

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 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)

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 or call (423) 378-9620

WRPC Weekly Calendar

Sunday 12/17	9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service 7:00pm Session, MR Monday
Monday 12/18	6:30pm Mission Committee, ZOOM
Tuesday 12/19	9:00am Walking Group, meet at Holston Valley Trailhead
Wednesday 12/20	1:00pm ZOOM Bible Study 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice
Friday 12/22	10:00am Food Pantry, FH

Acolyte

Mac Adams

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Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

Love God Love Others Make Disciples

Service of Worship

December 17, 2023, 11:00 am

Third Sunday of Advent



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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 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
arr. Carol Tornqui

GATHERING PRAYER Judi Easley

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP
John the Baptist calls to us, “Prepare the way of the Lord!”
This Advent, may we turn to the light of Christ.
The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it!
In faith and hope, let us turn and worship God.

*HYMN 88 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, long ago you sent Christ to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, and to proclaim liberty to the captives. You then asked us to go and do the same for we are the church of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, we pray, for we have not continued to share the good news. We have focused on ourselves and neglected to help others. Help us to continue to share the healing and loving words of Christ to all the world and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We ask this in Jesus’ name, AMEN.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Through the grace and love of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! AMEN

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Uncontainable, irrepressible, bubbling up in an explosion of energy... God of love, we were made in joy. May we live that way.
We light a candle for joy. May it light the way.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Collin Adams

ANTHEM “Carol of the Bells” arr. Peter J. Wilhousky

*Hark! How the bells, sweet silver bells, all seem to say, “throw cares away.”
Christmas is here bringing good cheer, to young and old, meek and the bold.
Ding, dong, ding, dong, that is their song, with joyful ring, all caroling.
One seems to hear words of good cheer from everywhere filling the air.
Oh, how they pound, raising the sound, O’er hill and dale, telling their tale.
Gaily they ring while people sing songs of good cheer, Christmas is here!
Merry Christmas! On, on they send, on without end, their joyful tone to every home.*

SCRIPTURES Luke 1:46b-55

SERMON “She Said It” Rev. Collin Adams

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
(from the PC(USA) Declaration of Faith)

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record. The Bible is the account of God’s word and action in history, together with his people’s response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding, and in faith, we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell, it is to declare what we believe.

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 Rachel Lawson

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
Thank you, God, for all that we have and all that we are. We take these gifts given today and dedicate them ever and only to you. AMEN

*HYMN 100 “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”

*BENEDICTION and CHORAL BENEDICTION

88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

5 O come, thou Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heavenly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
 our spirits by thine advent here;
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
 all peoples in one heart and mind;
 bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
 fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:

Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)

Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)

Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4)

Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)

Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)

Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)

Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer-or's crush - ing grasp.



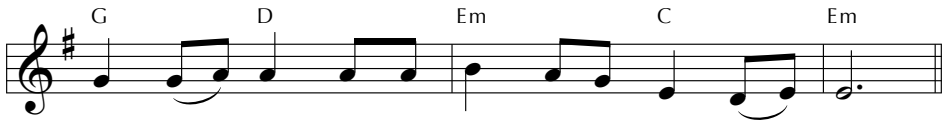
You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

By employing an energetic Irish folk song for its melody, this ballad-like paraphrase of the *Magnificat*, Mary's song at her meeting with her relative Elizabeth (Luke 1:46-55), recaptures both the wonder and the faith of the young woman who first recognized what God was doing.

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

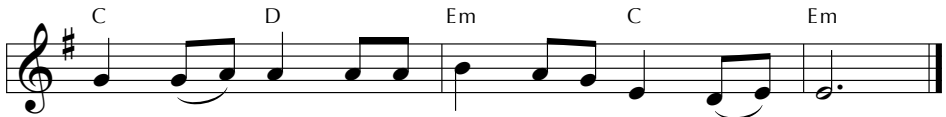
Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.



The Poinsettias adorning the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God

In Loving Memory of

Ezra & Jean Williams.....Barbara & Warren Sanders
S. Edson Blanchard.....Doris Blanchard
Tom King.....Ken & Katherine Marsh
Patsy Marsh.....Ken & Katherine Marsh
Abe & Peg Lincoln.....Susan & Peter Lodal
Allen Roedecker & Robert McMillan.....Noah & Robin McMillan
Bob & Betsy Holtzclaw.....Their Children & Grandchildren
Doris & Lewis Carson, Betty Green.....Susan & Peter Lodal
Betty Green.....Charles H. Green
Sinclair Preston.....Betsy Preston
Josephine Morrison.....Betsy Preston
Lee Garber.....The Garber Family
Hall & Jo Morrison.....Their Family
Ed & Prena Sass.....Candace & Craig Sass
Bob & Dorrie Truscott.....Candace & Craig Sass
Joyce Caldwell.....Susan & Peter Lodal
Teresa Gibson.....Trinity Gibson
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Walter & Ann O'Brien.....Mike & Laurie O'Brien
Nathanael & Pauline Eisenberg.....Mike & Laurie O'Brien

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In Honor of

Dave & Sharon Petke.....Howard & Karen Carman
Ann Kibler.....Bob & Wanda Kern
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Chuck Green.....Susan & Peter Lodal
Helen Roedecker & Cynthia McMillan.....Noah & Robin McMillan