



From Our House
To Your House...
The staff at
**Wallace Presbyterian
Church**
Wishes 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



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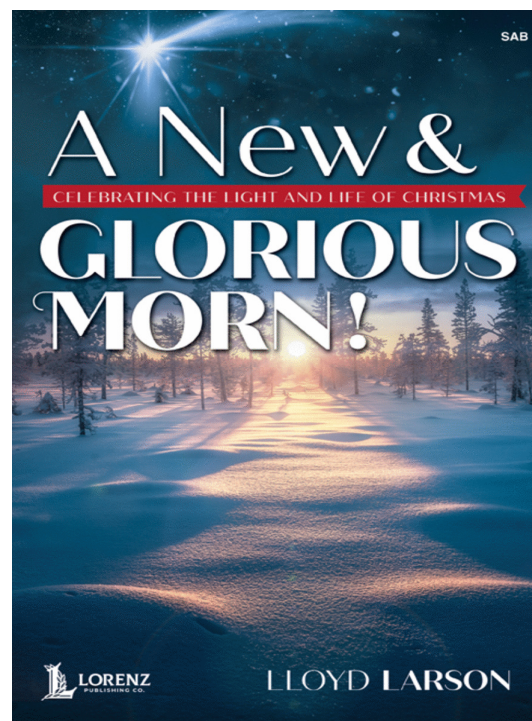
WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Rev. Robert Lapp, Interim Pastor

DECEMBER 2024

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



**Chancel Choir
Christmas Cantata**

Sunday, December 8

“A New & Glorious Morn!”

*Celebrating The Light and
Life of Christmas*

by
Lloyd Larson

On Sunday morning, December 8, the WPC Chancel Choir will present Lloyd Larson’s *A New & Glorious Morn!* This cantata focuses on the reality that in Christ the old is gone and all things are made new. Through a blending of new and familiar lyrics, narration and ageless melodies, you will experience anew the reality of God’s incomparable love. This worship musical celebrates Christ’s birth and the promise of a new day of hope and life for those who embrace God’s message through this newborn King. Please join us for a worship service of Christmas carols and scripture on December 8.



Beloved,

We've gathered for Thanksgiving, we're exhausted from Black Friday shopping, and now Advent is here! You, your family and friends are invited to take a break from the holiday rush and join us this season for the Advent Thursday noon services and lunches, the Cantata, Children's Pageant, and Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion. Advent is such a special time of year to gather for worship. See the newsletter articles for details.

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, Luke 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 Luke 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. Be alert, look up, your redemption is drawing near!

In Advent hope and expectancy,

Pastor Robb



Lighting the Advent Candles with Children

This set of readings for the lighting of the Advent candles is based on texts from the Revised Common Lectionary, and is offered for general use with children, in public worship or at home. At each successive lighting of the candles, all texts from the preceding lightings are read in addition to the text introduced that day.

At the beginning of each lighting of the candles:

We give thanks for the light of Christ,
shining in the lives of all God's people.

On the First Sunday of Advent, and at successive lightings:

With the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah,
we watch and wait for the coming of Christ
who will bring light and peace to all the world.

Light the first candle.

On the Second Sunday of Advent, and at successive lightings:

With John the Baptist, we cry out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord!
Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Light the second candle.

On the Third Sunday of Advent, and at successive lightings:

With Mary, the mother of Jesus, we rejoice,
for the Mighty One has done great things for us.
How holy is God's name!

Light the third candle.

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, and at successive lightings:

With Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John,
we tell the story of Jesus, the child of Bethlehem,
who came to save us, and is coming again in glory.

Light the fourth candle.

On the eve of Christmas, or on Christmas Day:

With the choirs of angels, we sing:
"Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to all people on earth!"

Light the center candle.

On each occasion the lighting of the candles may be concluded with the following song, to the tune "Frere Jacques":

Light of Jesus (**echo:** light of Jesus),
show the way (show the way).
Shine in us forever (shine in us forever);
this we pray (this we pray).



