

# The Newsheet

## Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

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### WELCOME TO WORSHIP



**December 19, 2021**

**In-Person and  
Online Worship Service  
at 11:00am**

**Click on either link for  
Sunday Worship Service**



[https://www.facebook.com/  
WaverlyRoadPresbyterian-  
Church/](https://www.facebook.com/WaverlyRoadPresbyterianChurch/)



[https://www.youtube.com/  
channel/  
UC1dv3U42u4jLlksq\\_71Foyg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1dv3U42u4jLlksq_71Foyg)



### SCRIPTURES

**December 19, 2021**

Luke 1:47-55

**WRPC**  
*Food Pantry*  
**SERVING EVERY FRIDAY**  
**from 10:00am–Noon.**

*A very special thanks goes out  
to all of our Food Pantry  
volunteers who are helping to  
FEED THE HUNGRY  
in our community.*



**You are loved. We are blessed!**

### From the desk of Rachel Lawson...



Seasons change. Things look different, because they are different. Different can be weird, and sometimes uncomfortable, but it can also be exciting and spark hope in new possibilities. We have all experienced so much change in these last few years that we want to hold on tightly to anything “normal” and familiar.

I am glad that WRPC’s 75th anniversary came around this year. It is good to see where we came from, and how far we have come.

It is comforting to remember that we have struggled at times in years past, yet we have always been able to continue spreading

God’s word through our missions and worship. We learned the church is just a building, and that WRPC is people, a community, and a family.

We have said farewell to some, for a season or to their heavenly home, we have welcomed others like Kate Stubbs and Trinity Gibson to help us run this place; to connect with us through music and our children and youth.

My position at WRPC has changed, too. My title is changing to the Director of Pre-K & Intergenerational Discipleship in an effort to reach all our WRPC demographics in fellowship and community. I look forward to this “different” and all the possibilities it brings with it.

One big “different” I experienced these last couple of years was being a spectator to the Christmas play. I watched Trinity put in so many hours into all the little details of the play and run around making sure everything was just right; that all the kids had their costumes, knew where to stand, and what to say. I got to sing the old hymns along with the congregation, and enjoy watching my children play their parts. It was truly a precious time for me - I think I can get used to this! Be sure to check out some really cute photos from the Nativity program on page 7!

—Rachel

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### People in our Prayers

Mary Margaret Bowles  
Mike Lewis  
Helen Austin  
Rev. Dan Clark  
Jackie Britton  
Holston Presbytery Camp  
Patients receiving Dialysis  
Debbie Reiff  
Rorie Parker Family  
Lee Bockman

Laci, Nicholas & Robin  
Lodal  
Joyce Caldwell  
Sarah Valk  
Ann Kibler  
Jo Morrison  
Sharon Petke  
Dr. Bob Jernigan  
Sarah Hale  
James Crawford  
The Lincoln Family

### Missions in our Prayers 4th Quarter

#### Local Missions

Kingsport City Schools Homeless Education Program  
Shades of Grace  
Trunk or Treat

#### Regional / National Missions

UKirk (ETSU)

#### International Missions

Families Involved Serving Humanity (FISH), Nicaragua  
Northumbria Community Retreat Center &  
Mother House, England

*We will leave names on the Prayer Request List for three weeks unless you notify the Church Office to remain on the list for an extended amount of time.*



## This Week at WRPC

**Indoor and Online Worship at 11:00am following  
NEW protocols.**

<b>Sunday 12/19</b>	9:45am	Sunday School Preschool through Grade 12 — <b>ZOOM</b>
	11:00am	Sunday Worship Service (Godly Play Children's Church in Room 102)
	7:00pm	Session, MR
<b>Wednesday 12/22</b>	6:00pm	Handbell Practice
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir Practice
<b>Friday 12/24</b>	8:00am	Christmas Holiday — Church Offices — CLOSED
	10:00am	Food Pantry — OPEN
	6:30pm	Christmas Eve Service
<b>Monday 12/27</b>	8:00am	Christmas Floating Holiday — Church Offices / CLOSED



**Christmas Eve Service**  
*Friday, December 24 at 6:30pm*  
*Same protocols as Sunday worship.*

**What if you don't get the links to Sunday Morning  
Worship and the Bulletin for Worship?**

Technology is great if it works. But when it doesn't...

