

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.

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.

Intergenerational VBS Sunday School Celebration

Monday, July 31,

6:00 – 8:00pm, Crown Colony Club House

Come enjoy the beautiful clubhouse, pool and a dinner of pizza, spaghetti and salad, but most importantly each other's company!

SMILE for August



Our wish list for August includes gently used jeans (all sizes) and new feminine 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 Weekly Calendar

Sunday 7/30	9:45am Intergenerational VBS, FH 11:00am Sunday Worship Service / Pulpit Swap Sunday 12:15pm Luncheon with Mafair UMC at Prospect Center 12:30pm Private Event, GS
Monday 7/31	6:00pm Intergenerational VBS Sunday School Celebration, Crown Colony Club House
Tuesday 8/1	9:00am Walking Group, meet at Holston Vally Trailhead 11:00am Staff Meeting, ZOOM 6:00pm Has Beens, FH
Wednesday 8/2	1:00pm ZOOM Bible Study 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice
Friday 8/4	10:00am Food Pantry, FH

While Collin is preaching at Mafair United Methodist Church today, we welcome their pastor, Rev. Adam Love, to our pulpit this morning.

Following the worship services, both churches will join together at the Prospect Center for a catered lunch. We will be asking for donations to cover the cost of the lunch. Any extra money received will go to Kingsport Homeless Ministry.

Acolyte

Mac Adams

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Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

Love God Love Others Make Disciples

Service of Worship

July 30, 2023, 11:00 am

Pulpit Swap Sunday

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.

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 "All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name"
Rachel and Gabe Lawson, French horns

GATHERING PRAYER Tim Nolen

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 105)

Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

***HYMN 175** "Seek Ye First"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (based on Psalm 51:10-12)

Holy God, we try to keep you close to us, but in the process, we push our neighbors away. We have been distracted in a distracting world and withheld love from each other and from you. Have mercy on us, O God. In your compassion, cleanse and release us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (based on Romans 8:34)

Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died and who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who intercedes for us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. AMEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN Suzanne Huron

ANTHEM "If You Search With All Your Heart" Craig Courtney
Phyllis Wine, soprano

*When you seek Me, you shall find Me if you search with all your heart.
For I know the plans I have for you: plans of welfare, not of evil.
For I know the plans I have for you: plans of hope and a future.
I will bring you out of bondage to the land I have prepared.
I will bring you out of bondage, I will bring you home to Me.*

*When you seek Me, you shall find Me if you search with all your heart.
I will bring you out of bondage, I will bring you home to Me.*

SCRIPTURES Ruth 1:1-17

SERMON "An Unlikely Redeemer" Rev. Adam Love

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from The Confession of Belhar)

We believe:

- that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;*
- that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells;*
- that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.*

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 Peter Borg

OFFERTORY "This Is My Father's World"

*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

Gracious God, this offering is what we have to give you this day. Be it time, talent or treasure, we lift these gifts to you. It is through you that all things are made new, and we ask that you renew our spirit to continue sharing our gifts with the least of us. AMEN

***HYMN 720** "Jesus Calls Us"

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"All Creatures Of Our God and King"

175

Seek Ye First

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
 3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and its righ - teous - ness,
 seek, and you shall find;
 but by ev - ery word

The author and composer wrote the first stanza and folk-style tune after attending a Bible study on Matthew 6:33. The later stanzas, based respectively on Matthew 7:7 and Matthew 4:4 emerged anonymously. Such meditative singing of scripture is an important form of sung prayer.

al - le - lu - ia,

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
 that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

SPANISH

1 *Busca primero el reino de Dios
 y su perfecta justicia,
 que lo demás lo añadirá el Señor.
 Alelu, aleluya.*

KOREAN

1 너희는 먼저- 주의 나라와
 그의를 구하-면
 이모든것 네게 더하시리라
 알렐-루 알렐루야

Jesus Calls Us

720

1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -

sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.