

The Newsheet

Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP



December 11, 2022

**In-Person and
Online Worship Service
at 11:00am**

**Click on either link for
Sunday Worship Service**



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channel/
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SCRIPTURES

December 11, 2022

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

WRPC

Food Pantry

**SERVING EVERY FRIDAY
from 10:00am—Noon.**

*A very special thanks goes out
to all of our Food Pantry
volunteers who are helping to
FEED THE HUNGRY
in our community.*



You are loved. We are blessed!

From the desk of Rachel Lawson...



Have you ever been so excited about something that made your life easier? I have endorsed many products and methods over the years because I was so excited about the difference they made in my life that I wanted everyone to have the opportunity to feel as excited as I did. Why then, am I so hesitant to share the biggest comfort that is the Good News?

Evangelism - images of evangelists shouting into megaphone, televangelists with private jets, or people hollering about the fires of hell come to mind. As Presbyterians that can make us cringe. But, I'm pretty sure that the kind of evangelism Jesus would truly want is radically different. No, we don't want to scare anyone into loving our Lord. We are, however, called to live as witnesses to the Gift he gave us. Extending grace to all who need it, and loving by example, etc.

That neighbor whose spouse passed away might enjoy an invitation to the Healing Holidays sessions. The gentleman at the senior center without family may want to go to a Christmas Eve service. Extend the invitation or better yet, offer to attend with them. Even if they don't accept the invitation right away, you have planted the seed and there is no better gift to give someone this season than that.

—Rachel



PRAYER REQUESTS

People in our Prayers

Rev. Dan Clark
Holston Presbytery Camp
Patients receiving Dialysis
Rorie Parker Family
Lee Bockman
Doris Blanchard
Susan Smith
Sharon Nolen
Beverly Carman
Howard's Mother)

Laci, Nicholas & Robin
Lodal
Sarah Valk
Ann Kibler
Dr. Bob & Jeanne Jernigan
Sarah Hale
Susan Avery
Kirk and Lola Finch
Ken & Jane Hunter

Missions in our Prayers—4th Quarter

Local Missions

Kingsport City Schools Homeless Education Program
Trunk or Treat
WRPC Food Pantry

Regional / National Missions

Presbyterian Disaster Relief

International Missions

Families Involved Serving Humanity (FISH), Nicaragua
Northumbria Community Retreat Center & Mother
House, England

Special Offerings

Appalachian Miles for Smiles (October 13-14)
Christmas Joy Offering (December 11)

We will leave names on the Prayer Request List for three weeks unless you notify the Church Office to remain on the list for an extended amount of time.



This Week at WRPC

Indoor and Online Worship at 11:00am.

Sunday 12/11	9:45am	In-Person Sunday School – Preschool through Grade 12
	11:00am	Sunday Worship <i>Godly Play Children's Church in Room 102)</i>
Tuesday 12/13	7:00pm	Personnel, Library
	9:00am	Walking Group / Meet at Netherland Inn Road entrance
	6:00pm	The Has Beens, 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

For the month of DECEMBER...



SMILE 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)



**Saturday, December 10th,
Cocoa Bar and Video Game
Tournament in the Youth
Suite. 3:00–7:00pm.
Then, we'll take a break until
January 9th.**

Mission Moment Update...

December 4—Christmas Joy Offering



When we gather with friends and family at Christmas, we celebrate the many gifts that we have both given and received. Looking

toward the Star of Bethlehem, we give thanks for the blessings of the past year and anticipate a future filled with hope and possibility. We live in hope that the Christmas gift we offer is exactly what that special person has been hoping for. Yet for those of us celebrating Advent's expectation, we know that the only perfect gift ever given is the one we receive in Jesus Christ.

On Sunday, December 11 we will take up the final PCUSA special offering of the year, the Christmas Joy Offering. Through the Christmas Joy Offering, we reflect God's perfect gift to us, with generous support of church leaders among us — past, present and future — who have pointed us to God.

50% of the offering goes to honor and celebrate leaders like retired pastors, church workers and their families who have faithfully guided and led us but who now find themselves in critical financial need because of changing health situations or emergency circumstances. Our gifts restore hope and stability through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions.

The other 50% of the offering goes to honor and celebrate emerging leaders like students in schools and colleges equipping communities of color, who develop leadership skills as they pursue their education and prepare to bring their gifts in service to the world God loves so much. Our gifts support a bright future with enhanced opportunities for students to grow and build lives of faith, honing talents and skills to serve God, the Church and the world for years to come.

The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. Please prayerfully consider giving to this special offering next Sunday or at any time during the Advent season. And thank you once again for your generosity to those in need.

—The Mission Committee



We're taking a ZOOM Bible Study break during the holidays. Bible Study resumes on January 5th!



Views from the

FOOD PANTRY by Peter Lodal

December 11–17, 2022

To all:

We began December with 42 bags distributed, back to a more normal distribution after a light Thanksgiving Friday.

As a reminder, the Christmas Card project is still ongoing. If you would like to participate, order forms are available in the church office.

As always, thanks for your support and your prayers.

—Pete Lodal



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



Cantemus, the Tri-Cities premiere women's choir, opens their ninth season with a concert titled Hodie!

Artistic Director, Patty Denmark (Director of Choral Activities at Dobyns-Bennett High School), has beautifully programmed a concert that will warm your heart towards the holiday season. It features various settings of the Latin text, Hodie, by composers Angelina Figus, Kevin A. Memley, Kelly-Marie Murphy, and Carles Prat I Vives. Each composer's unique style and verging of the text to music will move you to explore the meaning of Hodie from various perspectives.

Interspersed throughout the concert will be familiar Christmas carols such as Bring A Torch, Jeanette, Isabella arranged by Shawn Kirchner, I Saw Three Ships arranged by Paul David Thomas, I Wonder As I Wander arranged by Ruth Elaine Schram, Patapan arranged by Audrey Snyder, and Riu Riu Chiu arranged by Erica Phare-Bergh. This concert will also present new choral settings to the familiar, traditional texts of Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day by Richard Burchard, While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Craig Courtney, and Auld Lang Syne by Mairi Campbell & David Francis.

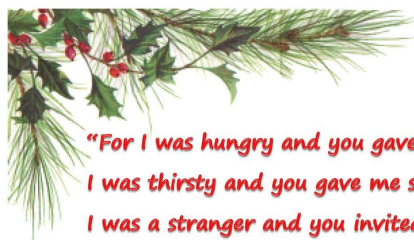
Cantemus is thrilled to be welcoming back collaborative artists Bryan Underwood (piano), Eileen Butler (flute), Larry Mueller (oboe), and Nicole Misterly (violin).

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.



*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you invited me in..."*

Matthew 25:35

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.

Last year, we sent 129 cards and received \$6,200 through our Christmas Card Project and year-end giving. More than \$149,000 has been contributed to our Food Pantry through this program since 1993 when the first Christmas Cards were made by elementary-aged children. We want to thank everyone who has supported our Food Pantry through the years with their generous donations. You have enabled us to continue serving our neighbors in the name of Jesus Christ.



Encouraging Words

*"If we keep Christ in our heart,
Christmas has no end."*

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Candlelight
Christmas Eve Service
Saturday, December 24 at 6:30pm

WRPC Walking Group
Let's Walk  **Every Tuesday, weather permitting!**
We will gather at 9:00 am at the Netherland Inn Road entrance to begin our walk.



Special thanks to the WRPC Sanctuary Guild for making the outside and inside of our church beautiful again this year!