

## Coming Soon...

### For our Visitors

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

### Coming Soon! Season of Mission ZOOM Meetings

**Living Waters for the World - Tuesday, March 21, 7:00 pm;** Join us via Zoom to hear Steve Young, Executive Director, tell us about how this ministry trains, equips and supports volunteers in forming global clean-water mission partnerships around the world. They believe all God's children deserve clean water.

### Palm Sunday Worship Service,

**Sunday, April 2, 11:00am**  
Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in Heaven and glory in the highest heaven! -Luke 19:38

### Palm Sunday Potluck , Eggstravaganza & Easter Egg Hunt,

**Sunday, April 2, 12:15pm,**  
Fellowship Hall  
Bring your favorite potluck item and enjoy some "egg"cellent fun! The church will provide chicken and drinks.

At 1:15pm, following lunch, we will have our Eggstravanza featuring games and activities for all ages. Then, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt for all children through 5th grade. They will have appropriate games, prizes and egg hunting. Come join the fellowship and fun on Palm Sunday!

### Maundy Thursday

**Worship Service,  
Thursday, April 6, 7:00pm**  
Communion will be served.  
"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."  
- John 13:34

### Lenten Window

**Banners Open House,  
Good Friday, April 7,**  
10:30am - 2:30pm Judi Easley has designed some unique and very beautiful banners this year. Please invite your friends and family members to share the love of Christ with friends, family members and our community.

### Good Friday Prayer Service,

**Good Friday, April 7, Noon**  
Join us for our prayer service as we remember the day that Jesus Christ died for us. We are also invited to Mafair UMC for a joint Prayer Service at 7:00pm.

### Early Morning Outdoor Easter Worship Service with Mafair UMC,

**Sunday, April 9, 9:00am,**  
WRPC Front Lawn  
"He is not here, for He has risen!"  
Please bring a lawn chair and dress for the weather.

### Easter Worship Service, Sunday, April 9, 11:00am

He's alive, he's alive, hallelujah, he's alive. He's alive and I'm forgiven. Heaven's gates are open wide.

### Drop-in Baby Shower for the Easley Twins

**April 15, 2:00 - 4:00pm**  
Fellowship Hall  
You are invited to a drop-in baby shower for Abigael and Ashleen Easley.

## WRPC Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday 3/19</b>	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
<b>Monday 3/20</b>	6:30pm Mission Committee, ZOOM
<b>Tuesday 3/21</b>	9:00am Walking Group, Netherland Inn Greenbelt Entrance 6:00pm Has Beens, FH 7:00pm Season of Mission Presentation, ZOOM
<b>Wednesday 3/22</b>	1:00pm ZOOM Bible Study 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice
<b>Friday 3/24</b>	10:00am Food Pantry, FH

*Liturgy written by John Wurster and provided for free distribution.*

### Acolyte

Claire Smith

### WRPC Staff

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# Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

Love God Love Others Make Disciples

## Service of Worship

March 19, 2023, 11:00 am

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](http://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** “What Wondrous Love Is This” arr. Lloyd Larson

## GATHERING PRAYER

Blair Adams

## CHORAL INTROIT

## CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Psalm 23)

The Lord leads us like a shepherd.

*God nourishes our lives and restores our souls.*

The Lord is with us, even in the darkest valley.

*God's goodness and mercy are always close.*

## \*HYMN 418

“Softly and Tenderly”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Relentlessly, God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news!

*In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia, 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 “Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery”

Arr. Dennis Allen

*Come behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King.*

*He the theme of heaven's praises robed in frail humanity.*

*In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come.*

*Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of man.*

*In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.*

*See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man,*

*Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.*

*Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree.*

*In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.*

*See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold.*

*Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.*

*Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe.*

*Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.*

*Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life.*

*But no grave could ever restrain Him, praise the Lord; He is alive!*

*What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope.*

*Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes!*

## SCRIPTURES

2 Kings 6:8-23

## SERMON

“Loving”

Rev. Collin Adams

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from The Brief Statement of Faith)

*We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. 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. 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

Betsy Preston

## 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

*O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the head of the church and the Lord of our lives. AMEN*

## \*HYMN 216

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

# 418 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
 3 O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

*Refrain*  
 watch - ing for you and for me.  
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!  
 par - don for you and for me. "Come home, come home!

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

This 19th-century gospel hymn has often been used as a hymn of invitation at evangelistic services. Its imagery is primarily based on Jesus' parable in Luke 15:11-32, commonly called "The Prodigal Son." Each singer thus becomes a wandering child who is urged to return home.

## 216 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,  
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eye at times can see  
 3 I take, O cross, thy shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land;  
 the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me;  
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
 and from my strick - en heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess:  
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, and the bur - den of the day.  
 the won - ders of re - deem - ing love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
 my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

For sheer intensity of feeling few hymns can match this meditation on the cross; impressive images and strong contrasts combine to give the text its ardor. The passionate language is augmented by the highly chromatic tune later composed for these words.

# Easter Lily Order Form

If you would like to order an Easter lily to be used in the sanctuary on Easter morning, please fill out a form for EACH lily ordered. The cost is \$8.50 for each lily. Please make checks payable to the church and leave the order form and the check in Amy's mailbox in the church workroom or in the mailbox slot on her door.

**The last day to order is Sunday, April 2. You can also call the church office at 247-5121 and place your order!**

## I would like to order....

A lily in memory of:

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A lily in honor of :

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