- * **We will receive** our quarterly P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger Offering) on Sunday, December 1.
- * **Advent worship services** will be at 12:05 pm on Thursdays, December 5, 12, & 19, with lunch provided in the Fellowship Hall following worship.
- * **The Chancel Choir** will present their Cantata **A New & Glorious Morn!**, by Lloyd Larson, on Sunday, December 8, during worship.
- * **We will receive** the annual Christmas Joy Offering during worship on Sunday, December 8. See the article in this newsletter for more information.
- * **The Youth & Children** will present their Christmas program **The Christmas Story**, on Sunday, December 15, during worship.
- * **The session** will meet on Tuesday, December 17 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, Tuesday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome at the table.
- * **The church office** will be closed after Christmas Eve and re-open on Thursday, January 2.
- * **Robb Lapp** will be on vacation Wednesday-Wednesday, 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 Tuesday, Christmas Eve, through Wednesday, January 1.

Advent Bible Study - Using Kate Bowler's *An Advent Group Guide: The Weary World Rejoices* (katebowler.com), we will explore the promises of Advent:

Wednesday, November 27:	The Promise of Truth	Jeremiah 33:14-16
Wednesday, December 4:	The Promise of Compassion	Luke 1:68-79
Wednesday, December 11:	The Promise of Restoration	Zephaniah 3:14-20
Wednesday, December 18:		No Bible Study
Wednesday, December 25:		No Bible Study
Wednesday, January 1:		No Bible Study

Bible study will resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2025.

 **DECEMBER** 

12/01: Devan & Bailey Riley	Charley Fariior, Leader
12/08: Lindsay & Stanley Skidmore	Joyce Ange Hayes Ludlum
12/15: Mary Laine & Jason Rouse	David Long
12/22: Ellie & Michael Newton	
12/29: Harriet & Windsor Fariior	

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

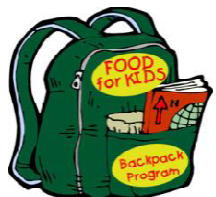
12/01: Courtenay/ParkerThompson
12/08: Kristin Cottle
12/15: No Children's Church
12/22: Danielle Sills
12/29: Emily/Miller Ludlum


OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

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



**FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/
BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING
SUNDAY, December 22**






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 1st and 8th. A list with the names of those honored will be in the Bulletin on December 15 and December 22. Thank you!



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

*Christmas Eve
Communion*



**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!



**CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING
Sunday, December 8**

The Christmas Joy Offering is one of the special offerings of the PC(USA) and is received on Sunday, December 8. 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/



**FINAL DEPOSIT FOR 2024
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31**



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. 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. Thank you for your faithful and generous giving!



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

DATE	SERMON TEXT
December 1	Luke 21:25-36
December 8	Choir Cantata: "A New & Glorious Morn!"
December 15	Children's Christmas Program
December 22	Luke 1:39-55
December 24	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7, Luke 2:1-7, Luke 2:8-20, Matthew 2:1-11



Sunday, December 15

On Sunday morning, December 15, the Wallace Presbyterian children and youth will present *The Christmas Story*. Youth and children will lead the program but the congregation will participate. Please join us on Sunday, December 15, as the Youth of the church present the birth of Christ, the newborn King!



**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 5, 2024:
Speaker.....Emily Ludlum & Melissa Stevens
Special Music.....Jody Patrum
Organist.....Vera Simpson

Thursday, December 12, 2024
Special Program of Christmas Music.....Karla Casteen & Vera Simpson

Thursday, December 19, 2024
Speaker.....Rev. Matthew Pope
Special Music.....The Attie C. Carlton Handbell Choir
Organist.....Vera Simpson



QUARTERLY P.A.T.H. OFFERING
Presbyterian Answer to Hunger
Sunday, December 1, 2024