**You will always be able to find them here!**

**<https://waverlyroadpc.org/>**

## The surprising story behind 'Joy to the World'



By Jessica Lea

"There is one Christmas carol that is unlike all others," says Claire Pfann. Pfann is the Academic Dean at the University of the Holy Land, a Christian university in Jerusalem. "That song, 'Joy to the World,' is not about the First Coming of Jesus. That hymn is about the Second Coming of Jesus."

### The Background of 'Joy to the World'

English hymn-writer Isaac Watts was the author of "Joy to the World," a poem based on Psalm 98 that was included in a poetry collection he wrote in 1719. The poem was never intended to be a Christmas song. It was over a century later, in 1836, that a man named Lowell Mason set the hymn to music. Mason was a Boston music teacher and the leading Presbyterian hymn composer in the United States. He published "Joy to the World" during the Christmas season, and that is how the song became associated with the holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus. At one point it was reportedly the most published Christmas carol in the United States.

"It's about when he comes again, finally," says Pfann, "and rules in power and justice and mercy."

### Here are the lyrics to this famous song:

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room, And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as, the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders, of His love.*





Views from the

# FOOD PANTRY

by Peter Lodol

**December 19–25, 2021**



To all:

We delivered 35 bags this past week, including four to families from Cora Cox Academy, a Kingsport City School that WRPC supports in a number of ways.

As I noted last week, our friends at 1st Presbyterian in Kingsport will be providing packed bags as a part of their December White Gift project sometime this week. We are grateful for our sister church's support in our ministry.

As always, my thanks to each of you for your support and prayers. This week, the Advent Candle was the Candle of Joy. May it be so for all of you.

Happy Advent. —Pete Lodol



**PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

**OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE**



In the early hours of December 11th, several tornadoes ripped through multiple U.S. states, resulting in extensive damage and significant loss of life.

The Mission Committee is offering this information to our church family in case you would like to help our neighbors.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is in touch with affected presbyteries to coordinate resources and assistance. To register interest in volunteering for rebuilding efforts when they are ready, email [PDA.CallCenter@pcusa.org](mailto:PDA.CallCenter@pcusa.org).

**To support our response, designate gifts to DR000015.**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic events.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. The core budget, including staff and administrative costs, is funded through the One Great Hour of Sharing, and its program work is additionally funded through designated gifts.

## Cheesy Baked Breakfast Sliders for Christmas morning!

*These CHEESY BAKED BREAKFAST SLIDERS are so easy and perfect for feeding a crowd! Baked on Hawaiian rolls with layers of ham, egg, and cheese and topped with a brown sugar dijon butter sauce! TOO GOOD!*



### Ingredients

- 10 eggs
- salt and garlic pepper or regular black pepper to taste
- 1 package 12 rolls Kings Hawaiian® rolls
- 12 slices Sharp Cheddar
- 1/2 pound thinly sliced honey ham
- 1/4 cup salted butter melted
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon whole grain dijon mustard



### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350F.
2. Scramble the eggs over medium heat, adding salt and garlic pepper to taste. Once scrambled to your liking, set aside.
3. Spray a small sheet pan with nonstick spray or line with foil.
4. Without separating the rolls, cut the entire group in half lengthwise. Place the bottom half on the sheet pan.
5. Top with 6 slices of cheese, covering the bottom section of rolls.
6. Top with the scrambled eggs.
7. Top with the ham.
8. Top with another 6 slices of cheese.
9. Cover with the top layer of rolls.
10. Mix together the melted butter, brown sugar, and dijon.
11. Pour over the tops of the rolls and brush to make sure the rolls are fully covered with the mixture. The more the better, trust me!
12. Bake for 20 minutes or until cheese is fully melted and the tops of the rolls are golden and crisped.
13. Serve and enjoy!



