



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

*Robert Lapp  
Cheryl Brinkley  
Karla Casteen  
Wayne Casteen  
Vera Simpson*

**Merry Christmas**



**Birthdays in December**



Happy Birthday to You!



- 1- Vera Simpson
- 2- Joe Tillman  
Cameron Lee  
Christy Johnson
- 3- Chason Johnson
- 9- Henry Stevens, V  
Savannah Stevens
- 13- Jackson Gladden
- 14- Emily Sue Lee
- 17- Tommy Newkirk

- 20- Windsor Farrior  
Kate Hall
- 21- Jim Sills
- 23- Sandra DiDomenico
- 28- Garrett Bullard
- 30- Lori Newkirk  
Bud Newkirk
- 31- Lane Philip Rouse



**NEWSLETTER**

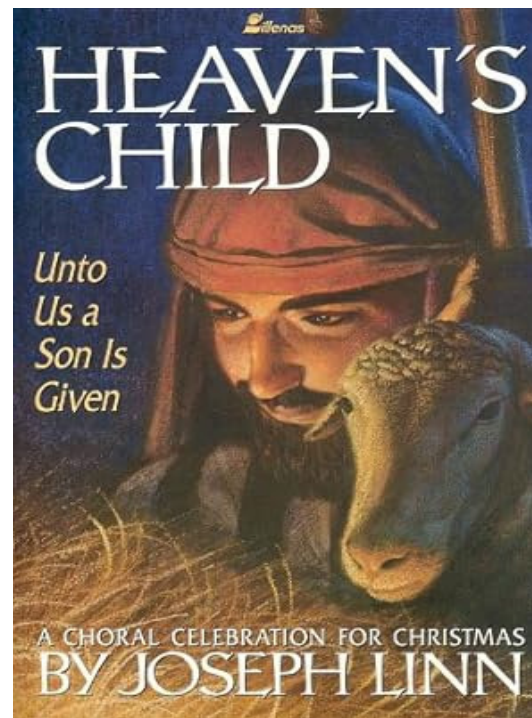
WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Rev. Robert Lapp, Interim Pastor

DECEMBER 2023

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



**Chancel Choir  
Christmas Cantata**  
**Sunday, December 17**  
**“Heaven’s Child”**  
*Unto Us a Son Is Given*

by  
**Joseph Linn**

On Sunday morning, December 17, the WPC Chancel Choir will present Joseph Linn’s *Heaven’s Child, Unto Us a Son is Given*. In this cantata, that we first sang in 1990, you will hear the story of Jesus’ birth through familiar Christmas carols and narration. This worship musical features four sections – celebrating Christ’s coming, proclaiming His arrival, rejoicing in His salvation, and exalting Him as King. Please join us for a worship service of Christmas carols and scripture on December 17.





Dear WPC family,

I'm excited about sharing the Advent and Christmas seasons with you this year! Advent is the first season in the church calendar. And while Advent is the beginning of a new church year, it never really feels like a beginning to me. It feels more like an end. In the gospel text for the first Sunday in Advent, Mark uses dramatic apocalyptic images to describe the end of time.

I'll be the first to admit that I'm more than a little uncomfortable talking about end times. The topic has been so severely abused, often used to evoke a response through fear. Unfortunately, that has meant that many of us have ignored the topic all together, but Mark won't let us ignore it.

All of us have had times when it felt like our whole world had come to an end only to discover, amid all the chaos and disruption, that God was drawing near. We thought we wouldn't make it through the night but discovered that God was ushering in a new day.

God will come. God will be with us. God will draw near and interrupt our lives in order to redeem us. Here in the darkness, Advent gives us light and hope to live as those who have seen something about tomorrow which the world has not yet seen and that future has a name and a face, and his name is Jesus.

Beloved, be alert, look up, your redemption is drawing near.

In Advent hope and expectancy,

Pastor Robb



**ADVENT**



**“What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright?”  
by Charles Coffin**

Charles Coffin was a French university professor who wrote many poems—including about 100 hymns and a song about champagne. In 1736, he penned what may be his most famous poem. Later translated into English by John Chandler, this poem still resonates in Christmas-loving hearts today. How he would marvel that his humble words continue to inspire worship of the Newborn King!

What star is this, with beams so bright,  
More lovely than the noonday light?  
'Tis sent to announce a newborn king,  
Glad tidings of our God to bring.

'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed,  
“From Jacob shall a star proceed;”  
And lo! the eastern sages stand  
To read in heaven the Lord's command.

O Jesus, while the star of grace  
Impels us on to seek thy face,  
Let not our slothful hearts refuse  
The guidance of thy light to use.

To God the Father, heav'nly Light,  
To Christ, revealed in earthly night,  
To God the Holy Spirit raise  
An endless song of thankful praise!

