

Coming Soon....

For our Visitors

Did you know that we have Godly Play / Children's Church available for children age 3 through 3rd 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.

WRPC Walking Group



Every Tuesday, weather permitting! We will gather at 9:00 am at the Netherland Inn Road entrance. If there is a change in plans, we will send out an email to let you know where we will be walking.

SMILE for January



trash bags.

Our wish list for January includes donations of diaper cream, rolls of masking tape, and lawn/leaf

WRPC Weekly Calendar

Sunday 1/15	9:45am In-Person Sunday School, Preschool through Grade 12
	11:00am Sunday Worship Service (Godly Play Children's Church in Room 102)
	7:00pm Session, MR
Monday 1/16	6:00pm Youth Group, YS
Tuesday 1/17	9:00am Walking Group, Netherland Inn Greenbelt Entrance
	6:00pm Has Beens, FH
Wednesday 1/18	1:00pm ZOOM Bible Study
	7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice
Friday 1/20	10:00am Food Pantry, FH

Liturgy written by Stephanie Sorge and provided for free distribution.

Acolyte

Mac Adams

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Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

Love God Love Others Make Disciples

Service of Worship

January 15, 2023, 11:00 am

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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 “Open Our Eyes with Be Thou My Vision”
arr. Mark Hayes

GATHERING PRAYER Trinity Gibson

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on John 1)

To all searching for grace and truth,
Come and see!
To all searching for meaning and purpose,
Come and see!
To all searching for abundant life,
Come and see!
Let us worship God together.

***HYMN 757** “Today We All Are Called to be Disciples”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have been timid and unreliable witnesses of Jesus Christ.

*Forgive us...
for the times we have stayed silent in the face of injustice and hate,*

for the times our actions have not matched our beliefs,

for the times we have hoarded our abundance,

for the times we have turned away from your children in need.

For the many ways we fail to follow Jesus, forgive us. Invite us again to come and see, and to abide in your presence so that we may be transformed and renewed. Empower us to witness, with our words and lives, to the love and grace we've experienced in Jesus Christ. AMEN

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Based on Psalm 40)

Hear the good news of the gospel: God will not withhold mercy from us. The steadfast love and faithfulness of the Lord is with us, now and forever. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! AMEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN Trinity Gibson

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

ANTHEM “I Will Joyfully Sing” Mary McDonald

*I will joyfully sing in the morning, I will joyfully sing all the day.
I'll sing praises to Thee in the morning, for the Lord is the strength of my day.
I will lift up my eyes in the morning, for the Lord will not turn me away.
I'll sing praises to Thee in the morning, for the Lord is the strength of my day.
I will sing! I will sing! I will sing of praises His goodness to me, I will sing!*

SCRIPTURES John 1:29-42 & Psalm 40

SERMON “Pointing Away” Rev. Collin Adams

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(From A Brief Statement of Faith)

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 Karen Carman

OFFERTORY

*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

Generous God, we offer these gifts in gratitude for all we have received. Use them to strengthen the ministry of your church to meet the needs of your children. May these offerings bear witness to your love made known to us in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. AMEN

***HYMN 451** “Open My Eyes That I May See”

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
 store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
 we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
 spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
 was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
 calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

Open My Eyes, That I May See 451

1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.

Place in my hands the won-der - ful key that shall un - clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil - dren

set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy

will to see. O-pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
 will to see. O-pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
 will to see. O-pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!

The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.