

## 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 15, 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](mailto: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)

### 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

**The Seven Noels 12th Night Celebration,**  
**Friday, January 5, 2024,**  
Mafair UMC, 6:00pm  
A cantata by Pepper Choplin will be presented by Mafair United Methodist Church and Waverly Road Presbyterian Church with a community dinner to follow. RSVP for dinner at [www.mafairumc.org](http://www.mafairumc.org) or call (423) 378-9620

## WRPC Weekly Calendar

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

### Acolyte

Evye Baskett

### 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

December 10, 2023, 11:00 am

Second Sunday of Advent



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 “Still, Still, Still” arr. Bill Wolaver

GATHERING PRAYER Michael Lawson

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Comfort, O comfort my people!  
We welcome God’s tender words to us today.  
Prepare the way for your God!  
We gather for worship to prepare ourselves for Christ’s coming.  
Christ is coming! The glory of God will be revealed!  
Thanks be to God for this good news!

\*HYMN 87 “Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, John the Baptist prepares the way by calling upon us to repent. We have failed to share as we should. We have failed to honor the poor and the oppressed. We have failed to bear fruit worthy of your salvation. Have mercy upon us, God. Heal and forgive us so we can welcome Christ with pure and genuine hearts. AMEN

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

With joy, let us draw water from the springs of salvation.  
Give thanks to the Lord!  
In Jesus Christ we are a free and forgiven people. Alleluia, AMEN

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

(Lighting two candles)

In the settle and stir of a burnt-orange sunrise, in the lilting laughter or memory of a table full of friends...  
We light a candle for peace and pray for the courage to stand up for it.

In this second week of Advent, as the waiting and expectation heighten, deepen our desire for peace...  
We light a candle for peace. May it light the way.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rachel Lawson

ANTHEM

“Lo, How a Rose e’er Blooming”  
Michael Praetorious

Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse’s lineage coming as men of old have sung.  
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter when half spent was the night.  
Isaiah ‘twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind,  
with Mary, we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.  
To show God’s love aright, she bore all a Savior, when half spent was the night.

SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 40:1-11 & 2 Peter 3:8-15a

SERMON

“How Do We Wait?” 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

Steve Bingham

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.

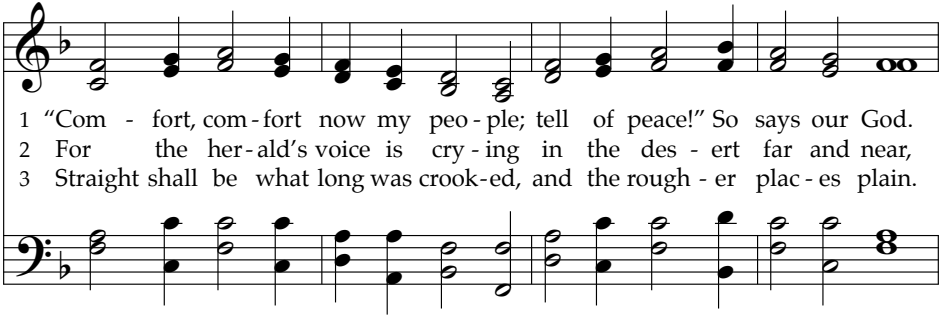
\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, accept these gifts in grateful response to your generosity. May these gifts bring joy to those most in need of Christ’s mission and ministry. AMEN

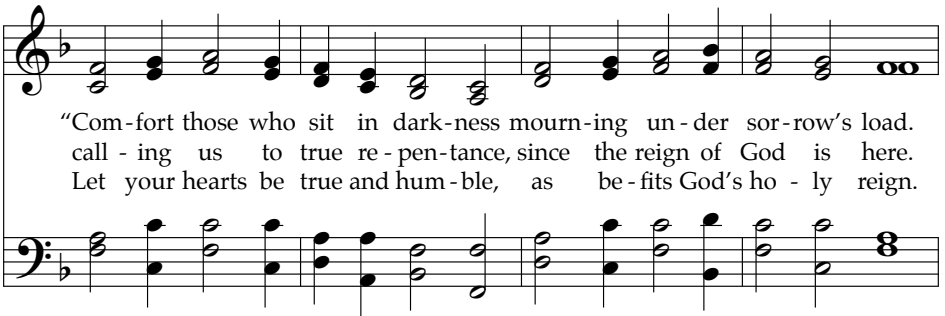
\*HYMN 140 “Once In Royal David's City”

