

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.

WRPC Fall Festival

Wednesday, October 23, 5:30-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall



Come ready for some grilled out hotdogs and chili, costume contest, trick or treat games/prizes for the kids and a cake walk for everyone!

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 October



Our wish list for October includes new or gently used coats and hoodies, and new stocking stuffer items.

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/wrprettreat2024>

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.

<https://tinyurl.com/wrpcwonderretreat>



All God's Children at Holston Camp



Self-led "Wonder" Retreat

WRPC Weekly Calendar

Sunday 10/13	9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service
Monday 10/14	11:00am Circle of the Word
Tuesday 10/15	9:00am Walking Group, meet at Holston Valley Trailhead 6:00pm Has Beens, FH
Wednesday 10/16	1:00pm ZOOM Bible Study 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday 10/17	11:00pm Hunger Task Force / United Way, FH 7:00pm Stephen Ministry, MR & ZOOM
Friday 10/18	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.

Acolyte

Mason Wilson

WRPC Staff

Pastor | Collin Blair Adams

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Director of Music | Dr. Kate Stubbs

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Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

Love God Love Others Make Disciples

Service of Worship

October 13, 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.

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 "His Eye is on the Sparrow" arr. Phillip Keveren

GATHERING PRAYER Rev. Sharon Amstutz

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who are weary
*of wealth, of poverty, of power, of struggle,
of division.*

Come, all who are heavy-laden
*with too much, with too little, with anxiety, with
fear, with anger.*

Come, all who have hope
for liberation, for peace, for freedom, for the kingdom.

Hear these words of Jesus:
*"Believe the good news: the kingdom of God has
come near!"*

***HYMN 459** "O Word of God Incarnate"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION From the Faith & Worship website

You have given us a world of beauty, *and we have spoilt it.*
A world to feed us, *and so many go hungry.*
A world of riches, *and we are unwilling to share.*
A world to care for, *and we think only of ourselves.*

*Forgive us, gracious God, for those times your heart is
saddened by our selfishness. For those times we have no
thought for others, no cares but ours.*

Enable us to see this world anew as a gift from you, to be
shared and nurtured, and those who live upon it to be loved
and cared for. We ask this that your name may be glorified,
through the beauty of this world, and the service of our lives.
AMEN

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

From a most unlikely source, the book of Lamentations, we hear
these words of assurance: "The steadfast love of God never
ceases. God's mercies never come to an end. They are new every
morning. Great is God's faithfulness." (Lamentations 3: 22-23).

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus
Christ we are forgiven!

*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 Suzanne Huron

ANTHEM "Have You Not Heard?" Craig Courtney

*Who tends to His children like a shepherd and who gently gathers them as lambs?
Whose breath blew the stars across the heavens from the palm of His almighty hand?
Whose wisdom defies our understanding?
Whose mind knows our secret thoughts and plans?
Who is and will ever be eternal, and who was before all time began?*

*Do you not know? Have you not heard who spoke you into being with a word?
That word endures forevermore: the everlasting God, He is the Lord!
Like grass, you will wither and fade.
Without Him, you will stumble, fall and faint.*

*But all those who wait upon the Lord, will be renewed, their strength will be restored.
We will run and we will not grow weary. We hope in the God of all.
He who watches will not sleep or slumber. He steadies our feet against the fall.
It was told to us in the beginning: One day we will rise to meet the Lord.
He will lift us on His wings like eagles. We will walk, we will run, we will soar. Amen*

SCRIPTURES Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 & Mark 10:17-31

SERMON "More Hard Sayings" Rev. Sharon Amstutz

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from A Brief Statement of Faith

*In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to
Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church
and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.*

*In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to
serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful
lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new
earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"*

*With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that
nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of
God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

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

Eternal and Compassionate God, *We praise you and give
you thanks.*

For your gifts of life, relationships, and purpose, and for
the abundant blessings which you continually bestow
upon us: *We praise you and give you thanks.*

Use our resources and our offerings to undergird and
continually expand our ministry in our community, and in
our world. *Use us, O God.*

