

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



It's the 12 Days of Christmas at SMILE!

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

WRPC Weekly Calendar

Sunday 1/8	9:45am In-Person Sunday School, Preschool through Grade 12
	11:00am Sunday Worship Service / Communion (Godly Play Children's Church in Room 102)
	7:00pm Personnel, Library
Monday 1/9	6:00pm Youth Group, YS
Tuesday 1/10	9:00am Walking Group, Netherland Inn Greenbelt Entrance
	6:00pm Has Beens, FH
Wednesday 1/11	1:00pm ZOOM Bible Study
	7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice
Friday 1/13	10:00am Food Pantry, FH

Liturgy written by Rose Schrott Taylor and provided for free distribution.

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Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

Love God Love Others Make Disciples

Service of Worship

January 8, 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 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
Beethoven, arr. Lloyd Larson

GATHERING PRAYER Blair Adams

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

We know that the voice of the Lord is powerful.

We know that the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

We believe that the servant of the Lord will not break a bruised reed.

We believe that the servant of the Lord will not quench a dim flame.

Both these things are true:

Our God's righteousness is a mighty stream,

And our Savior is like a lamb.

Through the Holy Spirit, we hold space for all aspects of God.

Today we worship an unknowable God, who loves us and calls us by name, who came to meet us in the person of Jesus Christ.

***HYMN 96** "On Jordan's Bank The Baptists Cry"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, in our baptisms, you marked us with your love, inviting us into covenant with you. As we grow older, you reveal more and more of yourself to us. We see and experience the brokenness of the world; we know that we are called to embody your love. But the task sometimes feels too big. It's easier to ignore the pain of others. It's easier to choose blindness. Forgive us for forgetting our baptism, for forgetting that our lives are meant for something bigger.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even when we fail, even when we are not perfect, God still claims us. God still calls us by name. God still places God's Spirit upon us.

We are known and loved and forgiven. AMEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Collin Adams

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

ANTHEM "Create in Me a Clean Heart" Victor C. Johnson

*Create in me a clean heart, O God;
and renew a right spirit within me
Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
and uphold me with Thy Spirit, O Lord.*

SCRIPTURES

Matthew 3:13-17; Acts 10:34-43

SERMON

"Partiality"

Rev. Collin Adams

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Book of Common Worship)

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

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

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Words of Institution
Celebration
Prayer of Blessing

MISSION MOMENT

Susan Lodal

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

Heavenly Parent, we offer you these gifts. Please bless them, just as you bless those who gave them and those who will receive them. May the sharing of this money remind us of the connection that holds us all together and the beloved community you call us to form.

***HYMN 317** "In Christ There Is No East Or West"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

96 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin; make
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our
 4 Stretch forth your hand; our health re - store, and

nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 straight the way for God with - in, and let us all our
 ref - uge and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 make us rise to fall no more. O let your face up -

for he brings glad ti - dings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.

This hymn shows how once-unconnected parts can work together. The text about John the Baptist was written in Latin in the 18th century and translated into English in the 19th century. Similarly, the 17th-century melody was adapted to its present form in the 19th century.

317 In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 race may be. All chil - dren of the
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.