*Merry Christmas*





- \* **We will receive** our quarterly P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger Offering) on Sunday, December 3.
- \* **Advent worship services** will be at 12:05 pm on Thursdays, December 7, 14, & 21, with lunch provided in the Fellowship Hall following worship.
- \* **Youth Group Event: THE SOUTHERN LIGHTS:** Sunday, December 10, 2023, 5--9:00pm. 985 Johnson Nursery Road-Pender County, NC 28478. Tickets: (link below) \$10 when purchased ahead of time-5 and under FREE. <http://www.thegardensofsenc.com/> USE Coupon CODE: WCHA to support Hattie B.'s School! In note to seller section add "Wallace Presbyterian Youth" Each child attending please bring a small wrapped gift for a fun game to play with the youth. Any questions Call Jennifer Johnson 829-385-0644 and Please let Jennifer know when you purchase tickets so we can plan accordingly.
- \* **We will receive** the annual Christmas Joy Offering during worship on Sunday, December 10. See the article in this newsletter for more information.
- \* **The session** will meet on Tuesday, December 19 at 6:00 p.m., at the Rose Hill Restaurant. If you have any concerns or business for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or Pastor Lapp.
- \* **We will celebrate** the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome at the table.
- \* **The church office** will be closed the week after Christmas Eve and re-open on Tuesday, January 2.
- \* **Robb Lapp** will be on vacation Monday - Monday, December 25-January 1. Please contact Clerk of Session Hope Turnbull (910-284-2813) in an emergency.
- \* **Church Secretary Cheryl Brinkley** will be on vacation Monday - Monday, December 25 - January 1.




**Being Presbyterian** - A class led by Rev. Robert Lapp will be offered on Sunday mornings at 10 am on 12/3, 10, & 17 in the Margaret Hall Glasgow Class (room #307) for new elders, new members, or anyone who would like to know a little more about being a Christian in the Presbyterian and Reformed Tradition. For more information contact Robert Lapp.



*Christmas Eve Communion*

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



**Advent Wreaths**

If you would like to make a donation toward the expense of an Advent Wreath or other church decorations, please fill out an envelope provided in the pew pockets in honor of, or in memory of a friend or loved one, and put it in the offering plate on December 3rd and 10th. A list with the names of those honored will be in the Bulletin on December 17 and December 24. Thank you!



## DECEMBER



<p>12/03: Devan &amp; Bailey Riley          12/10: Lindsay &amp; Stanley Skidmore          12/17: Mary Laine &amp; Jason Rouse          12/24: Emily &amp; Hayes Ludlum          12/31: Harriet &amp; Windsor Farrow</p>	<p><b>Charley Farrow, Leader</b>          Joyce Ange                      Hayes Ludlum          David Long                      Curt Simpson</p>
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**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

12/03: Courtenay Thompson  
 12/10: No Children's Church  
 12/17: Geneva Maready  
 12/24: Bailey Riley  
 12/31: Emily/Miller Ludlum

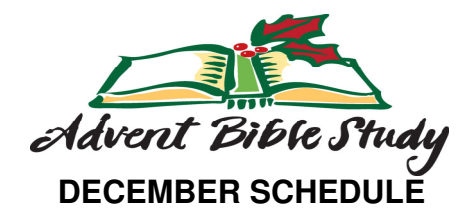
**OPENING CHURCH BUILDING**

December 1-15: Hayes Ludlum  
 December 16-31: Dave Long



**Hospital & at home:**

**Dan & Eva McLaughlin (The Gardens)**  
**Bruce Lyon (Dayspring)**  
**Pat Wilson (Commons at Brightmore)**



Wednesday, December 6, 10:00-11:00 a.m.	Mark 1:1-8
Wednesday, December 13, 10:00-11:00 a.m.	John 1:6-8, 19-28
Wednesday, December 20	No Bible Study
Wednesday, December 27	No Bible Study
Wednesday, January 3	No Bible Study
Bible study will resume on Wednesday, January 10, 2024.	



**CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING  
Sunday, December 10**

The Christmas Joy Offering is one of the special offerings of the PC(USA) and is received on Sunday, December 10. 50% of our gifts make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. 50% of our gifts provide assistance for current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial need. Thank you in advance for your generous support of past, present, and future church leaders. For more information about the Christmas Joy Offering, visit:

[www.specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/christmas-joy/](http://www.specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/christmas-joy/)



**FINAL DEPOSIT FOR 2023  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29**



Church Treasurer Wayne Casteen will make the final 2023 deposit on Friday, December 29. Contributions must be deposited by that date to be credited to your 2023 giving statement. You may contribute in these ways: offering plate in worship; mail a check to P.O. Box 717, Wallace, NC 28466; put your contribution in the mail slot of the front door of the church office; or donate online at our church website at [www.wallacepresbyterian.com](http://www.wallacepresbyterian.com). Thank you for your faithful and generous giving!



