


## 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.

### SMILE for November



Our wish list for November includes gently used pajamas (all sizes) and NEW Christmas stocking stuffers.

## WRPC Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday 11/12</b>	9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service / Communion 12:00pm Loving Each Other Luncheon, FH
<b>Monday 11/13</b>	6:00pm Youth Group, YS
<b>Tuesday 11/14</b>	9:00am Walking Group, meet at Holston Valley Trailhead 6:00pm Has Beens, FH 6:00pm Children & Youth Committee, MR
<b>Wednesday 11/15</b>	1:00pm ZOOM Bible Study 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice
<b>Friday 11/17</b>	10:00am Food Pantry, FH

### Acolyte

Eva Lawson

### WRPC Staff

Pastor | Collin Blair Adams

Pastor Emeritus | Daniel Clark

Director of Music | Dr. Kate Stubbs

Business and Communications  
Administrator | Amy Boyles

Director of Intergenerational Discipleship |  
Rachel Lawson

Director of Student (K-12)  
Discipleship Ministries | Trinity Gibson

Sexton | Renea Insalago

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# Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

Love God Love Others Make Disciples

## Service of Worship

November 12, 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** "There is a Balm in Gilead"  
arr. Stephen Nelson

**GATHERING PRAYER** Howard Carman

## CHORAL INTROIT

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice and be glad!

***For God is our salvation!***

Rejoice and be glad!

***For God is great!***

**\*HYMN 175** "Seek Ye First"

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you in not honoring or loving one another. When we ignore injustice in the world our worship brings you no delight. Make haste to help us, that we may stand in right relationship with you and the whole of your creation and sing your praises through the mercy of Christ, our resurrected Savior.***

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, rejoice and be glad, for God is mighty to save and comes to you in peace to forgive, restore, and strengthen you eternally in Christ.

***Alleluia, AMEN***

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rachel Lawson

**ANTHEM** "What Is The World Like?" Sally Ann Morris  
*Vocal Scholars*

*What is the world like when God's will is done?  
Mustard seeds grow more than we could conceive:  
Roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun.  
This is how God moves us each to believe.*

*What is the world like when God's will is done?  
Witness the wandering child come home:  
watch as the parent breaks into a run.  
This is how God longs for us when we roam.*

*What is the world like when God's will is done?  
No more is neighbor just ally or friend:  
peace thrives in places where there was none.  
This is how God works when rivalries end.*

*These are the stories that Jesus imparts,  
filled with the spirits that join us as one.  
Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts  
this is a new world where God's will is done.*

## SCRIPTURES

Matthew 25:1-13

**SERMON** "Tending" Rev. Collin Adams

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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** Susan Lodal

## SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Words of Institution  
Celebration  
Prayer of Blessing

**OFFERTORY** "The Grace Place" Karen Dean  
Noah McMillan, tenor

## \*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

Great and loving God, we give you thanks that you have given your people a love for justice and the gift of generosity. Bless these gifts and with them reveal your righteousness as we await the coming of your peace. AMEN

**\*HYMN 350** "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

## \*BENEDICTION and CHORAL BENEDICTION

# 175

## Seek Ye First

Descant

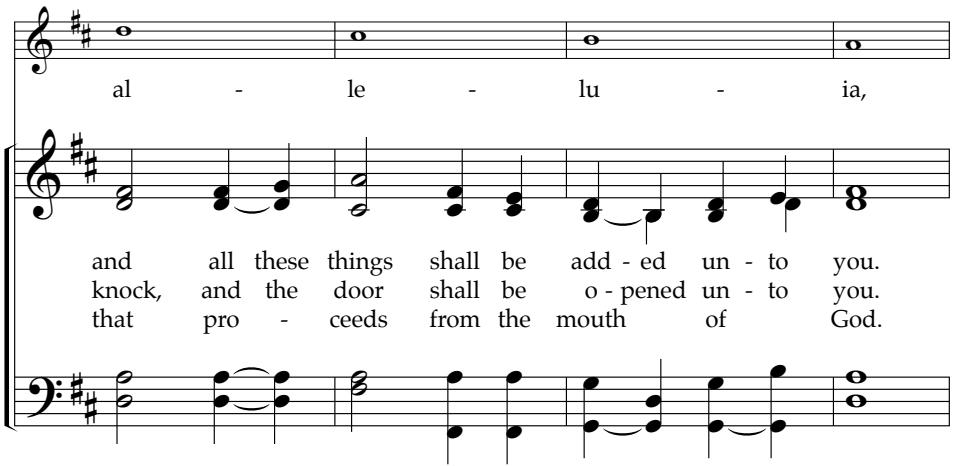
Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God  
 2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;  
 3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and its righ - teous - ness,  
 seek, and you shall find;  
 but by ev - ery word

The author and composer wrote the first stanza and folk-style tune after attending a Bible study on Matthew 6:33. The later stanzas, based respectively on Matthew 7:7 and Matthew 4:4 emerged anonymously. Such meditative singing of scripture is an important form of sung prayer.



al - le - lu - ia,  
 and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.  
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.  
 that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.



al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

SPANISH

- 1 *Busca primero el reino de Dios  
 y su perfecta justicia,  
 que lo demás lo añadirá el Señor.  
 Alelu, aleluya.*

KOREAN

- 1 너희는 먼저- 주의 나라와  
 그의를 구하-면  
 이모든것 네게 더하시리라  
 알렐-루 알렐루야

## 350 Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing; keep your  
 2 It's our faith makes us hap - py; it's our  
 3 We are climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are  
 4 Ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery

lamps trimmed and burn - ing; keep your lamps  
 faith makes us hap - py; it's our faith  
 climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are climb - ing  
 round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery round goes

trimmed and burn - ing, for the time is draw - ing nigh.  
 makes us hap - py, for the time is draw - ing nigh.  
 Ja - cob's lad - der, for the time is draw - ing nigh.  
 high - er, high - er, for the time is draw - ing nigh.

*Refrain*

Sis - ters, don't grow wea - ry; broth - ers, don't grow wea - ry;

This African American spiritual has a biblical basis in the parable of the ten maidens (Matthew 25:1–13), but the text actually sung could vary greatly. Such variation can be seen here in the annexing of an often freestanding spiritual based on Jacob's vision (Genesis 28:10–17).

## CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

chil - dren, don't grow wea - ry, for the time is draw - ing nigh.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef, and the bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef. Both staves are in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff. The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady accompaniment.



## WRPC Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Celebration of: \_\_\_\_\_

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