


## 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

<b>Sunday 1/21</b>	9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service / Installation of New Elders 7:00pm Session, MR
<b>Monday 1/22</b>	6:00pm Youth Group, YS
<b>Tuesday 1/23</b>	9:00am Walking Group, meet at Holston Valley Trailhead 6:00pm The Has Beens,
<b>Wednesday 1/24</b>	1:00pm ZOOM Bible Study 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice
<b>Friday 1/26</b>	10:00am Food Pantry, FH



# Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

Love God Love Others Make Disciples

## Service of Worship

January 21, 2024, 11:00 am

### Acolyte

Mason Wilson

### WRPC Staff

Pastor | Collin Blair Adams

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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](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** “Think About His Love” arr. Mark Hayes

**GATHERING PRAYER** John Gilmer

## CHORAL INTROIT

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Silence your scattered thoughts and lay down your distractions. God calls us here to worship.

*We are here to worship.*

Drop your nets and leave your boats. God is with us. Jesus calls us.

*We are here to worship.*

Let us worship God together.

**\*HYMN 410** “God Is Calling through the Whisper”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*God of mercy, we confess that we have settled down in Nineveh. We have gotten comfortable in our categories: haves and have-nots, makers and takers, bigots and bystanders, self-starters and subordinates, law-abiders and illegals, the perpetrators and the innocent.*

*We confess that we are comfortable living under systems of injustice and exploitation. We confess our discomfort in speaking truths that unmask idolatries. Make us ready to follow Jesus, ready to repent, and eager to change our hearts and lives. Call to us again and show us your mercy. Let us hear your good news again. AMEN*

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even when we fail, even when we are not perfect, God still claims us. God still calls us by name. God still places God’s Spirit upon us.

*We are known and loved and forgiven. AMEN*

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

Suzanne Huron

## ANTHEM

 “Lord, You Have Come To The Lakeshore”

Cesáreo Gabaráin

*Lord, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither for wealthy or wise ones; you only asked me to follow humbly. (Refrain)*

*Refrain:*

*O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling have spoken my name; Now my boat’s left on the shoreline behind me. By your side I will seek other seas.*

*You know so well my possessions; my boat carries no gold or no weapons; you will find there my nets and labors. (Refrain)*

*You need my hands, full of caring, through my labors to give others rest and constant love that keeps on loving. (Refrain)*

*You, have fished other oceans, ever longed for by souls who are waiting, my loving friend, as thus you call me. (Refrain)*

## SCRIPTURES

Mark 1:14-20 & Jonah 3:1-5, 10

**SERMON** “Marching Orders” Rev. Collin Adams

## INSTALLATION OF NEW ELDERS

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Book of Common Worship)

*Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.*

## 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

*Heavenly Parent, we offer you these gifts. Please bless them, just as you bless those who gave them and those who will receive them. May the sharing of this money remind us of the connection that holds us all together and the beloved community you call us to form.*

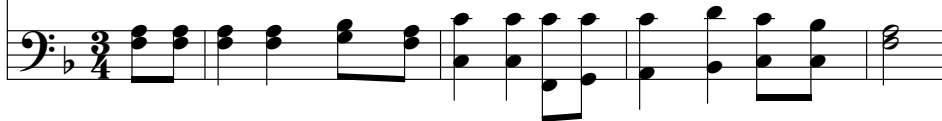
**\*HYMN 438** “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

## \*BENEDICTION & CHORAL BENEDICTION

## 410 God Is Calling through the Whisper



1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,  
 2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,  
 3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,



through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.  
 through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.  
 through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.



Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:  
 Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:  
 Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:



God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?  
 God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?  
 God is call - ing—and we hear! God is call - ing—and we hear!



This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.

# 438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.  
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands.  
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling;  
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when my eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side which flowed  
Could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
na - ked, come to thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace;  
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



Though scholars discredit the story that this hymn was written when the author found shelter under a large rock during a thunderstorm, the popular appeal of that conjecture perhaps lies in the energy of this plea and the vividness of its imagery drawn from many biblical sources.

# FORGIVENESS



be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.  
 all for sin could not a - tone. Thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

