



# NEWSLETTER

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Rev. Robert H. Lapp, Interim Pastor

JANUARY 2025

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor

**The Work of Christmas**  
 When the song of the angels is stilled,  
 When the star in the sky is gone,  
 When the kings and princes are home,  
 When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
 The work of Christmas begins:  
 To find the lost,  
 To heal the broken,  
 To feed the hungry,  
 To release the prisoner,  
 To rebuild the nations,  
 To bring peace among others,  
 To make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman

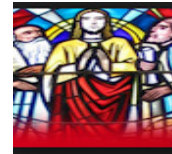


## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS Sunday, January 12

During worship on Sunday, January 12, the session will ordain and install Ruling Elders in the Class of 2027. These elders have completed a time of officer training and been examined by the session. They are responding to God's call through the voice of our congregation to serve as our spiritual leaders in worship, ministry, outreach, nurture, and stewardship.

To be ordained and installed: Devan Riley

To be installed: Karla Casteen and Geneva Maready



# Session

### OUR SESSION FOR 2025

Robert H. Lapp, Moderator  
Hope Turnbull, Clerk

#### Class of 2025

Sandy Cobb  
Debbie Price  
Blake Wallace

#### Class of 2026

Kevin Johnson  
Royal Johnson  
Nell Sloan

#### Class of 2027

Karla Casteen  
Geneva Maready  
Devan Riley

Please keep the members of our session in your prayers as they lead us in ministry and the discernment of God's will for our church.



### Birthdays in January

Happy Birthday to you!!

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| 2. Will Fussell     | 11. Curtis Simpson |
| 5. Fred Burroughs   | 15. Annie Johnson  |
| 9. Megan Strickland | Diane Knowles      |
| 10. Mike Teachey    | 29. Mary Browder   |



Dear WPC family,

The Most Rev. Robert Runcie, retired Archbishop of Canterbury, wrote in his book, *Seasons of the Spirit*, that he once got on a train in England and discovered that all of the other passengers in the car were patients at a mental institution being taken on an excursion.

A mental hospital attendant was counting the patients to be sure that they were all there: “One, two, three, four, five...” When he came to Runcie, he said, “Who are you?”

“I am the Archbishop of Canterbury,” Runcie replied. The attendant smiled, pointed to him, and continued counting, “six, seven, eight...”

Surely the world, at times, must look at the church as though we are out of our minds. So much of what we do is counter-cultural: gather for worship, study and fellowship, give of our time, talent and treasure, serve those who can never repay us, love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us, etc. This must appear foolish to those who don't know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

As we begin the New Year with Karla Casteen, Geneva Maready, and Devan Riley being ordained and/or installed on Sunday, January 12, we promise to “*encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church.*”

I hope that when these new officers, along with the other elders on the session, ask us to serve with them, they'll be able to count on us, “nine, ten, eleven...”

Blessings in the New Year,

Pastor Robb



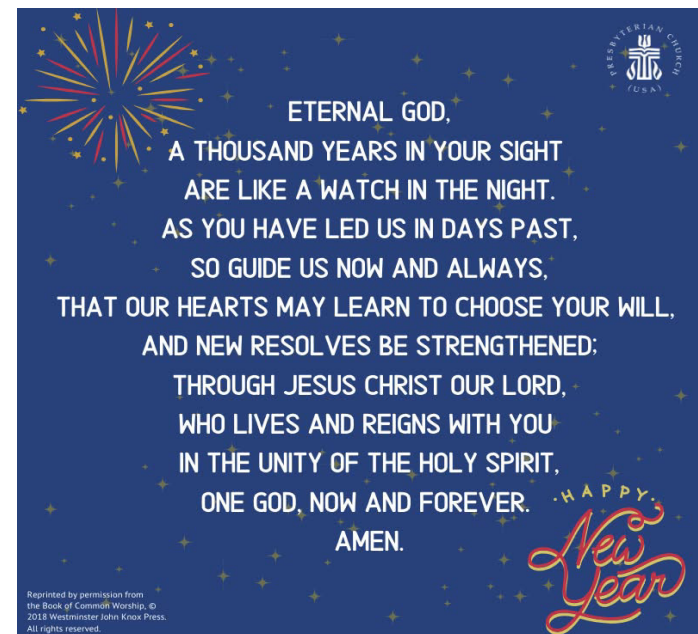
# WORSHIP

## JANUARY WORSHIP LEADERS

DATE	ELDER	PREACHER
January 5 (Communion)	Sandy Cobb	Robb Lapp
January 12	Debbie Price	Robb Lapp
January 19	Kevin Johnson	Robb Lapp
January 26	Royal Johnson	Robb Lapp

Thank you for  
**your hard work**  
and **dedication!**

We thank Joyce Ange (Worship & Music), Danielle Sills (Christian Education), and Curt Simpson (Stewardship & Finance), members of the session's Class of 2024, who have rotated off active service on the session. They have been faithful leaders for our congregation for the past three years. Thanks!





**FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN  
BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26**



We will receive our monthly Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering on Sunday, January 26. This offering provides school lunches and weekend food for students in Duplin County Public Schools. Thank you for your generous and faithful support.



**Pastor Led Bible Study** will resume on Wednesday, January 8, at 10 am in room 304. Together we will examine the lectionary text for the following Sunday's sermon. We look forward to you joining us. The scripture for each week is listed below:

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| January 8:  | Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 |
| January 15: | John 2:1-11         |
| January 22: | Luke 4:14-21        |
| January 29: | Luke 4:21-30        |



**January 2025**

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| January 5  | John 1:1-18         |
| January 12 | Luke 3:15-17. 21-22 |
| January 19 | John 2:1-11         |
| January 26 | Luke 4:14-21        |

The sermon texts are provided so you can read them and pray about them before worship. Please keep our congregation and pastor in your prayers as we read and hear God's Word during the month of January.



**JANUARY**



- 01/05: Tonya & Emory Landen Patram
- 01/12: Danielle Sills & Hope Turnbull
- 01/19: Christy Johnson & Payton Westbrook
- 01/26: Parker & Courtenay Thompson

**Fred Burroughs, Head  
Bill & Susan Walters Jan Peterson**

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

- 01/05: Bailey Riley
- 01/12: Danielle Sills
- 01/19: Sara Matthews
- 01/26: Jennifer Johnson

**OPENING CHURCH BUILDING**

- January 1-15: Charley Farris
- January 16-31: Curt Simpson

**CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information**

- \* **We will celebrate** the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship on Sunday, January 5. All are welcome at the table.
- \* **The session** will meet on Tuesday, January 21 at 7:00 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 pastor.
- \* **We will receive** our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering during worship on Sunday, January 26.



**THE SACRAMENT OF  
THE LORD'S SUPPER  
Sunday  
January 5, 2024**

*This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Matthew 26-28*



AN UPDATE FROM THE  
Pastor Nominating  
Committee

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) members are: *Wayne Casteen, Sandy Cobb, Miller Ludlum, Ellie Newton, Debbie Price, Dan Robinson, Jim Sills, Curt Simpson, & Lindsay Skidmore.* They have been working diligently since their election on Sunday, November 17 at the Annual Meeting. After an orientation to better understand the process for calling a pastor, they have been working on the narrative questions in the Mission

Discernment Profile (MDP). The goal is to complete the MDP in January and present it for approval to the Commission on Ministry. Once the MDP is approved, it will be posted on the Church Leadership Connection web-site and the PNC will begin receiving information on potential candidates. Please continue to keep the PNC and our church in your prayers during this season of transition in pastoral leadership.

# January 2025

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happy new year

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Office Closed			New Year's Day	Office open	Office Closed	
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