# Coming Soon....

#### For our Visitors

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.

# Let's go Waverly Wandering!



The Waverly Wanderers have some exciting adventures coming up! Contact Rachel Lawson for more

details about any of our outings.

Sunday, September 24th we will be going to Bristol to see the musical Oklahoma at the Paramount Theatre. Please RSVP no later than Monday, August 20th for that.

October - Date TBD - trip to the Museum of Appalachia in Clinton, TN.

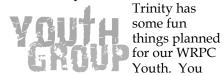
# **SMILE** for September



Our wish list for September includes gently used leggings, athletic sweat pants (all sizes) and new infant formula.

# Youth Group begins in September!

Monday, September 11, 6:00 – 8:00pm.



## These Days publications are here!



These Days for October, November and December are located in the Narthex right as you enter the Sanctuary doors.

don't want to

miss out!

If you would like a copy mailed to your

home address, just contact Amy in the church office at 247-5121.

# Our Daily Bread publications are here!



Our Daily Bread for Our Daily Bread September, October and November are also located in the Narthex. Be sure to pick up a copy of this daily devotional.

# WRPC Weekly Calendar

Sunday 9/3 9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Sunday Worship Service / 5 Cents-a-Meal

Offering / Communion

8:00am Labor Day Holiday – Church Offices CLOSED Monday 9/4

Tuesday 9/5 9:00am Walking Group, meet at Holston Valley Trailhead

> 11:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Has Beens, FH

Wednesday 9/6 1:00pm ZOOM Bible Study

7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice

Friday 9/8 10:00am Food Pantry, FH

## Acolyte Claire Smith

# **WRPC Staff**

Pastor | Collin Blair Adams

Pastor Emeritus | Daniel Clark

Director of Music | Dr. Kate Stubbs

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Director of Intergenerational Discipleship Rachel Lawson

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# Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

Love God Love Others Make Disciples

Service of Worship

September 3, 2023, 11:00 am

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** "I Sing Praises" Terry Mac Almon

**GATHERING PRAYER** 

Tyler Stubbs

#### **CHORAL INTROIT**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather hoping to see God, here in worship, we realize that we see God in one another.

We can see God when we show one another honor, when we pursue hospitality to strangers, when we live in harmony with one another, when we rejoice in hope.

Let us worship the visible God amongst us.

\*HYMN 52 "When Israel Was In Egypt's Land"

# **CALL TO CONFESSION**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, you ask us to love one another from the center of who we are, you tell us to bless one another, you encourage us to do good. But we have not listened to your words, instead of loving we have practiced hatred, instead of blessing, we have perfected cursing, instead of doing good, we have sought to get even. Forgive us for giving up. Give us grace to try again, and encouragement to make your ways, our ways. We pray, we wait, and we hope. AMEN

#### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God's love for us is genuine. When we need it the most, God's grace washes over us seeping into the cracks of our brokenness and saturating our thirsty hearts. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

\*\*Alleluia, AMEN\*\*

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Collin Adams

#### **ANTHEM**

"Amazing Grace"

arr. Mark Hayes

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch, like me. I once was lost, but now am found. I once was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and that same grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour when I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already safely come.

This grace hath brought me safe thus far, and surely grace will lead me home.

I shall go home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, the glorious sun. We've no less days to sing God's praise than since the day we first begun.

**SCRIPTURES** 

Exodus 3:1-15

**SERMON** 

"Holy Ground"

Rev. Collin Adams

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, 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

#### SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table Prayer of Thanksgiving Words of Institution Celebration Prayer of Blessing

#### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Rebecca Ketchie

#### **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

Gift-giving God, we bring you what we can offer, our time, our talents, our finances, our very selves, in the hope that what we bring, you might magnify, and multiply, for the work of your love in the world. AMEN

\*HYMN 331 "God Of The Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

\*BENEDICTION and CHORAL BENEDICTION

# When Israel Was in Egypt's Land 52



Nothing in Hebrew Scripture resonated more deeply with the experience of African Americans in North America than Israel's slavery in Egypt. In this spiritual's recurring line, "Let my people go," past and present became one, as they still do for all who are oppressed.

# $331\,$ God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand



This hymn was generated by 19th-century centennial celebrations: the words by the Declaration of Independence and the music by the adoption of the United States Constitution. Despite these origins, no specific nation is mentioned in this hymn of praise and prayer for peace.