\*BENEDICTION and CHORAL BENEDICTION

# Comfort, Comfort Now My People 87



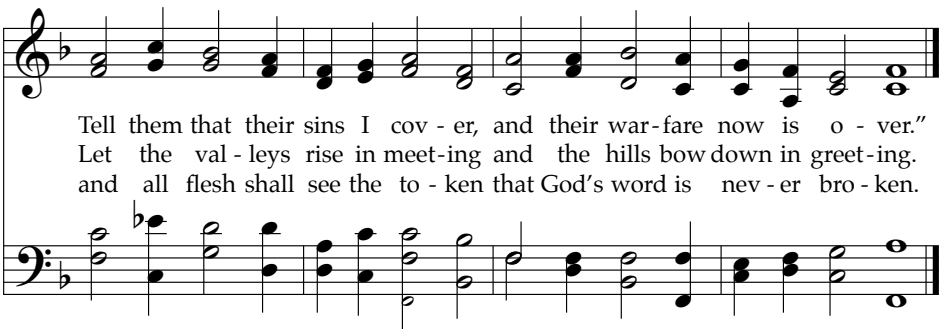
1 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.  
 2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,  
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



"Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load.  
 call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.  
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



To my peo - ple now pro - claim that my par - don waits for them!  
 O, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.  
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their sins I cov - er, and their war - fare now is o - ver."  
 Let the val - leys rise in meet - ing and the hills bow down in greet - ing.  
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

This 17th-century German paraphrase of Isaiah 40:1–5 was one of the texts translated as part of the 19th-century British interest in German religious poetry. It is set here to one of the most popular Genevan Psalter tunes, probably derived from an earlier French folksong.

# Once in Royal David's City 140

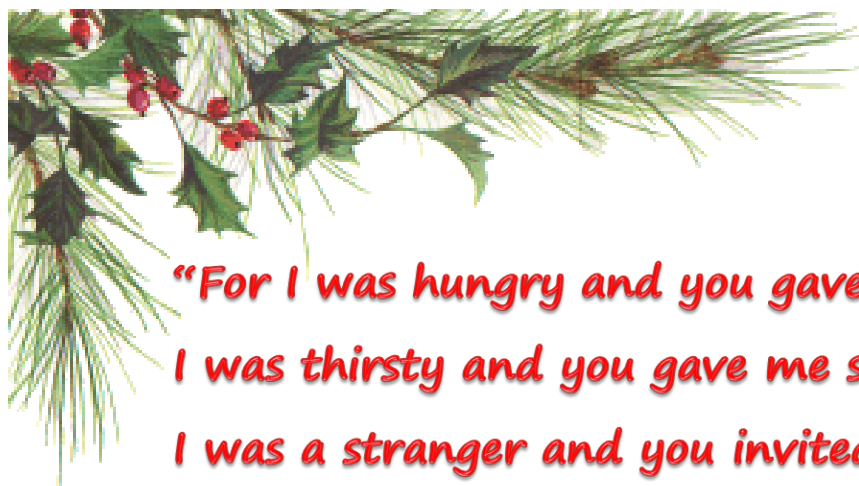
1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly  
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and  
 3 Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by day like  
 4 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re -

cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a  
 Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his  
 us he grew; he was lit - tle, weak and help - less; tears and  
 deem - ing love; for that child so dear and gen - tle is our

man - ger for his bed: Mar - y was that moth - er  
 cra - dle was a stall; with the poor and meek and  
 smiles like us he knew; and he feels for all our  
 Lord in heaven a - bove; and he leads his chil - dren

mild; Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.  
 low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
 sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.  
 on to the place where he is gone.

Like "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (see no. 20), this popular Christmas hymn was written by an Irish poet to illustrate for children the various articles of the Apostles' Creed. It is not known which of several English villages the composer had in mind when naming this tune.



*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,  
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,  
I was a stranger and you invited me in..."*

*Matthew 25:35*

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*Last year, we sent 122 cards and received \$6,280 through our Christmas Card Project and year-end giving. More than \$155,280 has been contributed to our Food Pantry through this program since 1993 when the first Christmas Cards were made by our elementary-aged children. We want to thank everyone who has supported our Food Pantry through the years with their generous donations. You have made it possible for us to continue serving our neighbors in the name of Jesus Christ.*







## CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE



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.



