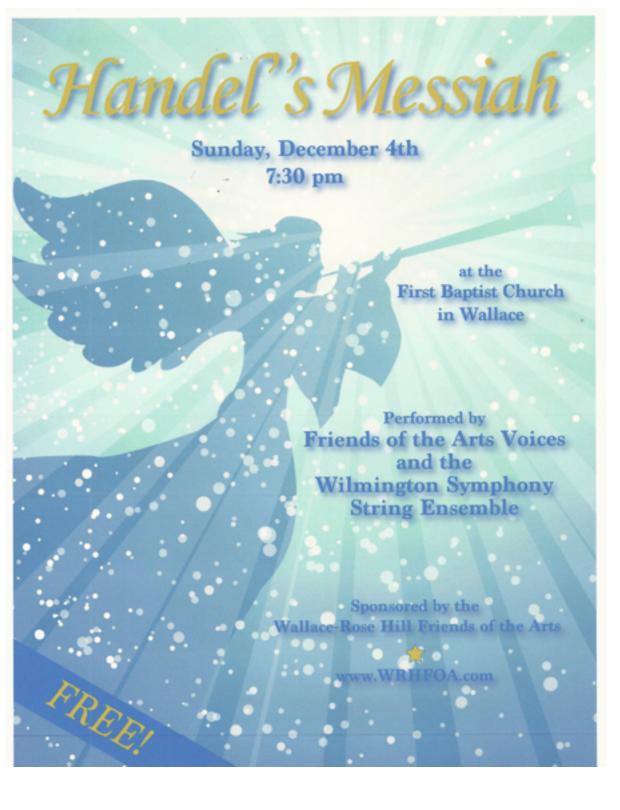
**December 4, 2016 at 7:30 pm-"Handel's Messiah**" performed by Friends of the Arts Voices and the Wilmington Symphony String Ensemble. This will be presented at First Baptist Church of Wallace.

**December 11, 2016 at 5:00 pm**— Wallace United Methodist Church Chancel Choir presents *"Noel Celebration"* by Cindy Berry.

**December 18, 2016 at 11:00 am and 5:00 pm**—First Baptist of Wallace Church Adult Choirs & Drama Team presents *"Light! Out of the Darkness"*.

December 24, 2016 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services

- 5:00 p.m.-Wallace First Baptist Church
- 6:00 p.m.–Wallace United Methodist Church
- 7:00 p.m.-Wallace Presbyterian Church





#### SEASON OF ADVENT CONTINUES THROUGH DECEMBER 24

In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the turning of the light into winter's season and to pray for the return of the light. The church has Christianized that practice in the lighting of the Advent wreath. To us, these candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who is coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our world. Until the dawning of that Great Day, we watch and wait in the Holy Spirit for Christ's coming into the darkness of our world, lighting candles of hope, peace, joy, and love; and remembering the promises of God with prayer.

Watch and wait for Christ's coming! Light candles of hope (November 27), peace (December 4), joy (December 11), and love (December 18), remembering the promises of God with prayer. We will light the Christ candle during our Christmas Eve communion worship service.



For many years the St. Nicholas Project has been an important mission of Wallace Presbyterian Church. The Outreach Committee has received families for this year. St. Nicholas Project family and gift information is located on the bulletin board in the church fellowship hall.

Christmas is a time of sharing. May we continue to share Christ's love with others as we have been so richly blessed. Thank you for supporting this wonderful ministry of our church.

If you would like to participate in this project by buying a gift:

- Select and remove a labeled ornament tag or tags from the tree on the bulletin board.
- Wrap the gift and tape the labeled ornament tag on the wrapped gift.
- Place wrapped and labeled gifts in the box beneath the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.
- Bring gifts to the church by December 18

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 18.





A GREAT BIG "THANK YOU" to the congregation for your Operation Christmas Child donations. We packed 46 shoeboxes for OCC! Thank you for giving so generously to this program sponsored by Samaritans Purse. This will enable 46 children to have a Christmas. Thank you for sharing in this ministry.

P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) Offering



Sunday, December 4 This quarterly offering supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina and funds children's feeding programs in Haiti and Malawi and supports congregational food ministries in churches in our presbytery.



We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Saturday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m.



#### Presbyterian Women Schedule for Advent Services

During the Advent Season the Presbyterian Women are busy preparing and serving the Advent Lunches after the Advent service. Here is the PW schedule:

December 1: Circle 1 is in charge of Advent Lunch December 8: Circle 3 is in charge of Advent Lunch December 15: Circle 4 is in charge of Advent Lunch





## **CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING** Sunday, December 11

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, 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 Presbyterianrelated racial ethnic schools and colleges.

