

Coming Soon....

For our Visitors

Did you know that we have Godly Play / Children's Church available for children age 3 through 5th Grade, during Worship Service? Children are welcome to attend after the "Time with Children" in the Worship Service. We also have a Nursery available for children under age 3.

2022 Food Pantry Christmas Cards

When you make a monetary donation to our Food Pantry through Friday, December 16, a 2022 special edition Christmas card will be sent on your behalf. You may use the card to send Christmas greetings, as a unique gift for a friend or family member, or as a way to remember someone. You can also choose to deliver your card in person.

Please use an order form available in the office workroom or on the Narthex table and send it, along with your donation, to Susan Lodal, c/o WRPC Food Pantry. You may also email her at susan.lodal@gmail.com and request an electronic version of the form.

Cantemus Women's Choir to present winter concert "Hodie!"

Hodie! will be performed on two different occasions at two different locations:

Friday, December 16th, at 7:00pm, First Broad Street United Methodist Church, Kingsport, TN

Saturday, December 17th, at 7:00pm State Street United Methodist Church, Bristol, VA

Visit: <https://www.cantemuswomenschoir.org/> for more information.

SMILE for December



It's the 12 Days of Christmas at SMILE!

We will be taking these 12 items that we need the most urgently!

- Convertible car seats
- Boys tennis shoes sizes children's 13 up to adult 13s
- Beds - cribs, toddler, twin and bunks
- Undies
- All adult/teen sizes and boys 2T through size 8
- Hygiene items
- Kids toothbrushes and kids flavored toothpaste and diaper cream
- Pajamas for teens
- Sterlite 64qt clear storage totes
- Organizational supplies - sharpies, masking tape, garbage bags
- Infant and toddler sized socks
- Men's athletic pants (all sizes)
- Boys clothing size 5T and 6
- Diapers - sizes 6 and 7; pull-ups (all sizes)

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24,
6:30pm

Join us for one of the most beautiful worship services of the year!

WRPC Weekly Calendar

Sunday 12/11	9:45am	In-Person Sunday School, Preschool through Grade 12
	11:00am	Sunday Worship Service / 5 Cents-a-Meal Offering (<i>Godly Play Children's Church in Room 102</i>)
	7:00pm	Personnel, Library
Tuesday 12/13	9:00am	Walking Group, Meet at Netherland Inn Road Entrance
	6:00pm	Has Beens Practice, FH
	6:00pm	Healing Holidays Grief Seminar, MR
Wednesday 12/14	6:00pm	Handbell Practice
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir Practice
Friday 12/16	10:00am	Food Pantry, FH

Acolyte

Evie Crow

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Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

Love God Love Others Make Disciples

Service of Worship

December 11, 2022, 11:00 am

Third Sunday of Advent



1415 Waverly Road Kingsport, TN 37664 423.247.5121 www.waverlyroadpc.org

Welcome to our Visitors

This church welcomes all who come within its walls or within its influence. Whatever the reason for you being here today, we hope that you find light, peace, direction and friendship.

If you would like more information about Waverly Road Presbyterian or if you are interested in becoming a member, you can fill out one of the yellow cards placed behind the pews, contact our minister at 423.247.5121, or visit our website at www.waverlyroadpc.org.

Please note the following details concerning the bulletin format:

When you see ***bold italics***, we all read aloud together.

An * invites those who are able to stand.

TIME OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” arr. Mark Hayes

GATHERING PRAYER Judi Easley

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 35:10)

The ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing.

Everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Let us worship our God with joy!

***HYMN 123** “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

LIGHTING THE THIRD CANDLE OF ADVENT

Reader One: “The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus. It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing . . . A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray... And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” (Isaiah 35:1-2, 8, 10 NRSV).

Reader Two: The prophet Isaiah tells us about the joy of ascending to God’s house. The prophet tells us to imagine being set free, being unburdened, being released to live, to fully live in the grace and wonder of life itself, surrounded by those who love us like no one else. And then he tells us that the journey to get there is just as much a joy.

Reader One: The Psalmist says “Happy are these whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord...who made heaven and earth who keeps faith...who executes justice...gives food...sets prisoners free...opens eyes...lifts up...watches over...upholds...The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!” (Psalm 146 NRSV)

Reader Two: We light these candles, the candle of joyous hope, of proclaimed peace, and of deep and everlasting joy, as a sign that we are those who walk with a skip in our step because we can see the destination, and it is pure joy. We are ascending to God’s promise.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our doubt and despair lead us to low and longsuffering places. Our eyes downcast, we find nothing for which to give thanks, we find no reason to rejoice. Yet, you call us to resist the overwhelming forces that drag us down. You call us to rejoice in a babe about to be born. You call us to lift our eyes in hopeful anticipation of your kingdom to come. Forgive us. Help us. Save us. AMEN

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Lamentations 3:22-23)

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.”
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. AMEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN Suzanne Huron

*Children ages 3 years - 5th grade may now be dismissed to attend
Godly Play (Children’s Church) in Room 102.*

ANTHEM “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen” arr. Molly Ijames

