

## Coming Soon....

#### For our Visitors

We are taking a Summer break until August 13 but...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 this Summer!**



A new Intergenerational Sunday School class will be held for 8 weeks from June 12 - July 30, 9:45am in the largest room in the youth suite (the former Presbytery meeting room).

Absolutely all ages are welcome and we hope you'll come enjoy this opportunity to engage with congregation members you may not normally get to spend time with as we Live In the Faith Together (LIFT)! A light breakfast

#### 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.



#### Vocal Scholarship Program

If you would like to donate to the Vocal Scholarship Fund, you can place a check in the collection plate

with Vocal Scholarship Fund designated in the memo line, send your check in the mail to Amy, or place in the Receiving Treasurer's metal lock box in the workroom. We can also receive online donations through the Presbyterian Foundation. The link is **Donation** (eservicepayments.com) or scan the QR code to go directly to this link.

## WRPC Weekly Calendar

Sunday 5/21	11:00am	Sunday Worship Service
	7:00pm	Session, MR
Tuesday 5/23	9:00am	Walking Group, Netherland Inn Greenbelt Entrance
	6:00pm	Has Beens, FH
Wednesday 5,	1	ZOOM Bible Study Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday 5/2	5 6:00pm	Stephen Ministry, MR & ZOOM
Friday 5/26	10:00am	Food Pantry, FH
Saturday 5/2	7 8:00am	Stephen Ministry Training, MR

Acolyte Mason Wilson

### WRPC Staff

Pastor | Collin Blair Adams

Pastor Emeritus | Daniel Clark

Director of Music | Dr. Kate Stubbs

**Business and Communications** Administrator | Amy Boyles

Director of Intergenerational Discipleship | Rachel Lawson

Director of Student (K-12) Discipleship Ministries | Trinity Gibson

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# Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

Love God Love Others Make Disciples

# Service of Worship May 21, 2023, 11:00 am

#### Welcome to our Visitors PRAYER OF CONFESSION This church welcomes all who come within its walls or within its influence. We confess, O God, that too often we have our head in the Whatever the reason for you being here today, we hope that you find light, clouds. We are more comfortable with dreaming of the world peace, direction and friendship. as we wish it would be instead of working with you to bring that wish to reality. At times, we find it difficult to claim the 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 vellow power you have given us. Surely you have others more cards placed behind the pews, contact our minister at 423.247.5121, or visit capable to be your witnesses? And so, we continue to gaze our website at www.waverlyroadpc.org. heavenwards. Jolt us out of our complacency, O God. Remind us to get a move on. Remind us we have work to do Please note the following details concerning the bulletin format: with you. Give us your energy, courage, and vision to be your When you see **bold italics**, we all read aloud together. witnesses to the end of the earth. An \* invites those who are able to stand. SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION TIME OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS ASSURANCE OF PARDON We are God's people PRELUDE "Christians, We Have Met to Worship" created, loved and forgiven. arr. Lloyd Larson The God of all grace has called us by name. God will restore, support, strengthen and establish us. It is good news to celebrate. **GATHERING PRAYER** Barbara Lane We are forgiven! TIME WITH CHILDREN **Trinity Gibson** CHORAL INTROIT **ANTHEM** "Psalm 150" Peter Anglea Praise ye the Lord in His sanctuary, praise ye the Lord in the firmament. CALL TO WORSHIP Praise Him for His mighty acts, and praise Him for His excellent greatness. Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet: praise Him with the psaltery and harp. Sing to God. Praise Him with timbrel and dance: praise Him with stringed instruments. Sing praises to God's name. Praise Him with organs. Praise Him with cymbals.

Sing to God O kingdoms of the earth. Sing praises to the Lord. Let us worship God.

\*HYMN 662 "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

**SCRIPTURES** 

**SERMON** 

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 & Acts 1: 6-14

\*HYMN 846

**\*BENEDICTION** 

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

"Anxieties"

Praise Him with high sounding cymbals.

*Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord!* 

Praise ye the Lord in His sanctuary, praise ye the Lord in the firmament.

Praise Him for His mighty acts, and praise Him for His excellent greatness.