### **December Youth Schedule**

**Dec.4:** play games so we can choose which ones we want to play on Dec 18, please bring any fun games that your family plays; Singing with Joell, please bring money for dinner at Andy's or wherever the youth want to eat

**Dec 11**: paint the trim to finish the youth room, the youth to be deciding what they want to put on the back of the youth doors, they can paint something, write their names; it is theirs to be creative with; Would any parents like to feed us this night?? If not we will probably eat pizza **Dec 18**: a special dinner on the 18th

**Dec 25:** Merry Christmas!! Enjoy spending time with your family and friends.



#### **FOR December**

#### <u>DATE</u>

December 4 December 11 December 18 December 24 December 25

#### <u>ELDER</u>

Dottie Obenour Susan Walters George Francis Wayne Casteen Jim Sills

#### PREACHER

Philip Gladden Philip Gladden Philip Gladden Philip Gladden Philip Gladden



From Our House To Your House... The staff at Wallace Presbyterian Church Wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

> Dhil Gladden Cheryl Brinkley Karla Casteen Wayne Casteen Vera Coombs



Congratulations

To Corey and Mary Stewart Teachey Blackwell on the birth of their son, William Monroe Blackwell, on November 16, 2016 (6 lbs., 5 oz., 20 inches). Proud grandparents are Michael and Pam Teachey.

To Mary Blair Ange and Matthew Young who will be married in our sanctuary on Saturday, December 3, 2016

To Bailey Rouse and Devan Riley who will be married in our sanctuary on Saturday, December 17, 2016.



FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/ BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

An extension of the Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries

From July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016: Contributions Received: \$25,470 Backpack Food Expense: \$36,826 Student Lunches Paid For: \$775 Bank Balance: \$6,425 Food packs given to students 7,530 (15,060 meals)

Schools served: Wallace-Rose Hill High; Rose Hill-Magnolia Elementary; Charity Middle; Wallace Elementary; Chinquapin Elementary; Beulaville Elementary; B.F. Grady Elementary; Warsaw Elementary; Warsaw Middle.

Contributions received from individuals, churches, foundations, and other organizations.

# December 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Minister on Vacation First Sunday of Advent: HOPE = 9:40 AM Opening Assembly = 10:00 AM Sunday School = 11:00 AM Worship/Feed Our Hun- gry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering/Rev. Clay Macaulay, = 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship	28	29	30 = 10:00 AM Bible Study, Church Of- fice Building = 6:00 PM Handbells = 7:15 PM Bible Study, Room 304 = 7:30 PM Choir Practice	1 = 12:05 PM Advent Worship & Lun- cheon	2 = 5:00 PM Ange/Young Rehearsal	3 = 4:30 PM Ange/Young Wedding
4 Second Sunday of Advent: Peace 9:40 AM Opening Assembly 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship/P.A.T.H. Offer- ing/Elder Ordination & Installation 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship 7:30 PM "Messiah" at First Baptist Church	5 = 10:30 AM Circle #1: Meet at Church	6 = 10:30 AM Circle #3: Fellowship Hall = 6:30 PM Presbyterian Men: Rose Hill Restaurant = 7:00 PM Circle #4: Emily Lee	7 = 10:00 AM Bible Study, Church Of- fice Building = 6:00 PM Handbells = 7:15 PM Bible Study, Room 304 = 7:30 PM Choir Practice	8 = 12:05 PM Advent Worship & Lun- cheon	9	10
11 Third Sunday of Advent: Joy = 9:40 AM Opening Assembly = 10:00 AM Sunday School = 11:00 AM Worship/Christmas Joy Offering = 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship	12	13	14 = 10:00 AM Bible Study, Church Of- fice Building = 6:00 PM Handbells = 7:15 PM Bible Study, Room 304 = 7:30 PM Choir Practice	15 = 12:05 PM Advent Worship & Lun- cheon	16 = 5:00 PM Rouse/Riley Rehearsal	17 5:00 PM Rouse/Riley Wedding
18 Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love = 9:40 AM Opening Assembly = 10:00 AM Sunday School = 11:00 AM Worship = 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship	19 == 6:15 PM Presbyterians Dining To- gether	6:00 PM Session Meeting, Room     304	21 = 10:00 AM Bible Study, Church Of- fice Building = 6:00 PM Handbells = 7:15 PM Bible Study, Room 304 = 7:30 PM Choir Practice	22	23 Secretary on Vacation	24 Christmas Eve 7:00 PM Candlelight Communion Service
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Nativity of Jesusst/Christmas Day	Minister on Vacation					
= 10:00 AM Christmas Worship with	Christmas Holiday	Church Office Closed	Secretary on Vacation			
Scripture Readings & Carols	Church Office Closed	Christmas Holiday				

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