

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.

Intergenerational Sunday School Class Update

Due to the wonderful amount of positive responses we will be moving the Intergenerational LIFT Sunday School class to the Fellowship Hall.

We are so excited to offer this fully inclusive Sunday School catering to everyone of every age and ability all together. We would like you to be aware that there is a family with a young child who has a severely compromised immune system. The weeks that they attend masks will be provided to everyone for their safety and inclusion. This has been the practice for their children's Sunday school class on the weeks they attend, and so it will be our practice as well.

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 snack will be served. See you this summer!

SMILE for June



Our wish list for June includes gently used Teen/ Adult sized clothing, NEW hair brushes, combs and hair bands.

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 \(eservicepayments.com\)](https://www.eservicepayments.com) or scan the QR code to go directly to this link.



WRPC Walking Group



Every Tuesday, weather permitting! We will gather at 9:00 am at the Greenbelt

Holston Valley Drive Trailhead entrance. If there is a change in plans, we will send out an email to let you know where we will be walking.

WRPC Weekly Calendar

Sunday 6/11	9:45am Intergenerational Sunday School Class, FH 11:00am Sunday Worship Service 7:00pm Personnel, Library
Tuesday 6/13	9:00am Walking Group, Greenbelt Holston Valley Drive Trailhead 6:00pm Has Beens, FH 6:00pm Children & Youth Ministries, MR
Wednesday 6/14	1:00pm ZOOM Bible Study 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice
Friday 6/16	10:00am Food Pantry, FH

Rev. Sharon Amstutz has served several churches and institutions in the Tri-Cities area. She and her husband, Jim, are currently enjoying retirement.

Acolyte

Michael Lawson

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Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

Love God Love Others Make Disciples

Service of Worship

June 11, 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 "I Love to Tell the Story" arr. Lloyd Larson

GATHERING PRAYER Tim Nolen

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great –
God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.

Let us worship God today, for God is good –
God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.

Let us worship God today –
Because we are God's people.

Let us worship God.

***HYMN 51** "To Abraham and Sarah"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we can admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.

We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn.

We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.

Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service.

AMEN

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Alleluia! AMEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Suzanne Huron

ANTHEM "Jesus, Savior, Blessed Friend" Deborah Govenor

Whom have I, O Lord, beside you? What have I except your love?

Where is home if not for heaven, there to dwell with you above?

Who are you, if not my Savior? Who am I if not your own?

What are you if not my shelter, Christ, my rock and cornerstone?

Jesus, Savior, blessed friend, I will love you without end.

Who will share my earthly sorrow? Who will heal my broken heart?

Who will hold my life together when it seems to fall apart?

When the fears are far too many, and the joys are far too few,

who will comfort and defend me? Only you, Lord, only you.

Jesus Savior, dearest friend, I will trust you without end.

Where, O Lord, when life is over, can I go, but home to you?

What have I except the promise where you are I shall be too?

When at last I reach the comfort of that bright celestial place,

there with joy will I behold you, gaze upon your glorious face.

Jesus, Savior, heavenly friend, I will praise you without end.

SCRIPTURES

Psalm 50:7-15 & Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

SERMON

"Why?"

Rev. Sharon Amstutz

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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

Eddie Eldredge

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

Lord, we want to follow Jesus.

May our resources serve the work of justice and mercy; may our hearts and minds find their home in compassion; may hospitality and love be our practice of the faith. Take us, Lord, wherever there is Jesus. AMEN

*HYMN 838

"Standing on the Promises"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

51 To Abraham and Sarah

I Will Be Your God

1 To A - bra - ham and Sa - rah the call of God was clear:
 2 From A - bra - ham and Sa - rah a - rose a pil - grim race,
 3 We of this gen - er - a - tion on whom God's hand is laid

"Go forth and I will show you a coun - try rich and fair.
 de - pen - dent for their jour - ney on God's a - bun - dant grace;
 can jour - ney to the fu - ture se - cure and un - a - fraid,

You need not fear the jour - ney, for I have pledged my word
 and in their heart was writ - ten by God this sav - ing word,
 re - joic - ing in God's good - ness and trust - ing in this word,

that you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."
 "That you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."
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This hymn condenses the narrative of Genesis 17:1–22 and grounds it in the recurring statement of the covenant relationship between God and the people God has chosen. This Welsh tune also occurs in a minor version called LLANGLOFFAN, used elsewhere in this hymnal (see no. 362).

838 Standing on the Promises

1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,
 2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
 3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
 4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of "stand" and "promise(s)," the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (see no. 353).

Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.