### WAYS TO GIVE



Through your  
congregation



Donate by  
credit card online at  
[pcusa.org/christmasjoy](https://pcusa.org/christmasjoy)



Text  
CHRISTMASJOY  
to 91999  
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Every time  
we echo angels  
speaking words of peace on earth;  
every time we live as shepherds,  
risking moments of new birth;  
and every time we see God  
giving gifts beyond all earthly worth,  
*In our living, in our giving, we are there.*



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



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

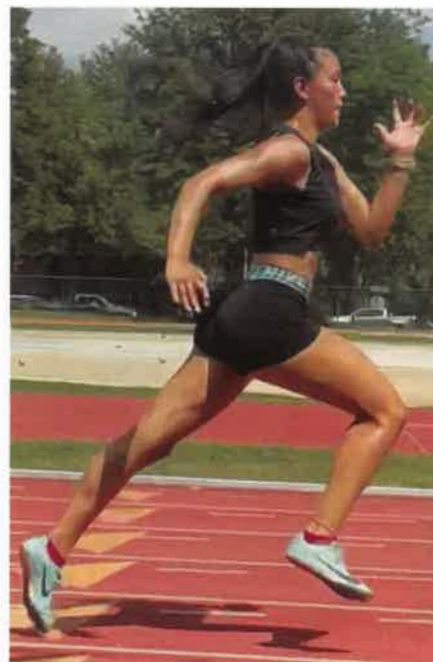
While deeply meaningful in countless ways, the Rev. Peggy Krong's decision to serve the church for many years left her with minimal financial resources for retirement. When she did retire, she was blessed to receive the support she needed through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions.



"We're all children of God, and we all struggle," said Peggy. "Thanks to the Board of Pensions and the Christmas Joy Offering, I can now be of more service to the church than I would otherwise have been without this assistance. I just can't express enough how grateful I am."



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



Mikayla, a member of the Navajo (Diné) Nation, is a high school senior who entered the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)-related Menaul School in the sixth grade. Her life-changing experiences are being made possible, in part, by your gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering, which helps the school provide scholarships to exceptional students.

"Mikayla exemplifies the mission of Menaul School in that she is strong in mind, body and spirit," said Melanie G. Davis, Director of Institutional Advancement. "She is

an excellent student, athlete and servant leader. Proud to be Native American, Mikayla also embraces her classmates at Menaul and their cultures from around the world."

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



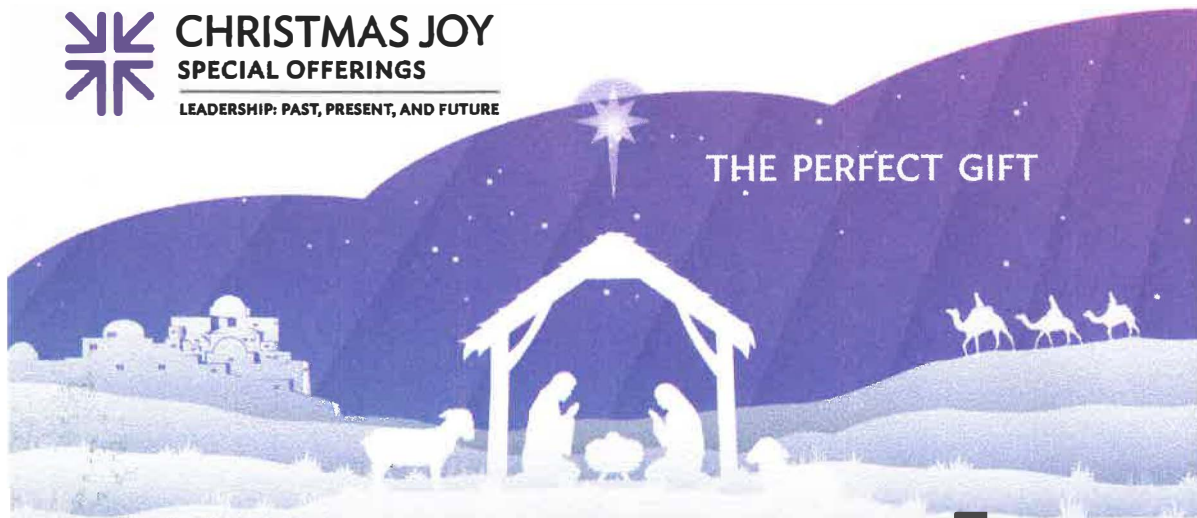




# CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

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## THE PERFECT GIFT







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**(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)**

Poinsettia given by: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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