**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD DURING ADVENT  
AND AT CHRISTMAS**

DATE	SERMON TEXT
December 3	Isaiah 64:1-9, Mark 13:24-37
December 10	Children's Christmas Program
December 17	Choir Cantata: "Heaven's Child"
December 24 AM	Isaiah 11:1-9, Luke 1:26-38
December 24 PM	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7, Luke 2:1-7, Luke 2:8-20, Matthew 2:1-11



**Sunday, December 10**

On Sunday morning, December 10, the Wallace Presbyterian children and youth will present **A Shepherd's Story** during worship. Featuring 20 WPC young shepherds, this Christmas musical reminds us of the Joy that came to earth that special night to save us from our sins. Please join us as the children and youth tell of Jesus' birth through scripture and song.



**Community Advent Worship Services and Luncheons  
Sponsored by the Worship & Music Ministry Team  
and the Presbyterian Women  
Worship Service: 12:05 P.M.  
Luncheon: 12:30 P.M.**

**Thursday, December 7, 2023:**

Speaker.....Dr. Steve LeRoux, Pastor, Rose Hill Baptist Church  
Special Music.....Devan Riley  
Organist.....Vera Simpson

**Thursday, December 14, 2023**

Speaker..... Rev Robert Lapp, Interim Pastor, Wallace Presbyterian Church  
Special Music.....Jody Patram  
Organist.....Vera Simpson

**Thursday, December 21, 2023**

Special Program of Christmas Music.....Karla Casteen & Vera Simpson





**QUARTERLY P.A.T.H. OFFERING**  
**Presbyterian Answer to Hunger**  
**Sunday, December 3, 2023**



We will receive our quarterly (March, June, September, and December) P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) offering on Sunday, December 3. This offering supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina and provides funding for children’s feeding programs in Haiti and Malawi. The Hunger Program also provides grants for church food pantries such as our Helping Hands Food Pantry.



**Worship Opportunities**  
**During Advent and Christmas**

- Sunday, December 3: 11:00 am: Morning worship
- Thursday, December 7: 12:05 pm: Community Advent Service
- Sunday, December 10: 11:00 am: Children’s Christmas Pageant-“A Shepherd’s Story”
- Thursday, December 14: 12:05 pm: Community Advent Service
- Sunday, December 17: 11:00 am: Adult Choir will present the Christmas Cantata:  
*“Heaven’s Child, Unto Us a Son Is Given”*
- Sunday, December 24: 11:00 am: Morning worship
- December 24: 7:00 pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service



**Advent Candle Lighting Families**

- Sunday, 12/3 - Jason, Mary Laine, J.J., and Lane Philip Rouse
- Sunday, 12/10 - Zach, Mandy, Adlyn Jo, and Clara Gray Casteen
- Sunday, 12/17 - Stanley, Lindsay, Hollis, and Hayes Skidmore
- Sunday, 12/24 am - Michael, Ellie, Jack, and Wells Newton
- Sunday, 12/24 pm - Henry IV, Melissa, Henry V, and Savannah Stevens

# ST. NICHOLAS PROJECT



For many years the St. Nicholas Project has been a mission of Wallace Presbyterian Church. The Outreach Committee has received families from our community for this year.

St. Nicholas Project family and gift information will be available on the tree in the fellowship hall.

Thank you for participating in this wonderful ministry and sharing the love of Christ with others.

To participate by **selecting a tag** and **buying a gift**:

- Select and remove labeled ornament tags from the tree.
- Purchase the gift
- **Wrap the gift**
- Label the wrapped gift with the tag you selected
- Place **wrapped and labeled gifts** on the table in front of the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall
- **Deadline to bring gifts to the church- Sunday, December 17.**

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 17.** Join us to deliver the gifts a few days before Christmas. The date and time will be announced.

The Outreach Committee



# December 2023



November 2023

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December 2023

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January 2024

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- Home
- Holidays in United States
- WPC Calendar
- cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM Worship in person and live-stream/Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering	27	28	29 10:00 AM Bible study, Room 304 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Choir Practice	30	1	2
3 <b>First Sunday of Advent</b> 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM Worship in person/live-stream/P.A.T.H. Offering	4 10:30 AM Circle #1: Room 304	5 10:30 AM Circle #3: Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Circle #4: Fellowship Hall	6 10:00 AM Bible study, Room 304 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Choir Practice	7 12:05 PM Community Advent Service & Luncheon	8	9
10 <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM Worship in person/live-stream/Children's Christmas Program/A Shepherd's Story/Christmas Joy Offering	11	12	13 10:00 AM Bible study, Room 304 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Choir Practice	14 12:05 PM Community Advent Service & Luncheon	15	16
17 <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM Worship in person/live-stream/Cantata-"Heaven's Child, Unto Us a Son Is Given"	18	19 6:00 PM Session Meeting at Rose Hill Restaurant	20 10:00 AM No Bible study 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Choir Practice	21 12:05 PM Community Advent Service & Luncheon	22	23
24 <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM Worship in person/live-stream 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service/Sac Lord's Supper	25 <b>Christmas Day</b>	26	27	28	29	30
31 <b>New Year's Eve</b>	1 <b>New Year's Day</b>	2	3 10:00 AM No Bible Study 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Choir Practice	4	5	6