


## 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.

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

### WRPC Fall Church Retreat, November 3-5, Holston Camp, Banner Elk, NC

You do not have to be a church member to attend. The theme is Ecclesiastes 8:15 - fun and fellowship! You can sign up by clicking the link below: <https://forms.gle/pTFixz9sVY1znc1X9> or call the church office. Please sign up as soon as possible with reservations needing to be in by Sunday, October 22 so they can plan the meals accordingly.

### SMILE for October



Our wish list for October includes gently used coats and hoodies, new socks and underwear (all sizes).

### WRPC Fall Festival Sunday, October 22,

5:00 – 7:30pm, WRPC Fellowship Hall

In lieu of a Trunk or Treat this year, we will be changing it up a little with a Fall Festival. We're serving hot dogs with chili and chips for dinner. Then, we're having a Fall costume contest for kids AND adults and a 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!

### It's Candy Time!

October is here and it's time to start collecting candy donations!

**Lincoln Elementary will be trick or treating at WRPC**

**on Halloween day.** We will need some goodies for a whole school worth of kiddos! Please bring candy donations or small non-edible goodies by the church and leave them in Rachels office between now and Sunday, October 29th. **Can you help distribute candy on Halloween day to the Lincoln kiddos? Let Rachel know if you're available between 10:00am and 2:00pm to help!**



## WRPC Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday 10/8</b>	9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Outdoor Worship Service, WRPC Front Lawn 7:00pm Personnel, Library
<b>Monday 10/9</b>	6:00pm Youth Group, YS
<b>Tuesday 10/10</b>	9:00am Walking Group, meet at Holston Valley Trailhead 6:00pm Has Beens, FH 6:00pm Children & Youth Ministry, MR
<b>Wednesday 10/11</b>	1:00pm ZOOM Bible Study 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice
<b>Thursday 10/12</b>	12:00pm Worship Committee, ZOOM 6:00pm 6:00pm Stephen Ministry
<b>Friday 10/13</b>	10:00am Food Pantry, FH
<b>Saturday 10/14</b>	2:00pm Marie Jones Memorial Service

*Liturgy written by Brian Christopher Coulter and provided for free distribution.*

### WRPC Staff

Pastor | Collin Blair Adams

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## Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

Love God Love Others Make Disciples

### Service of Worship

October 8, 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

### GATHERING PRAYER

Michael Lawson

### CHORAL INTROIT

### CALL TO WORSHIP

(From Psalm 19)

The heavens are telling the glory of God  
**and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.**  
There is no speech, nor are there words;  
**their voice is not heard.**  
Yet it goes out through all the earth  
**and to the end of the world.**

### \*HYMN 836

“Abide With Me”

### CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Merciful God, we confess that our confidence is often misplaced. We put our confidence in our abilities rather than in your love. We put our confidence in our belongings rather than in your generosity. We put our confidence in ourselves rather than in you. Forgive us for our misgivings. Redirect us according to your Spirit and your will. Help us to follow your ways and find our freedom in your heavenly calling. Open us to new levels of trust and joy as we press on towards your goal.*

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Friends, we have not already won the prize or reached the goal – but Christ has! And in Christ you are a new creation, you are made whole and you are called beloved. Thanks be to God!  
Alleluia, AMEN!*

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

Trinity Gibson

## ANTHEM

“Reckless Love”

Cory Asbury

(Aidan Wolfe, Mattie Fauch, & Addison Myers)

*Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me. You have been so, so good to me.  
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me. You have been so, so kind to me.*

*O the overwhelming never-ending reckless Love of God, O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found. Leaves the ninety-nine I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve. Still You give Yourself away. O the overwhelming never-ending reckless Love of God, yeah.*

*When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me. You have been so, so good to me.  
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me. You have been so, so kind to me.*

*There's no shadow You won't light up, Mountain You won't climb up. Coming after me,  
There's no wall You won't kick down, Lie You won't tear down, Coming after me.*

## SCRIPTURES

Psalm 19 & Philippians 3:4b-14

## SERMON

“Confidence”

Rev. Collin Adams

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (adapted from Philippians 3)

*I know Christ. I am found in him. Nothing is gained in this life but him. I know the power of his resurrection. I know the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death and I know that, according to his great mercy, we will attain the resurrection from the dead through him.*

## 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

Linda Qualls

## 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

*Sweet Savior, your Word is greater to us than gold, even great gold. May these gifts brought today be a gesture of our gratitude for the riches of your Word given to us. Multiple these gifts and make them like the drippings of the honeycomb to those in need. AMEN*

## \*HYMN 846

“Fight The Good Fight”

## \*BENEDICTION and CHORAL BENEDICTION



## 836 Abide with Me

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;  
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide!  
 earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see.  
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 Heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

By blending end of day and end of life, the imagery of this well-known Victorian hymn has made it valuable for both evening services and funerals. Although the author wrote his own music for it, the present tune has been firmly associated with this text for over 150 years.

## Fight the Good Fight

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1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.  
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;  
 3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide.  
 4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.  
 lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.  
 God's bound - less mer - cy will pro - vide.  
 God chang - eth not, and thou art dear.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
 Life with its way be - fore us lies;  
 Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove  
 On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see

thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.  
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.  
 that Christ is all in all to thee.

The opening phrase here (based on 1 Timothy 6:12) is not a military image but an athletic one, from a Greek verb meaning "struggle" or "grapple" or "wrestle." The sports context continues in later stanzas reflecting the experience of a runner (recalling Hebrews 12:1-2).