

## 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.

### Secret Santa Christmas Drive for Lincoln Elementary Students

The Leadership Class at Dobyns-Bennett is coordinating a Christmas drive for Lincoln Elementary students. If you would like to donate new toys, clothes and toiletries, just place them in the boxes in the WRPC workroom. **The deadline is December 1.**

### Loving Each Other Luncheon Sunday, December 3!

#### Souper Sundaes Sunday!

There will be a LEO Luncheon on December 3, immediately following the worship service. The meal will be soups and dessert will be ICE CREAM! Please join us for a time of fellowship.

Please call the church office to let us know how many people to expect so we can be sure to have enough food and ice cream. See you December 3!

### 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)

### Our Santa for Seniors and Foster Angel Trees are 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. Santa for Senior items are due in by November 30. Foster Angel items are due by December 6. You may leave these items in the box under the tree table in the Narthex.

### The NEW Our Daily Bread Publications are here!



They are located in the Narthex as you enter the Sanctuary. If you would like to have a copy mailed to you, please call Amy in the church office at 247-5121.

## WRPC Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday 11/26</b>	9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service
<b>Monday 11/27</b>	6:00pm Youth Group, YS
<b>Tuesday 11/28</b>	9:00am Walking Group, meet at Holston Valley Trailhead 6:00pm Has Beens, FH
<b>Wednesday 11/29</b>	1:00pm ZOOM Bible Study 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice
<b>Friday 12/1</b>	10:00am Food Pantry, FH

### Acolyte

Evie Crow

### WRPC Staff

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## Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

Love God Love Others Make Disciples

## Service of Worship

November 26, 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

GATHERING PRAYER Rebecca Ketchie

## CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 100)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
*Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.*  
Know that the Lord is God.  
*It is she who made us, and we are hers.*  
We are God’s people, the sheep of her pasture.  
*Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.*  
Give thanks to God; bless his name.  
*For the Lord is good; her steadfast love endures forever.*  
God’s faithfulness is from generation to generation.  
*Let us worship God!*

\*HYMN 837 “What A Fellowship”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Shepherding God, you have called to us, but we have not answered. You have sought us out, but we have continued to wander. You have tenderly gathered us together and cared for us, but we have not extended that same care and mercy to others. Forgive us. Remind us. Teach us. Set us free from sin that we might turn toward your love and justice for the whole world. Guide us so that, tentative step after tentative step, we may walk your way. AMEN*

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Ezekiel 34:15-16)

Thus says the Lord our God: “I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak.”  
*The relentless grace of Jesus Christ always finds and forgives us. Thanks be to our ever-seeking God!*

TIME WITH CHILDREN Suzanne Huron

ANTHEM “Be Thou My Vision” arr. Jack Shrader  
Vocal Scholars

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*  
*Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word, I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.*  
*Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always.  
Thou and Thou only first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art*  
*High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun.  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.*  
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SCRIPTURES Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 & Matthew 25:31-46

SERMON “Don’t Be So Sure” Rev. Collin Adams

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Theological Declaration of Barmen)

*As Jesus is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords — areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification 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*

## 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

Generous God, we bless your name because you have called us and claimed us and sent us into the world to do your will. Receive now this offering, both of our money and our lives. Through these gifts, may the hungry be fed, the thirsty quenched, the naked clothed, and the stranger welcomed. In Jesus’ name we pray. AMEN

\*HYMN 300 “We Are One In The Spirit”

## \*BENEDICTION and CHORAL BENEDICTION

# What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 837

## Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
 2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
 last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,  
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

*Refrain*  
 lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing,  
 Lean-ing on Je-sus,  
 lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing  
 lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

The composer of the tune (and creator of the refrain) asked the author of the stanzas to write a hymn based on the latter part of Deuteronomy 33:27 (as worded in the King James Version): "Underneath are the everlasting arms." Their joint effort has proved very popular.

# We Are One in the Spirit 300

## They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) Fm (Bm) Cm (Em) Fm




1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;  
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;  
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;  
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) Bbm (Em) Fm




we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,  
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,  
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,  
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) Bbm (Em) Fm



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:  
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) Db (Em) Fm



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our

(Am) Bbm (Em) Fm (Am) Bbm (Bm) Cm (Em) Fm (Am/E) Bbm/F (Em) Fm



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

# Lincoln Elementary Secret Santa



## Donate New Toys for Elementary Kids

A Dobyns-Bennett Leadership Class project

**What:** Donate new toys, clothes, and toiletries

**When:** November 7 - December 1, 2023

**Where:** Lincoln Elementary Front Office

### Contact Information

**Mallori France:** mallorifrance@gmail.com (423)732-2474

**Sam Perdue:** sam.g.perdue@icloud.com (423)782-7487

**Lauren Maynard:** laurenmaynard552@gmail.com (423)765-5410

**Ryleigh Bryant:** ryleighmbryant24@gmail.com (423)967-4698

**Noah Meade:** noahgmeade@gmail.com (423) 723-3422



## 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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