Help us to trust in you fully, so that we will give our lives,
our loved ones, our cares, our resources, our church, and
our mission entirely into your hands. *Lord, increase our
faith. AMEN*

***HYMN 475** "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

***BENEDICTION & CHORAL BENEDICTION**

459 O Word of God Incarnate

1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The church from you, dear Sav - ior, re - ceived this gift di - vine;
 3 O make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold

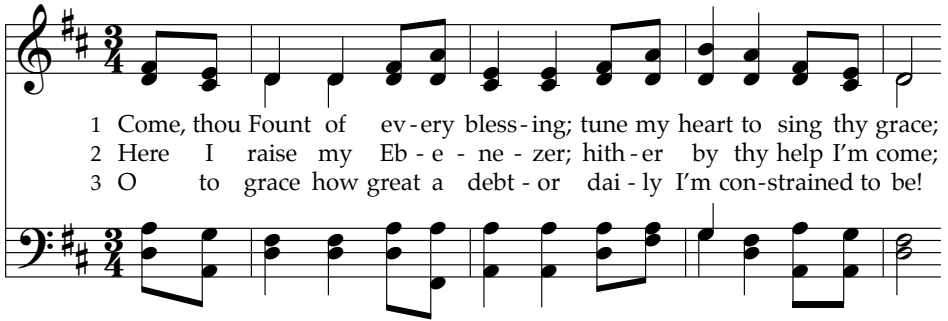
O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
 and still that light is lift - ed on all the earth to shine.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;

we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
 It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
 O teach your wan - dering pil - grims by this our path to trace,

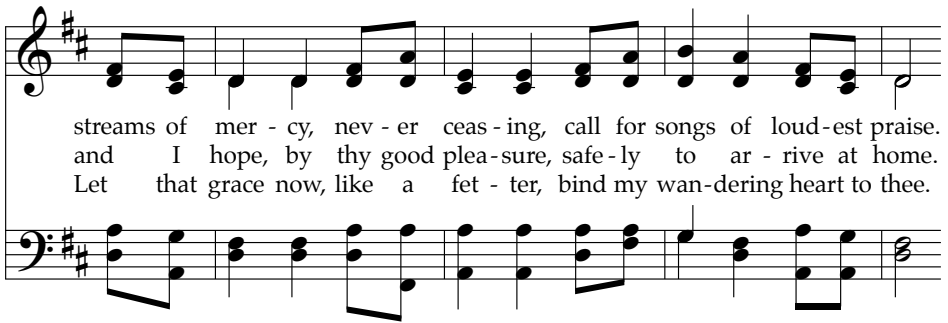
a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 a - mid the rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
 till, clouds and storms thus end - ed, we see you face to face.

The opening four lines of this hymn celebrate attributes of Christ that are revealed through holy Scripture, which serves as a lantern, a chart, and a compass for the church in seeking to know Christ better. The setting of the tune comes from Felix Mendelssohn's *Elijah*.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



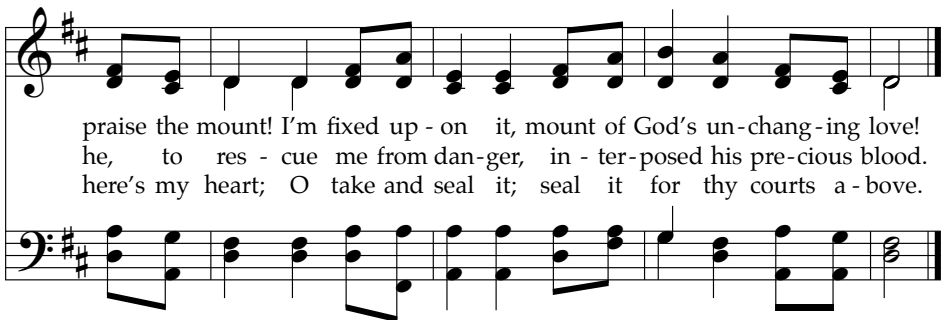
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.