

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.

2023 Food Pantry Christmas Cards

When you make a monetary donation to our Food Pantry through Friday, December 17, a 2023 special edition Christmas card will be sent on your behalf. You may use the card to send Christmas greetings, as a unique gift for a friend or family member, or as a way to remember someone. You can also choose to deliver your card in person.

Please use an order form available in the office workroom or on the Narthex table and send it, along with your donation, to Susan Lodal, c/o WRPC Food Pantry. You may also email her at susan.lodal@gmail.com and request an electronic version of the form.



WRPC Christmas Eve Schedule

Christmas Morning Worship Service

11:00am in the Fellowship Hall
Christmas Pageant and Birthday Party for Jesus
Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service
6:30pm in the Sanctuary

SMILE for December



It's the 12 Days of Christmas at SMILE! Here's our Wish List!

SMILE has been able to double our numbers served from last year (643) to over 1200 already! So many products that we had drives for earlier in the year are seriously depleted. We are happy to send you a tax deductible receipt for any and all physical or monetary donations.

- * Underwear (all sizes)
- * Infant and Children's Socks
- * Pajamas (all sizes)
- * Diaper Wipes
- * Toddler/Preschoolers Car Seats
- * Hairbrushes and Combs
- * 3 in 1 Kids' Shampoos/Body Wash
- * Body Wash for Teen Girls
- * Athletic pants and hoodies for teen boys (adult sizes)
- * Athletic leggings for teen girls (adult sizes)
- * Hygiene products for natural/biracial skin and hair
- * Pack n' Plays and Cribs (gently used is fine)

Foster Angel Tree up in the Narthex!

Be sure to stop by and select an item or two to remind the receivers that they are thought of, loved, and prayed for this holiday season. **Foster Angel items are due by December 6.** You may leave these items in the box under the tree table in the Narthex.

Cantemus Women's Choir presents Winter Concert "I Sing of a Maiden"

Friday, December 15, 7:00pm
State Street UMC, Bristol, VA

Sunday, December 17, 4:00pm
First Broad Street UMC,
Kingsport, TN

WRPC Weekly Calendar

Sunday 12/3	9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service / 5 Cents-a-Meal Offering 12:00pm Loving Each Other Luncheon, FH
Monday 12/4	6:00pm Youth Group, YS
Tuesday 12/5	9:00am Walking Group, meet at Holston Valley Trailhead 11:00am Staff Meeting, ZOOM 6:00pm Has Beens, FH
Wednesday 12/6	1:00pm ZOOM Bible Study 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday 12/7	6:00pm Stephen Ministry, MR and ZOOM
Friday 12/8	10:00am Food Pantry, FH

Acolyte

Lily Baskett

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Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

Love God Love Others Make Disciples

Service of Worship

December 3, 2023, 11:00 am

First Sunday of Advent



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 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” Mark Hayes

GATHERING PRAYER Blair Adams

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is coming!

We will keep awake!

Christ is coming!

We will be ready!

Christ is coming! He will gather his people from the ends of the earth.

Praise be to God! We will worship and prepare.

*HYMN 442 “Just as I Am without One Plea”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Prince of Peace, the wars and rumors of wars betray our addiction to violence, our destructive and dehumanizing ways. We deserve your judgement and condemnation. Yet, you remain faithful, a steadfast source of peace during our warring madness. Holy God, turn us from evil. Return us to Christ and his path of peace. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. AMEN

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(2 Corinthians 5:17; Book of Common Worship)

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. AMEN

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

As winter days dim and bow to early darkness, you, God of light, set watch in the night sky and beckon the wise to follow...

We light a candle for hope. May it light the way.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Trinity Gibson

ANTHEM “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” arr. Crawford R. Thoburn

*Infant holy, infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing Christ, the babe, is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all*

*Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of the gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you.*

SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 64:1-9

SERMON

“Is It Time Yet”

Rev. Collin Adams

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (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

MISSION MOMENT Karen 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

Christ calls us to live generous and grateful lives. Take these gifts we offer today, O God, and use them to the fulfillment of Christ’s ministry. May these gifts help to free the captives, heal the sick, comfort the lonely, feed the hungry, heal the wounded. As Christ’s hands and feet, use us too, in service to building your beloved community. AMEN

*HYMN 82 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

*BENEDICTION and CHORAL BENEDICTION

442 Just as I Am, without One Plea

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come,
 4 Just as I am, thy love un-known has bro - ken

blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with -
 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise
 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,

come to thee,
 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!
 I be - lieve,
 thine a - lone,

SPANISH

1 *Tal como soy de pecador,
 sin más confianza que tu amor;
 a tu llamada vengo a ti,
 ¡Cordero de Dios, heme aquí!*

KOREAN

1 큰-죄에 빠-진 날 위해
 주보-혈 흘려주시고
 또-나를 오-라 하시니-
 주께로 거-저 갑니다

When illness limited her involvement in a bustling household, the author wrote this hymn that helped her both to achieve and to express a renewed sense of worth grounded in Christ's self-giving. Its simple, direct, and deeply felt language has made it a source of comfort to many.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
 2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is-rael's strength and con-so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.
 by thine all - suf-fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

When we give to the Christmas Joy Offering, we share our love with the leaders of our Church — past, present and future.

50%

of your gifts make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

The mother-daughter duo of Carla Louca and Susannah LeMay's respective roads surprisingly led them to study in the same place at the same time, Stillman College — a Presbyterian-related school founded in 1876 by a group of Presbyterians led by the Rev. Dr. Charles Allen Stillman.

"Stillman College has long been the place where students, who do not find easy access in other institutions, can find an opportunity to work on making their dreams a reality," said Dr. C. Mark McCormick, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. "The fact that they have both flourished in their studies, and their relationship with one another has grown to new breadths and depths, is in no small part due to the nurturing learning community they found here."



50%

of your gifts assist current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs.

Sue Anne Fairman spent years — challenging but rewarding years — as a mission worker in Africa. She went on to become a ruling elder, deacon and volunteer in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. When faced with the financial realities of moving to a continuing care community, Sue Anne felt a growing sense of anxiety. "I was very concerned about living in this new place with the monthly rent going up, and my savings going down," she said.

From a friend, she learned that financial assistance was available for retired pastors and mission workers through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, supported by our gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering. "When I got that letter that said I was accepted," she said, "I just cried. It meant that much to me."

**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY...
FOR WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE,
IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!**





CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE



MATTHEW 25

The Christmas Joy Offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need, and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.



The Christmas Joy Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the 21st century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Special Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and they profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.

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CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

What child is this?

THE PERFECT GIFT.





WRPC Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

You can participate in the tradition of beautifying our Sanctuary during the Advent season by ordering a Poinsettia. If you would like to contribute a Poinsettia in memory of or in honor of someone, or to celebrate someone special, please write the name of the person(s) to be honored or memorialized and any other appropriate information in the space below and return it to the church office, along with your check **no later than Sunday, December 17**. The cost of each Poinsettia ordered is \$10.00. Checks should be made payable to Waverly Road Presbyterian Church and marked "for Poinsettias". Please indicate below whether you will be picking your Poinsettia up after Christmas Eve Service on Sunday, December 24.

(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

Poinsettia given by: _____

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