


## 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.

### Try One of Our Adult Sunday School Classes!

**Apprentice Class - Room 105**  
Hybrid Format via Zoom and in-person. Class begins at 9:15 instead of 9:45 to accommodate the logistics with Zoom. Leaders: Howard Carman, Dave and Sharon Petke. The next study will be "Thinking Through Salvation", a 9-part video series by N.T. Wright.

### Women's Sunday School Class - Room 205

Leader: Karen Carman. The class uses a variety of DVD/Workbook Small Group Studies as the basis for the lessons and subsequent discussions. A new study titled "In the Footsteps of the Savior: Following Jesus Through the Holy Land" by Max Lucado.

### Adult Lectionary Class - Gathering Space

Leader: Shelley Porter. Discussions are prompted by the Weekly Lectionary Text.



### SMILE for the Month of March

Our wish list includes new or gently used sneakers and infant/toddler shoes. We also need new diapers and pull-ups.

### Sunday School for Children & Youth

Nursery available for children 0-3 years

Sundays from 9:30am - 12:30pm

**3yrs - Kindergarten Sunday School** - led by Godly Play Room 9:45-10:45am

**1st-2nd grade Sunday School** - led by Carlista Barttels and Charlie Foster, 9:45-10:45am

**3-5th grade Sunday School** - led by John and Karen Gilmer, 9:45-10:45am

**6-12th grade Sunday School** - led by Trinity Gibson, 9:45-10:45am

**6-12th grade Youth Group**  
Monday evenings 6:00-8:00pm - led by Trinity Gibson and Suzanne Huron

### Season of Mission ~ Season of Hope Luncheon

Sunday, March 10,

After Worship

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for lunch with guest speakers Jimmy Shafe (Congo Hope) and Katherine Adraktas (Family Promise) to learn about recent events in their mission fields. Tell us you are coming by filling out the insert in the bulletin so we can plan accordingly.

## WRPC Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday 3/3</b>	9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service / 5 Cents-a-Meal Offering
<b>Monday 3/4</b>	6:00pm Youth Group, YS
<b>Tuesday 3/5</b>	9:00am Walking Group, meet at Holston Valley Trailhead 6:00pm The Has Beens, FH
<b>Wednesday 3/6</b>	1:00pm ZOOM Bible Study 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice
<b>Friday 3/8</b>	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

March 3, 2024, 11:00 am

1415 Waverly Road Kingsport, TN 37664 423.247.5121 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**      “This Is My Father's World”      arr. J.B. Taylor

**GATHERING PRAYER**      Anne Garber

## CHORAL INTROIT

**CALL TO WORSHIP**      (Psalm 19:7-10)

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

*The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.*

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

*The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.*

The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

*They are more desirable than gold and sweeter than honey. Let us worship God!*

**\*HYMN 394**      “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*God of righteousness, we confess that we have not kept your commandments. We bow down before idols, declaring our allegiance to other powers and principalities. We take your name in vain, using it to justify our own prejudices and opinions. We do not make adequate time to rest and remember your goodness, not to revel in the delight of family and friends. We look the other way in the face of violence and oppression, misogyny and sexual assault, land grabs and unjust economic practices. Our dishonesty and greed get the better of us. Yet you gave us commandments not for condemnation, but so that we might live for justice and joy. Purify us by your righteousness and enfold us in your grace. Sanctify our intentions and actions, that our lives may begin to reflect your Beloved Community. AMEN*

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear these words from the Apostle Paul, “God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.” The grace of Christ is sufficient for us.

*In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!*

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**      Suzanne Huron

**ANTHEM**      “Amazing Grace”      arr. Mark Hayes

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!*

*I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.*

*’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; ’Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

*When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’ve first begun.*

**SCRIPTURES**      John 2:13-22; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

**SERMON**      “Why Don’t We Understand?”      Rev. Collin Adams

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(adapted from the Confession of 1967)

*God’s redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes our natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. God wills that God’s purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ, and all evil be banished from God’s creation. Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgement and redemption.*

*With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the Kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.*

