


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 the Month of January

Our wish list includes new or gently used baby equipment and new diaper wipes.

Children & Youth Committee Meeting Re-scheduled

January 16, 6:00pm
We will meet in the Meeting Room.

Youth Group kicks off 2024 with more learning and fun!

January 22, 6:00pm
Let's start the new year with learning, fellowship and FUN!

WRPC Weekly Calendar

Sunday 1/14	9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service
Monday 1/15	6:00pm Mission Committee, ZOOM
Tuesday 1/16	9:00am Walking Group, meet at Holston Valley Trailhead 6:00pm The Has Beens, FH 6:00pm Children & Youth Ministry, MR
Wednesday 1/17	1:00pm ZOOM Bible Study 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday 1/18	7:00pm Stephen Ministry, MR & ZOOM
Friday 1/19	10:00am Food Pantry, FH 11:00am Congregational Care, GS

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Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

Love God Love Others Make Disciples

Service of Worship

January 14, 2024, 11:00 am

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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 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” arr. J.B. Taylor

GATHERING PRAYER Nancy Knight

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 139:7-10)

Where can we go from God’s spirit?

If we ascend to heaven, God is there; if we make our bed in Sheol, God is there.

If we take the wings of morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

Even there God’s hand shall lead us, and God’s right hand will hold us fast.

***HYMN 463** “How Firm a Foundation”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know our sins even before we confess. Your knowledge is wonderful, but also challenging. We’d much rather avoid painful truths and deny our role in wrongdoing. Help us face our failings so we can move forward in truth. AMEN

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Psalm 103:17)

“The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.” Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
AMEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rachel Lawson

ANTHEM “There Is a Longing in Our Hearts” Anne Quigley

Refrain:

*There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, O God.*

*For justice, for freedom, for mercy: hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief: be near; hear our prayer, O God (refrain)*

*For wisdom, for courage, for comfort: hear our prayer.
In weakness, in fear: be near; hear our prayer, O God (refrain)*

*For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer.
In sickness, in death: be near; hear our prayer, O God (refrain)*

*Lord save us, take pity, Light in our darkness.
We call you; we wait: hear our prayer, O God (refrain)*

SCRIPTURES John 1:43-51 & 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

SERMON “What Good?” Rev. Collin Adams

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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

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

Holy God, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us. We gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to your work in this world. May our gifts share the good news of the gospel to those who are in need. May these gifts help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. AMEN

***HYMN 196** “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

*BENEDICTION & CHORAL BENEDICTION

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1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

- 1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
- 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
- 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.