Rev. Collin Adams

#### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

#### (from A Declaration of Faith)

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is 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

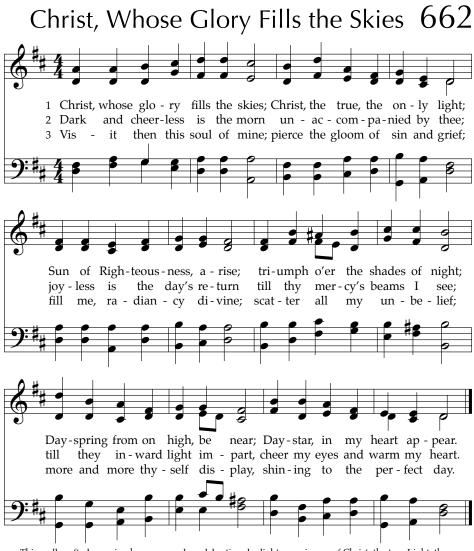
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise* him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Good and gracious God, the money we place in plates or give online we pray will be used to bring your kingdom to earth. May our gifts strengthen this congregation to be more faithful, more present and more daring in our community and to the ends of the earth. AMEN

#### "Fight The Good Fight"

#### \*CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE



This well-crafted morning hymn opens by celebrating daylight as an image of Christ, the true Light, then ponders life without light, and culminates in a prayer for inward light. The tune's name honors its German roots: Ratisbon is the former English name for Regensburg.

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD



The opening phrase here (based on 1 Timothy 6:12) is not a military image but an athletic one, from a Greek verb meaning "struggle" or "grapple" or "wrestle." The sports context continues in later stanzas reflecting the experience of a runner (recalling Hebrews 12:1–2).



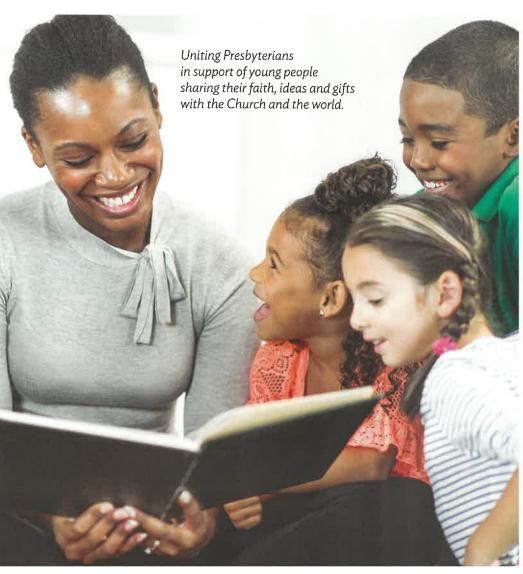
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# BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST. - EPH. 4:12, CEB



A FOUNDATION OF FAITH established during childhood through young adulthood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. When you give to the Pentecost Offering, you are helping to provide opportunities for young people to grow and share in their faith in Christ.

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Give online at pcusa.org/donatepentecost



You can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by the Pentecost Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year. Checks may be sent Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA, 15264.



The Pentecost Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The churchwide 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 twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning and witness, and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.

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"The Pentecost Offering enables young people to be included in some beautiful formation adventures that allow them to shine as well as helps them lead us as a church."

Gina Yeager-Buckley Associate for the Presbyterian Youth and Triennium Office



Rev. Allen Shelton was determined not to watch promising youth like Tariq fall through the cracks of an increasingly broken educational system. He wanted to ensure the future success of primarily urban. adolescent young people; so in 2010 he founded Good Success Academies. Since its founding, the once-local initiative - in partnership with Montclair State University and Rutgers University - now impacts youth in surrounding communities, readying them for college, work and the world.



The Young Adult Volunteer program is a faith-based year of service in sites across the U.S. and around the world that has been changing the lives of young people ages 19-30 for nearly three decades. The YAV experience emphasizes living in intentional Christian community, spiritual formation and vocational discernment. Peru site coordinator Jenny Valle says, "If we all had the opportunity to have experiences like the YAV program offers, I believe that we would all be more empathetic, more just and more supportive of one other."

# **WE ARE THERE**

The Pentecost Offering helps guide young people in Christian formation from their earliest years to young adulthood. With our gifts, we are there to help build these youngest members of the body of Christ into the people God would have them become.

40% STAYS WITH OUR CONGREGATION to support local ministries with children, youth, and young adults. 25% SUPPORTS YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEERS (YAV), serving in communities around the world, and growing as leaders through transformative Christian service.

25% SUPPORTS MINISTRIES WITH YOUTH especially the Presbyterian Youth Triennium.

#### 10% IS DEVOTED TO CHILDREN AT-RISK and supports to improve education and provide safe havens.

#### WON'T YOU JOIN US?

Please give generously... for if we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.