

## 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** has been CANCELLED due to the Evening Vesper Service at Eastman Bays Mountain Park Shelter #28.

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

### WRPC Fall Festival

**Sunday, October 22,** 5:00—7:30pm, WRPC Fellowship Hall

Join us for burgers, hot dogs with chili and chips, a Fall costume contest and cake walk. Who doesn't love cake and desserts, right? Please feel free to bring a cake or dessert to share for the cake walk, so everyone goes home with something sweet!

### SMILE for September



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

### SMILE Yard Sale

**Saturday, September 30,** 8:00am—2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Drop off any donations along the back wall of the Fellowship Hall (under the boy scout plaques) the week of the 25th or bring by the evening of the 29th between 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

### Youth Group, every

**Monday** 6:00—8:00pm.

Get ready to bowl some strikes and spares on September 25th! We're heading to Warpath Lanes Bowling Alley for an evening of fun. Grades 6-12 are welcome!

### Outdoor Vesper

**Service, Tonight, September 24th!** 5:00pm Eastman Bays Mountain Park, Shelter #28

Join us for fun and fellowship at Shelter #28! Fried chicken and iced tea will be provided. Please bring side dishes or desserts to share.

Following the meal, we will have an informal worship service and continued fellowship. Feel free to bring a folding chair or other conveniences if you like.

## WRPC Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday 9/24</b>	9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Worship Service
<b>Monday 9/25</b>	6:00pm Youth Group, Warpath Bowling Lanes
<b>Tuesday 9/26</b>	9:00am Walking Group, meet at Holston Valley Trailhead 6:00pm Has Beens, FH
<b>Wednesday 9/27</b>	1:00pm ZOOM Bible Study 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice
<b>Friday 9/29</b>	10:00am Food Pantry, FH
<b>Saturday 9/30</b>	8:00am SMILE Yard Sale, FH

*Liturgy written by Phillip K. Gladden and provided for free distribution.*

### Acolyte

Christopher Ketchie

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## Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

Love God Love Others Make Disciples

## Service of Worship

September 24, 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 “Blessed Are They” David Haas

GATHERING PRAYER Sharon Petke

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 107:1-343)

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.  
*Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.*  
Let those who are wise give heed to these things and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.  
*Let us worship God!*

\*HYMN 664 “Morning Has Broken”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Gracious God, forgive us when we grumble and complain against your goodness as the Israelites did in the desert, as the elder brother did to his father, as the workers in the field did to the landowner. We judge and weigh your gifts according to our standards. We often question your fairness instead of receiving your grace with thanksgiving and joy. Help us to see your world through your eyes and with your spirit of generosity and grace, that we may welcome the chance to serve in your kingdom and all who join with us. Forgive us, Lord, in your grace and mercy through Jesus Christ our Savior.*

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Psalm 145:9 and Ephesians 2:8-9)

The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. For by grace, you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing;  
*it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast.*  
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!  
*In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! AMEN!*

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Collin Adams

ANTHEM “Did You Think to Pray?” Neil Harmon

*Ere you left your room this morning, did you think to pray?  
Did you sue for loving favor as a shield today?  
Oh, how praying rests the weary! Prayer will change the night to day.  
So, when life gets dark and dreary, don’t forget to pray.  
When your heart is filled with anger, did you think to pray?  
Did you plead for grace, my brother, and forgive along the way?  
Oh, how praying rests the weary! Prayer will change the night to day.  
So, when life gets dark and dreary, don’t forget to pray.  
When sore trials came upon you, did you think to pray?  
Balm of Gilead did you borrow at the gates of day?  
Oh, how praying rests the weary! Prayer will change the night to day.  
So, when life gets dark and dreary, don’t forget to pray.*

SCRIPTURES Exodus 16:2-15 & Matthew 20:1-16

SERMON “Over It” Rev. Collin Adams

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

*In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. 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. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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 Bill 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

*Gracious God, we know that every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from you. We thank you for your many blessings, especially your perfect gift of your Son Jesus Christ, your indescribable gift! Help us to receive your gifts and grace with thanksgiving and humility and to use them faithfully in and for your kingdom. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.*

\*HYMN 724 “Oh Jesus, I Have Promised”

\*BENEDICTION and CHORAL BENEDICTION

## Morning Has Broken

664



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has  
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first  
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet  
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

## 724 O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;  
 2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near;  
 3 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
 4 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee

be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;  
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;  
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, draw thou near - er and shield my soul from sin.  
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.  
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Written to highlight the promises made by the author's daughter and two sons at their confirmation, this text equally well recalls the promises of discipleship made in Baptism and in the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant. The tune was written for a text now unused.





Our Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world.

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DO A LITTLE,  
IT ADDS UP  
TO A LOT!




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 Every time the world is troubled,  
and we dare to wake and see;  
every time our neighbors call us,  
and we stand with those in need;  
and every time we are peacemakers,  
and the fearful are set free,

*In our living,  
in our giving,  
we are there.*







### “YOU ARE WITH ME”

Christ has no body but yours,  
 No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
 Yours are the eyes with which He looks  
 Compassion on this world,  
 Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good,  
 Yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world.  
 Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
 Yours are the eyes, you are His body.  
 Christ has no body now but yours,  
 No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
 Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
 compassion on this world.  
 Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

~ Teresa of Ávila

## We are there.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering  
 offers light to those in the shadows  
 and guides us all into the ways of peace.  
 We come together to promote the peace of Christ  
 by addressing systems of injustice in our own  
 communities and around the world.

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