

## 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 let you know where we will be walking.

### Trick-or-Treating Event with Lincoln

#### Elementary School!

Thursday, October 31

Time: TBD at WRPC



Contact Rachel Lawson to volunteer and start scouting those candy deals!

### SMILE for September



Our wish list for September includes new or gently used jeans, all sizes and new or gently used crib sheets.

### All God's Children Church Retreat at Holston Camp

Friday, October 25 — Sunday, October 27



It's time to think about relaxing in the cool, clean mountain air, eating good food and enjoying time with God and his children. Sign up for the WRPC Church Retreat held at Holston Camp and Retreat Center in Banner Elk, NC!

Here is the link for folks to sign up for the Self-led Prayer and Reflection Retreat either at Holston, or from your home.

<https://tinyurl.com/wrpcretreat2024>

This self-led Prayer and Reflection retreat themed "Wonder" will be sent to you via email if participating from home, or by Collin at the camp when you arrive for the weekend.



All God's Children at Holston Camp



Self-led "Wonder" Retreat

## WRPC Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday 9/22</b>	9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service
<b>Monday 9/23</b>	6:00pm Youth Group, YS 7:00pm Enneagram Journey Class, MR
<b>Tuesday 9/24</b>	9:00am Walking Group, meet at Holston Valley Trailhead 6:00pm Has Beens, FH
<b>Wednesday 9/25</b>	7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice
<b>Thursday 9/26</b>	10:45am Appalachian Miles for Smiles Volunteer Luncheon, FH
<b>Friday 9/27</b>	10:00am Food Pantry, FH



SCAN ME

If you would like to support the mission and ministry of WRPC, we invite you to give online.

### WRPC Staff

Pastor | Collin Blair Adams

Pastor Emeritus | Daniel Clark

Director of Music | Dr. Kate Stubbs

Business and Communications Administrator | Amy Boyles

Director of Intergenerational Discipleship | Rachel Lawson

Director of Student (K-12) Discipleship Ministries | Trinity Gibson

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## Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

Love God Love Others Make Disciples

### Outdoor Service of Worship September 22, 2024, 11:00 am

1415 Waverly Road Kingsport, TN 37664 423.247.5121 [www.waverlyroadpc.org](http://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

GATHERING PRAYER Rev. Sharon Amstutz

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on Bruce Prewer’s Home Page:  
<http://www.bruceprewer.com/>)

We come here today not because we are clever but because God welcomes the slow learners.

*We come here not because we are wise, but because God loves us in spite of our folly.*

We come knowing that the greatest persons will be found among those who humbly serve like Jesus did, and that the brightest ideas and the deepest truth will come from those who see themselves as little children in Christ’s school.

*O Lord, open up our mind and our hearts and enable our lives to declare your praise.*

\*HYMN 649 “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*O Holy One, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize you in the dailyness of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom.*

*Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from our wisdom.*

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the Good News: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. Let us proclaim the Good News:  
*In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! AMEN*

\*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Trinity Gibson

ANTHEM “So Will I” Hillsong Worship

*God of creation, there at the start, before the beginning of time with no point of reference, You spoke to the dark and fleshed out the wonder of light.*

**Chorus 1:** *And as You speak, a hundred billion galaxies are born. In the vapor of Your breath the planets form. If the stars were made to worship so will I. I can see Your heart in everything You’ve made, every burning star a signal fire of grace. If creation sings Your praises, so will I.*

*God of Your promise, You don’t speak in vain. No syllable empty or void for once You have spoken, all nature and science follow the sound of Your voice.*

**Chorus 2:** *And as You speak, a hundred billion creatures catch Your breath, evolving in pursuit of what You said. If it all reveals Your nature, so will I. I can see Your heart in everything You say; every painted sky, a canvass of Your grace. If creation still obeys You, so will I.*

**Bridge:** *If the stars were made to worship, so will I. If the mountains bow in reverence, so will I. If the oceans roar Your greatness, so will I. For if everything exists to lift You high, so will I. If the wind goes where You send it, so will I. If the rocks cry out in silence, so will I. If the sum of all our praises still falls shy, then we’ll sing again a hundred billion times.*

*God of salvation, You chased down my heart, through all of my failure and pride. On a hill You created the light of the world, Abandoned in darkness to die.*

**Chorus 3:** *And as You speak, a hundred billion failures disappear, where You lost Your life so I could find it here. If You left the grave behind, You so will I. I can see Your heart in everything You’ve done, every part designed in a work of art called love. If You gladly chose surrender, so will I. I can see Your heart, eight billion different ways. Every precious one, a child You died to save. If You gave Your life to love them, so will I.*

*Like You would again a hundred billion times, but what measure could amount to Your desire? You’re the One who never leaves the one behind.*

SCRIPTURES James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a & Mark 9:30-37

SERMON “Walking with a Limp” Rev. Sharon Amstutz

\*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*

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Linda Qualls

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

*Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer, at your table we present this money, a symbol of the work you have given us to do; use it, use us, in the service of your world to the glory of your name. AMEN*

\*HYMN 450 “Be Thou My Vision”

\*BENEDICTION & CHORAL BENEDICTION

## 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!  
 Ishmminti pulla cha  
 hatak ilbusha pia ha  
 is pi yukpalashke.*

## CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet  
 ah non ah cha pa kas  
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus  
 um e ha ta la yus.*

## NAVAHO

*Nizhóníúgo joobá diits' a'  
 yisdáshíitínigí,  
 lah yóóiiyá, k'ad  
 shénáhoosdzin,  
 doo eesh'íí da rít'ée.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

## THANKSGIVING

### CHEROKEE

*Ooh nay thla nah, hee oo way gee'.  
E gah gwoo yah hay ee.  
Naw gwoo joe sah, we you low say,  
e gah gwoo yah ho nah.*


### KIOWA

*Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy he tsow'haw  
daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy hee.  
Bay dawtsahy taw, gaw aym ow thah t'aw,  
daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy h'ee.*

## 450


## Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D)  $E^b$  (G)  $A^b$  (D/F#)  $E^b/G$  (A7)  $B^b7$  (D)  $E^b$




1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A)  $B^b$  (D)  $E^b$  (G)  $A^b$  (A)  $B^b$




naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G)  $A^b$  (D)  $E^b$  (F#m7)  $Gm7$  (G)  $A^b$  (A)  $B^b$



thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm)  $Cm$  (D/F#)  $E^b/G$  (G)  $A^b$  (D)  $E^b$



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.