SCRIPTURES Isaiah 35:1-10 & Matthew 11:2-11

SERMON “Refreshed” Rev. Collin Adams

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. AMEN

MISSION MOMENT Steve Bingham

OFFERTORY “Still, Still, Still” arr. Bill Wolaver

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, accept these gifts in grateful response for your generosity. May these gifts bring joy to those most in need of Christ’s mission and ministry. AMEN

***HYMN 100** “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”

*BENEDICTION & CHORAL BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE** “Hark! The Herad Angels Sing”
Felix Mendelssohn arr. Carol Tornquist



WRPC Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

You can participate in the tradition of beautifying our Sanctuary during the Advent season by ordering a Poinsettia. If you would like to contribute a Poinsettia in memory of or in honor of someone, or to celebrate someone special, please write the name of the person(s) to be honored or memorialized and any other appropriate information in the space below and return it to the church office, along with your check **no later than Wednesday, December 14**. The cost of each Poinsettia ordered is \$10.00. Checks should be made payable to Waverly Road Presbyterian Church and marked "for Poinsettias". Please indicate below whether you will be picking your Poinsettia up after Christmas Eve Service on Saturday, December 24 or after worship on Sunday, December 25.

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The Christmas Joy Offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need, and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Mission

The Christmas Joy Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the 21st century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Special Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and they profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.

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THANK YOU, GOD

for connecting us.

Thank you for neighbors,
each with needs and gifts
to share, and for our church,
the Whole Church, together,
and for Jesus Christ,

Amen.



CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

When we give to the Christmas Joy Offering, we share our love with the leaders of our Church — past, present and future.

50%

of your gifts assist current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs.



Retired since 2007, Rev. Ben Franklin Whitfield suffered a stroke in January 2021. Facing financial hardships after a lifetime in ministry serving primarily rural congregations, Ben and his wife Helen, received help from the Presbytery of Wabash Valley and the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions in the form of an Emergency Assistance grant and a monthly Housing Supplement for Retirees receiving Home Health Care. As he recovers, Ben — who had earlier served as a teacher in the Chicago Public Schools and Indianapolis Public Schools — is working toward regaining enough strength to start tutoring out of their home.

“How greatly we understand the uniqueness of the Presbyterian Church in its call to help people as Christ commands. And now, having so carefully laid out the importance of giving to the Christmas Joy Offering in the rural area congregations where Ben was pastor, we are so grateful to directly benefit from such financial assistance.”

— Helen Whitfield



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of your gifts make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

Growing up in a low-income family in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Kyley Thompson was determined to follow in her grandmother's footsteps of receiving a college education, so she enrolled, even with the prohibitive cost. Stillman College, a small, close-knit community right there in her own backyard became Thompson's whole world. Her teachers helped her secure financial support for her studies and sometimes, her rent. Thanks to this support, Kyley graduated with honors — and with a presidential fellowship to do historical research at Stillman waiting for her.

“The money you give goes directly to students and keeps them in college. Like me, many students often feel like they are hanging by a thread. Your donation fills in the threads and makes a rope — a lifeline of financial assistance.”

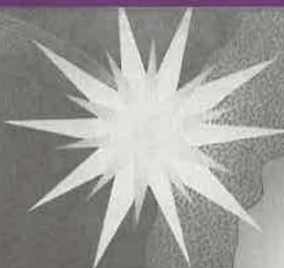
— Kyley Thompson

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY...
FOR WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE,
IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!

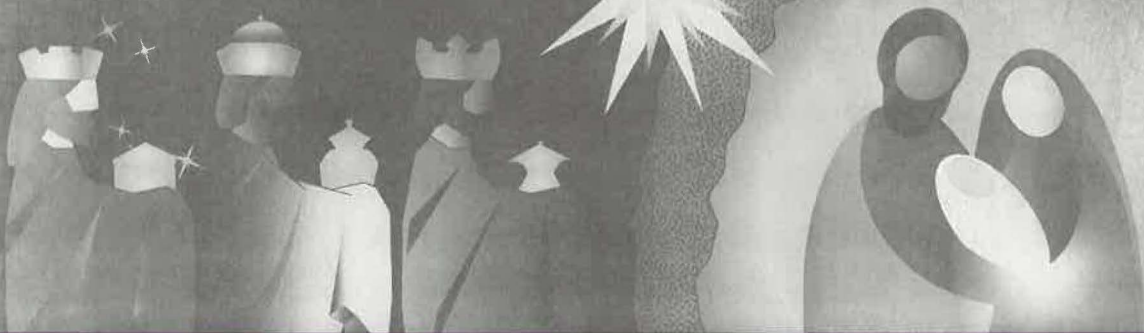




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CHURCH LEADERS—PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE



THE PERFECT GIFT.



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Every generous act of giving ... is from above. — JAMES 1:17

The only perfect gift ever given was the one we received in Jesus Christ – a perfect gift from a generous God. Your gifts reflect our generous God by supporting leaders in our Church and world – past, present and future. Please give generously. **When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!**

Name: _____ Envelope Number: _____

My Gifts: ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$75 ☐ \$500 ☐ Other \$ _____

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