

## 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 VBS Class wraps up next Sunday!



The Intergenerational VBS will wrap up on Sunday, July 30 so you don't want to miss it!

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall during regular Sunday School time.

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 of all ages you may not normally get to spend time with! A breakfast snack will be served.

### SMILE for July



Our wish list for July includes gently used Kids sizes 6-20 for Back to School and NEW School Supplies.

### 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

<b>Sunday 7/23</b>	9:45am Intergenerational VBS, FH 11:00am Sunday Worship Service
<b>Tuesday 7/25</b>	9:00am Walking Group, meet at Holston Vally Trailhead Entrance 6:00pm Has Beens, FH
<b>Friday 7/28</b>	10:00am Food Pantry, FH
<b>Saturday 7/29</b>	4:00pm Event Set-up, GS

### Acolyte

Christopher Ketchie

### WRPC Staff

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# Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

Love God Love Others Make Disciples

## Service of Worship

July 23, 2023, 11:00 am

1415 Waverly Road Kingsport, TN 37664 423.247.5121 [www.waverlyroadpc.org](http://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** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” arr. J.B. Taylor

## GATHERING PRAYER

Bree Fox

## CHORAL INTROIT

## CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 139)

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

*You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.*

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

*Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.*

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

*Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.*

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

*See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

**\*HYMN 14**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Master Gardener, weeds and wheat fill the fields of our lives, grow entangled, and are difficult to distinguish. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not spent enough time in prayer and study of your word to help us discern what is evil and against your will; we have not listened and responded to the voices of those crying for aid. We excuse our complacency, and justify our passive faith. Yet we need your truth. We hunger for your harvest. Forgive us in all the ways that we fall short of living into the fullness of your glory. Deliver us from evil, O Lord.*

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In his letter to the Romans, Paul writes:

“I consider that the sufferings of the present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; Creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.” Hear the good news: through Jesus Christ, God’s glory has been revealed to us; through Christ, we are adopted as the children of God; through Christ, we shall obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Alleluia, AMEN*

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

Trinity Gibson

**ANTHEM** “Where Shall I Go From Your Spirit?” Kenny Potter  
Phyllis Wine & Addison Meyer, soprano

*Where shall I go from your spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?*

*If I go up to the heavens you are there, and if I lie down in the depths, you are there.*

*And if I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I go to the ends of the earth, even there you will guide me, Your hand will hold me fast.*

*Where shall I go from your spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens you are there, and if I lie down in the depths, you are there with me.*

*Wherever I may be, you are there.*

## SCRIPTURES

Genesis 28:10-19a & Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**SERMON** “Surely the Lord Is in This Place” John Golden

## \*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, out of abundance you have created us. You have given us many gifts and talents; our time and resources and energy comes from you. As members of the Church of Jesus Christ, we are called to be a community of love and service, called to participate in an exchange of gifts given by the gifting God. So may we give freely of our gifts, talents, time, resources, and energy to lift up your people in their times of need. May our offering help bring about peace and the reconciliation of your creation. May our offering be dedicated to the coming of your kingdom. AMEN*

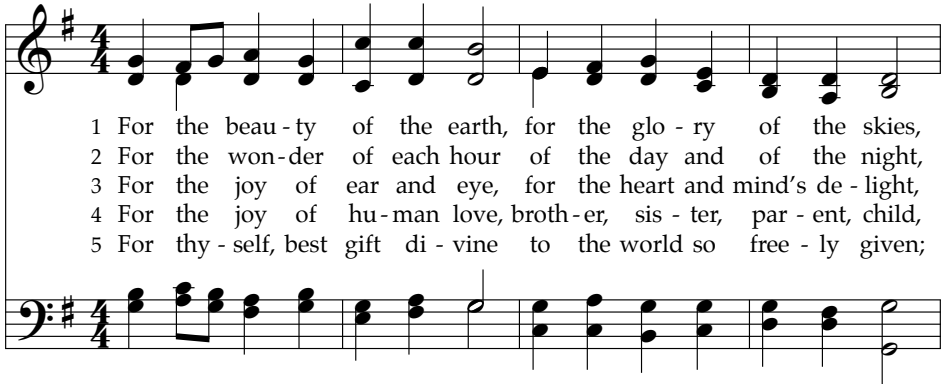
**\*HYMN 547** “Go My Children with My Blessing”

## \*BENEDICTION

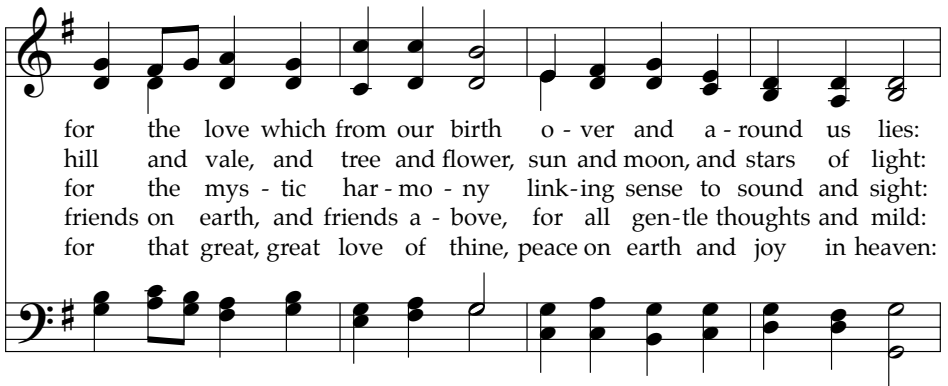
## \*CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

# For the Beauty of the Earth

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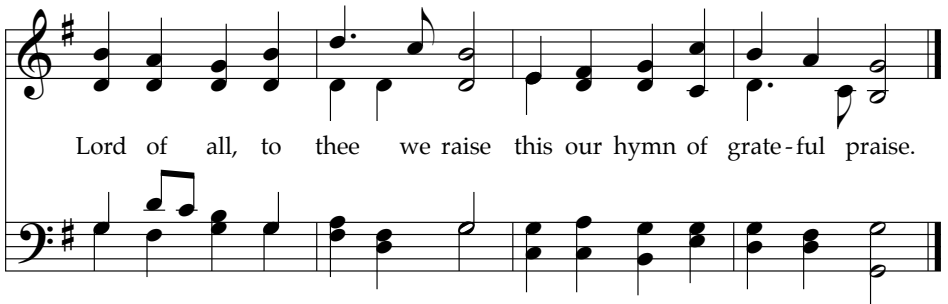


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

## Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

## Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here my ten - der com - fort

ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
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Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22–27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.