


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.

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 12/31	9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service
Monday 1/1	8:00am New Year's Holiday – Church Offices CLOSED
Tuesday 1/2	9:00am Walking Group, meet at Holston Valley Trailhead
Wednesday 1/3	1:00pm ZOOM Bible Study
Friday 1/5	10:00am Food Pantry, FH 6:00pm The Seven Noels Concert / Community Dinner at Mafair United Methodist Church



Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

Love God Love Others Make Disciples

Service of Worship

December 31, 2023, 11:00 am

Acolyte

Michael Lawson

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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 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
arr. Stephen Nielson

GATHERING PRAYER Rev. Collin Adams

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord!

Praise God from the heavens.

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let us praise the name of the Lord, whose name alone is exalted above earth and heaven. Alleluia!

***HYMN 110** “Love Has Come” Verses 1-3

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have kept silent in the midst of prejudice and hatred. We have been idle in the face of violence and injustice. We have not been a light to the nations, and our lives have not revealed your glory. Forgive us, merciful God. Repair the ugliness of our sin and restore in us your beautiful grace through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved of God, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, as a bride adorns herself with her jewels, God covers us with the robe of righteousness. Know that you are forgiven in Jesus Christ and live as God’s beloved.

In Christ, we are free and forgiven people. Alleluia, AMEN!

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Suzanne Huron

ANTHEM

“Make Room”

Casting Crowns

Blair Adams, Betty Crawford & Kim Lane

SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 61:10-62:3 & Galatians 4:4-7

SERMON

“It’s New”

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

OFFERTORY “O Come, All Ye Faithful” arr. John Reading

*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 133** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” Verses 1, 3, & 4

*BENEDICTION

Love Has Come

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Capo 3: (D)

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1 Love has come: a light in the dark - ness!
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der.
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us!

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Love shines forth in the Beth - le - hem skies. See, all
 Love is God now a - sleep in the hay. See the
 Love is life ev - er - last - ing and free. Love is

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 glow in the eyes of his moth - er; what is the name her
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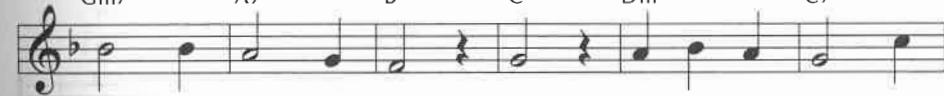
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joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to you, a
 heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the name she
 hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the gift of

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Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Em - man - u - el.
 Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Here is a chance to sing a familiar French carol tune with new words, the most important clearly being "Love." The senses "seen and heard" (as in Acts 4:20 and elsewhere) organize the first two stanzas, while the third holds the summary statement: "Love is the gift of Christmas."

O Come, All Ye Faithful 133

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -

ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,
 of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -
 all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all
 sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

Refrain

born the King of an - gels!
 got - ten, not cre - at - ed!
 glo - ry in the high - est!
 now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let

us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

From its Roman Catholic origins, this 18th-century hymn has spread to worldwide use by many denominations in both Latin and vernacular versions. Once popular with a wide range of hymn texts, this tune is now firmly associated with this Christmas text from which it is named.