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.

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.

Loving Each Other Luncheon.

Today after Worship!



We will have our first LEO Luncheon. Come and fellowship with us. No reservations are required. We look forward to

seeing you in the Fellowship Hall.

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

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's 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

Sunday 10/15 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service / Pledge Sunday 12:00pm Loving Each Other (LEO) Luncheon, FH 7:00pm Session, MR Monday 10/16 6:00pm Youth Group, YS 6:30pm Mission Committee, ZOOM Tuesday 10/17 9:00am Walking Group, meet at Holston Valley Trailhead 6:00pm Has Beens, FH Wednesday 10/18 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice

10:00am Food Pantry, FH

Friday 10/20

Acolyte

Andrew Ketchie

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Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

Love God Love Others Make Disciples

Service of Worship

October 15, 2023, 11:00 am Stewardship Pledge 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 "Morning Has Broken"

J.B. Taylor

GATHERING PRAYER

John Gilmer

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all under standing, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. AMEN

*HYMN 60 "Your Endless Love, Your Mighty Acts"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear Lord and Savior, we have many excuses for our neglect of your will, and for taking our own ways instead. Sometimes, we have the distractions of our bountiful materialism. Sometimes, the voices of temptation are very loud. Sometimes, there is pain and suffering that brings out our worst. Lord, teach our hearts to be convicted of our neglectful and selfish hearts, and bring us the way of your light in that we might truly love one another. Lord Jesus, we will accept your grace and the renewal that it brings to our lives.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We have the assurance of God that we have been forgiven. Let us not misuse the Grace of God, but put it to good effect in our lives in loving and forgiving others as we are loved and forgiven by Christ.

Thanks be to God!

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rachel Lawson

ANTHEM

"Lord I Want To Be A Christian" arr. John Carter

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Oh Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus.

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

SCRIPTURES

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 & Matthew 22:1-14

SERMON "These Pretzels are Making Me Thirsty" Tim Nolen

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A New Creed - United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

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

Tim Nolen

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

We were given talents and blessings from God. We use these blessings for our sustenance, to help others, and for the church to spread the Good News of Grace through Jesus Christ. We have inherited much from those who have gone before us and we recognize that it is now our own turn to sustain our beloved church and its traditions. We dedicate these, our gifts, to God for building up the congregation, the community, and the church. AMEN

*HYMN 824 "There Is A Place Of Quiet Rest"

During the hymn, please bring your pleages forward to be received.

*BLESSING OF PLEDGES

*BENEDICTION and CHORAL BENEDICTION

Your Endless Love, Your Mighty Acts 60



The good news of this paraphrase of Psalm 106 is that God does not give up on us when we are disobedient. As the history of God's dealings with Israel demonstrates, divine mercy always outlasts human rebellion and waywardness. Though we rebel and stray, God's love is steadfast.

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest 824



A Presbyterian campus pastor and choir director in Missouri wrote this simple but moving hymn in response to the death of two young nieces from diphtheria. By distilling such personal grief into the shared assurances of faith, these words have brought comfort to many.