## 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**      Eddie Eldredge

## 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.*

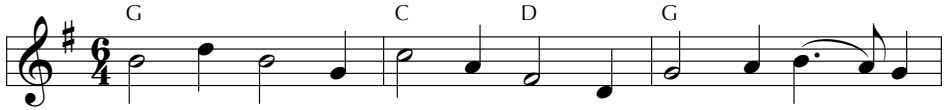
### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*O Lord our God, we want to follow all your commandments – to love only you, not worshipping the things of this world; to love our neighbor freely, not desiring for ourselves something they possess. Accept these offerings, we pray; and teach us to be generous, giving fully of ourselves that we may truly be the body of Christ in this world. AMEN*

**\*HYMN 213**      “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

## \*BENEDICTION & CHORAL BENEDICTION

## Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation 394



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from  
 4 Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
 hosts, and stay; come, with all your lov - ing - kind - ness;  
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
 to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 hear your peo - ple as we pray, and your full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

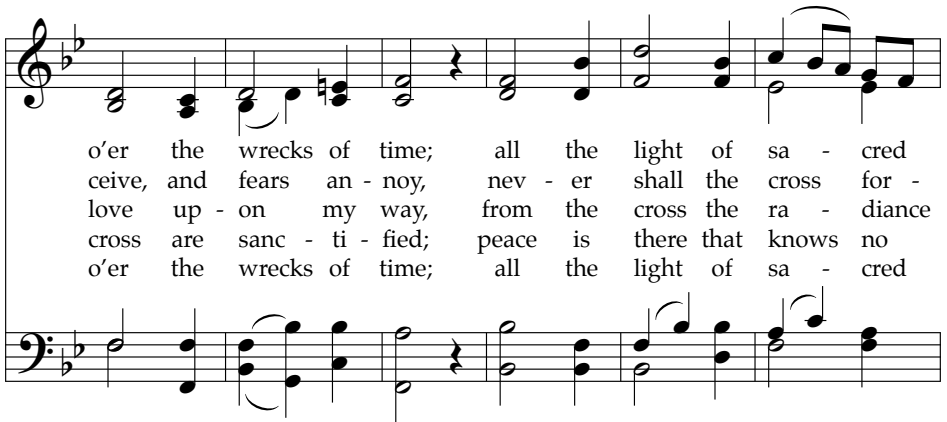
*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Although this ancient text has often been used at church dedications, the first stanza clearly refers to the people of God and the second to the place where they meet. The stately and soaring tune is aptly named for the edifice where the composer served as organist and is buried.

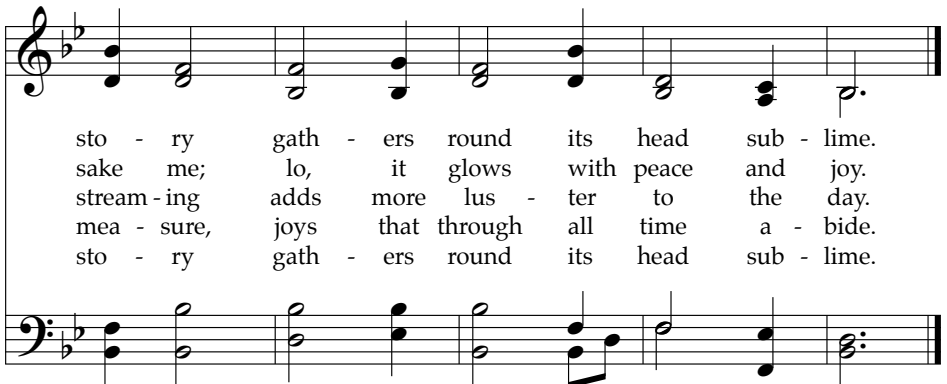
## In the Cross of Christ I Glory 213



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the  
 5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing



o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred  
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -  
 love up - on my way, from the cross the ra - diance  
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no  
 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred



sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
 stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
 mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.  
 sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

Like Isaac Watts's "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (nos. 223, 224), this hymn is a reflection on Galatians 6:14, but this text is more abstract and devotes no attention to the person hanging on the cross. The tune is named for a soloist in the composer's Connecticut choir.

# Easter Lily Order Form

If you would like to order an Easter lily to be used in the sanctuary on Easter morning, please fill out a form for EACH lily ordered. The cost is \$8.50 for each lily. Please make checks payable to the church and leave the order form and the check in Amy's mailbox in the church workroom or in the mailbox slot on her door.

**The last day to order is Sunday, March 24. You can also call the church office at 247-5121 and place your order!**

## I would like to order....

A lily in memory of:

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A lily in honor of :

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In celebration of :

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Given by:

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