## WAVERLY ROAD PRESBYTERIAN



We continue to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Waverly Road Presbyterian Church. All year long, our news sheets will be filled with our history, pictures, stories, and memories of our beloved WRPC from the archives and from WRPC member contributions. If you have any of these in your own personal memorabilia that you would like to share with us please contact Rachel Lawson.

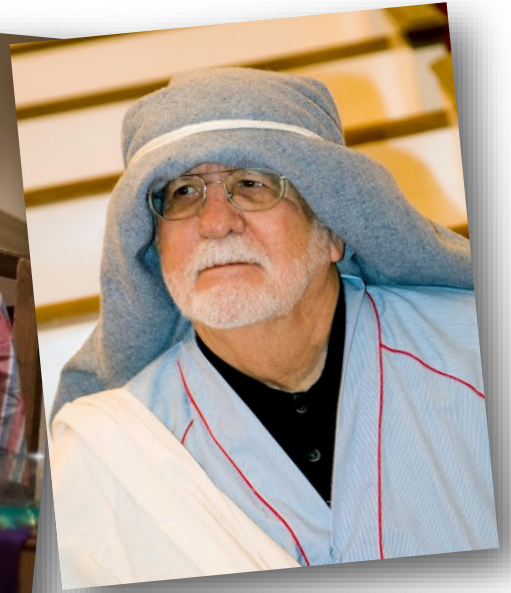
### The Story of Waverly Road Presbyterian Church—Scenes from Christmas Past

This week we share with you a gem from 62 years ago. I do believe you will recognize many of the participants in this bulletin from the Christmas Vesper Service Dec. 29 1959. Additionally we are sharing some of our “holy family” photos from past Christmas Pageants. Thanks to Mike Bus, Charlie Foster, Ernie Vogel and parents of participants we have been able to gather quite a few from the past 25 years.





The Story of Waverly Road Presbyterian Church—More Scenes from Christmas Past



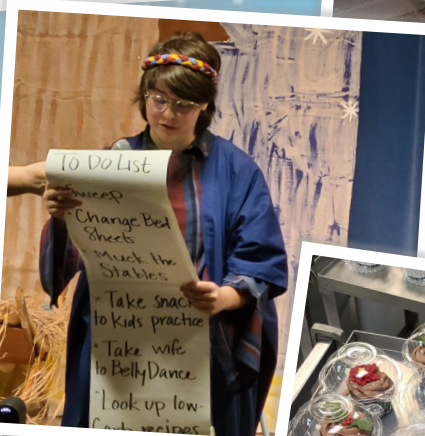


The Story of Waverly Road Presbyterian Church—Even More Scenes from Christmas Past





# Scenes from the 2021 WRPC Nativity Program



Happy Advent and Merry Christmas!



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## Mini MISSION Grants

As promised, here is more information on the Mini-Mission Grants! The mission committee will start accepting requests for Mini-Mission Grants as soon as WRPC congregants start sending them in!

### A couple of reminders...

- Grant requests can be made by individuals, including youth and children (requests by youth under 18 years of age will require the signature of an adult who is actively involved in the life of WRPC)
- Sunday School classes or other small groups can work together to submit a request
- The suggested minimum for a request is \$50
- Mini-Mission Grant request forms and instruction sheets can be picked up in the Narthex. If you would prefer to have an electronic request form, please send an email to Karen Carman at [klcarman@charter.net](mailto:klcarman@charter.net).



*A big shout out and thank you to Judi Easley and Susan Ledal for their hard work to come up with such a cute Food Pantry Christmas Card design this year!. Everything is hand cut (except for the gold star) and assembled by hand. Beautiful!*