We will receive our quarterly (March, June, September, and December) P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) offering on Sunday, December 1. 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 1:** 11:00 am: Morning worship
- Thursday, December 5:** 12:05 pm: Community Advent Service
- Sunday, December 8:** 11:00 am: Adult Choir will present the Christmas Cantata: *“A New and Glorious Morn!”*
- Thursday, December 12:** 12:05 pm: Community Advent Service
- Sunday, December 15:** 11:00 am: Children’s Christmas Pageant-*“The Christmas Story”*
- Thursday, December 19:** 12:05 pm: Community Advent Service
- Tuesday, December 24:** 7:00 pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service



Advent Candle Lighting Families

- Sunday, 12/01:** 11:00 am Hope Turnbull and Matthew Coltren
- Sunday, 12/08:** 11:00 am Hayes, Emily, Miller, and Harper Ludlum
- Sunday, 12/15:** 11:00 am Royal, Jennifer, Pearson, and Elliana Johnson
- Sunday, 12/22:** 11:00 am The Farrior family
- Tuesday, 12/24:** 11:00 am Jimmy, Marney, Eli, Charlotte, and Maggie Crayton

Merry Christmas

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 15.**

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 or donate online.

Please bring gifts to the church or make donations by **Sunday, December 15.** **Join us to deliver the gifts a few days before Christmas.** The date and time will be announced. The families are listed below.

The Outreach Committee

Family 1

- Girl age 11-** size 10 to 12, shoe size 4 in adults, she wants soccer things or Pokemon.
- Boy age 6-** size small 6 to 7 clothing, shoe size is 13 in kids, he wants musical instruments or outside activities.
- Girl age 4-** size 5T prefers dresses or girly outfits. Shoe size 10 in kids. She would like Barbie things or horses/unicorn.
- Boy age 3-** size 4T, shoe size 8 in kids. He likes paw patrol, superheroes and dinosaurs.
- Boy 4 months old-** size 3 to 6 months not wearing shoes yet. He would like teether toys or learning toys for babies.
- Adults-** household items just cleaning supplies, towels, kitchen towels and a blanket.

Family 2

- Boy Age 14-** shoe size 8, shirt medium in men, pant size 34. His hobbies are football and basketball.
- Boy Age 12-** shoe size 7, shirt size medium in boys, pant size 12. His hobbies are basketball and soccer.
- Adults-**household items cleaning supplies, towels, kitchen towels and a blanket.

Family 3

- Girl toddler-** shoes 9/10. Clothes 3T-5T all varies on brand. Small Lego set, flying helicopter, Barbies, creative stuff, make up. Really anything she is not picky. Favorite color is blue.
- Adults-** household items cleaning supplies, towels, kitchen towels and a blanket.

Family 4- the youth group is taking care of this family.

December 2024



November 2024

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December 2024

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29	30	31				

January 2025

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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WPC Calendar
 cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st Sunday of Advent 9:00 AM Choir Practice 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM Worship/P.A.T.H. Offering		10:30 AM Evening Circle, Fellowship 10:30 AM Morning Circle-Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Evening Circle-Fellowship Hall	10:00 AM Bible Study, Room 304 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM PNC	12:05 pm Community Advent Service	Office closed	
Second Sunday of Advent 9:00 AM Choir Practice 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM Worship/Cantata: "A New & Glorious Morn"/Joy Offering			10:00 AM Bible Study, Room 304 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM PNC	12:05 pm Community Advent Service	Office closed	
Third Sunday of Advent 9:00 AM Choir Practice 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM Worship/"The Christmas Story" Youth Program		6:00 PM Session Meeting, Rose Hill Restaurant	10:00 AM No Bible Study 6:00 PM Handbells	12:05 pm Community Advent Service	Office closed	
Fourth Sunday of Advent 9:00 AM Choir Practice 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM Worship		Secretary on Vacation		Pastor on Vacation		Church Office Closed
		7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion	10:00 AM No Bible Study			
		Christmas Eve	Christmas Day			
Pastor & Secretary on Vacation	Office Closed	New Year's Eve Church office closed		New Year's Day Church office closed		Church office open
9:00 AM Choir Practice 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM Worship/Fifth Sunday Building Offering					Office closed	