


## 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



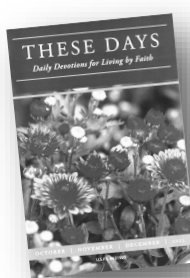
Our wish list for September includes gently used leggings, athletic sweat pants (all sizes) and new infant formula.

### Youth Group, every Monday 6:00–8:00pm.



Trinity has some fun things planned for our WRPC Youth. You don't want to miss out!

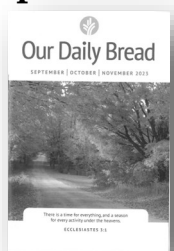
### These Days publications are here!



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

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

## WRPC Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday 9/17</b>	9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Worship Service 7:00pm Session, MR
<b>Monday 9/18</b>	6:00pm Youth Group, YS 6:30pm Missions Committee, ZOOM
<b>Tuesday 9/19</b>	9:00am Walking Group, meet at Holston Valley Trailhead 6:00pm Has Beens, FH
<b>Wednesday 9/20</b>	1:00pm ZOOM Bible Study 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice
<b>Friday 9/22</b>	10:00am Food Pantry, FH

*Liturgy written by Teri McDowell Ott and provided for free distribution.*

### Acolyte

Eva Lawson

### WRPC Staff

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# Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

Love God Love Others Make Disciples

## Service of Worship

September 17, 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** "This Is My Father's World" arr. Cindy Berry

**GATHERING PRAYER** Judi Easley

## CHORAL INTROIT

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 103:1-4)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me.

*Bless God's holy name.*

God forgives. God heals. God transforms with steadfast love.

*Bless God's holy name.*

**\*HYMN 807** "When We Must Bear Persistent Pain"

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Nurturing God, like a hen gathers her brood under her wings, you desire to gather your children. But division and disagreement plague us. We cling to rigid certainties, approach each other in arrogance, and fail to listen. We walk away from conflict, rather than working through it. Forgive us, Holy God. Help us grow in faith, mature in relationships, and be transformed through your steadfast love. AMEN*

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

*In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, redeemed and restored to God's path of righteousness. AMEN*

**TIME WITH CHILDREN** Rachel Lawson

**ANTHEM** "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" Mary McDonald

*O love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths it's flow may richer, fuller be.*

*O light that followest my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sun's glow, its day shall brighter be.*

*O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn  
shall tearless be.*

*O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to hide from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red, life that  
shall endless be.*

**SCRIPTURES** Romans 14:1-12 & Matthew 18: 21-35

**SERMON** "Quarrels" Rev. Collin Adams

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**  
(from the Book of Common Worship)

*We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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*

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT** Howard 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**  
*Holy God, bless these gifts for your good use. May these tokens of our gratitude be of service in blessing the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing and sheltering those struggling to survive. Use these gifts to further Christ's mission and ministry in a hurting world. AMEN*

**\*HYMN 435** "There's A Wideness in God's Mercy"

**\*BENEDICTION and CHORAL BENEDICTION**

## When We Must Bear Persistent Pain 807

1 When we must bear per - sis - tent pain and suf - fer  
 2 Sup - port us as we learn new ways to care for  
 3 We thank you for the bet - ter days when we may  
 4 In ease or pain, in life and death, to you our

with no cure in sight, come, Ho - ly Pres - ence,  
 bod - ies new - ly frail. Help us en - dure, and  
 smile to greet the sun, to do your work with  
 frag - ile lives be - long, and so we trust you

breathe your peace with gifts of warmth and heal - ing light.  
 live and love. Hear our com - plaint when pa - tience fails.  
 clear - ing mind, and bless your name when day is done.  
 in all things. You are our hope, our health, our song.

Reflecting the author's own experience of debilitating migraine headaches, this sung prayer speaks for many people whose lives involve constant pain, often without hope of lasting relief. This text is effectively set to a shape note tune using only five tones of the scale.

## 435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness  
 2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures

of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,  
 of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal

which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's  
 is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more

sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place  
 faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-

where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.  
 flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.