Wallace Presbyterian Church

Community Advent Service Thursday, December 18, 2025 12:05 p.m.

Prelude "Traditions of Christmas" by Chip Davis
The Attie C. Carlton Handbell Choir

*Call to Worship

Our souls magnify the Lord!

Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

The mighty One has done great things for us!

Holy is God's name!

Let us worship God.

For God is our Maker and our Redeemer; from generation to generation, God gives mercy.

*Prayer (Unison)

God of grace, your Eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will. By the power of your Spirit, prepare our hearts for his coming again. Keep us faithful in doing your will, and steadfast to watch with hope, that we may receive the coming of his kingdom for the sake of Jesus Christ the ruler of all. Amen.

*Hymn #119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" MENDELSSOHN

Welcome and Announcements

Special Music "To the World, Joy!" arranged by Joel Raney

The Attie C. Carlton Handbell Choir

Advent Meditation.......Dr. Martha Highsmith

*Hymn #100 STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

"My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

*Prayers and Blessing of the Luncheon

*Postlude......Vera Simpson



Prior to returning to her family farm in 2017, Martha lived in Connecticut for thirty years. In her career at Yale University, she served as associate vice president of the university, senior advisor to the president, and Divinity School faculty member. She has a doctorate from Harvard University, master's from Yale, and bachelor's and Master's from UNC-G. She chairs the boards of Black River Health Services and Novant Health Home Care, and serves on the boards of the Southeast Health Education Committee and the Gardens of Southeastern NC. She volunteers as a guardian ad litem, advocating in the courts for abused and neglected children. She is the pastor of Caswell Presbyterian Church in Atkinson. She quilts and gardens, loves to cook, and keeps bees and chickens.



The Attie C. Carlton Handbell Choir began in 1994 and is named in memory of Mrs. Attie Carr Carlton, a life-long musician and member of this church. We recently celebrated 30 years of bells ringing in our sanctuary with an informal concert for our congregation. We have 4 octaves of bells and 3 octaves of hand chimes that we enjoy playing for worship and other special occasions when opportunities arise. Through the years we have had many ringers but 4 of us began in 1994 and continue to this day.



We wish to thank the following who made this series of services possible for *Advent*:

The Worship and Music Ministry Team Karla Casteen and Sandy Cobb

The Wallace Presbyterian Women: Luncheons

Sandy Cobb, Moderator Christy Johnson, Vice-Moderator

Advent: Brenda Long

A special thanks to:

Our speakers, musicians, ushers and persons involved in serving lunch each week.

*You are invited to a light lunch in the Currie Building immediately following the worship service. Please let those who are pressed for time be served first. Thank you!

^{*}All who are able may stand.



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Christmas 2025

December 24, 2025 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services

5:00 pm - Wallace First Baptist Church

6:00 pm - Wallace United Methodist Church

7:00 pm - Wallace Presbyterian Church



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