


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 – Just a friendly reminder....

 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 6/18	9:45am Intergenerational Sunday School Class, FH 11:00am Sunday Worship Service 7:00pm Session, MR
Monday 6/19	6:30pm Mission Committee, ZOOM
Tuesday 6/20	9:00am Walking Group, Greenbelt Holston Valley Drive Trailhead 6:00pm Has Beens, FH
Wednesday 6/21	1:00pm ZOOM Bible Study 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday 6/22	6:00pm Stephen Ministry, MR
Friday 6/23	10:00am Food Pantry, FH
Saturday 6/24	8:00am Stephen Ministry Training, MR

Acolyte

Evie Crow

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Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

Love God Love Others Make Disciples

Service of Worship

June 18, 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 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"
Lloyd Larson

GATHERING PRAYER Michael Lawson

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 100)

Let all creation sing with gladness;

Make a joyful noise to the Creator!

Come and abide with the One who formed us;

Make a joyful noise to the Creator!

Give thanks, and praise, and bless God's name;

Make a joyful noise to God!

***HYMN 49** "The God of Abraham Praise"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, You have promised liberation for your people, and reconciliation for all of creation.

We confess that we have grown weary of waiting. We have lowered our hopes, and scaled our expectations according to the world, rather than believing in your steadfast Word.

We confess that we have grown comfortable in our waiting. We cry out for justice, if it doesn't cost us too much. We proclaim your liberation, as long as it doesn't impinge on the freedoms that we value most.

We want to follow Jesus, healing the sick and doing good deeds, but we don't want to be mistreated or hated.

We don't want to stir up the dust, much less shake it from our feet. Forgive us, we pray. Give us words to speak your liberating Word and endurance to persevere until your kin-dom comes. AMEN

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness is promised to all generations. We are justified by faith, forgiven and freed, and at peace with God and each other through Jesus Christ. AMEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rachel Lawson

ANTHEM "Sweet Are the Prayers of a Friend" Pepper Choplin

Sweet are the prayers of a friend. How sweet are the prayers that are offered up by a friend who calls, calling up to heaven, calling, "Lord, come down and bless again."

Friends pray for healing, pray revealing the heavy burdens of our souls. They pray for courage, unfailing courage, asking God to make us whole.

How sweet are the prayers that are offered up by a friend who calls, calling up to heaven, calling, "Lord, come down and bless again."

Friends pray through troubles, pray through struggles when life seems to fall apart. They pray through grieving, always believing, God can heal the broken heart.

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Sweet are the prayers of a friend for a friend.

SCRIPTURES Genesis 18:1-15; Matthew 9:35-10:23

SERMON "Hospitality" Rev. Collin Adams

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from A Declaration of Faith)

We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord on behalf of all people.

Our cries for help and our songs for praise are never for ourselves alone.

We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining in God's work.

We find guidance in God's deeds in the past and promises for the future, as they are witnessed to in Scripture.

We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in movements that free people by the gospel and advance justice, compassion and peace.

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

Liberating God, use these gifts to transform the world, to bring about your justice, peace and reconciliation for all creation. Transform us as we offer them, to be partners and co-creators of your beloved kin-dom. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN

***HYMN 366** "Love Divine, All Love Excelling"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

49 The God of Abraham Praise



1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;



the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.



The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
 Es - tab - lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:



we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!



Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.