

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.



Thursday, September 5 at 7:00 pm, in the Gathering Space

Sunday, September 15 at a LEO Lunch, in the Fellowship Hall after Worship

Our last LEO lunch presented some challenging financial news. Our Session Task Force has been meeting regularly to formulate recommendations to start meeting the challenges. We're ready to start having in-person "town hall" meetings for our congregation to have the opportunity to ask more questions and have more discussions. All of us are part of determining our direction. Please join us for sandwich options including chicken salad, pimento cheese and peanut butter & jelly, plus chips, fruit and dessert. Please RSVP for the LEO Lunch by calling the church office at 247-5121 or emailing Amy at wrpc@waverlyroadpc.org.
Session Elders: Eileen Butler, John Gilmer, Bree Fox, Suzanne Huron, Anthony Lawson, Ken Marsh, Tim Nolen, Betsy Preston, Linda Qualls and Candace Sass.

SMILE for September



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

WRPC Fall Church Retreat – SAVE the DATE!

October 25-27, Holston Camp & Retreat Center
Fall is the time we gather as a church to worship, have fun and fellowship with each other. More details and ways to sign up coming soon!

Labor Day Holiday-

The church offices will be CLOSED on Monday September 2.



There will be NO ZOOM Bible Study while Collin is on sabbatical. We will resume when he returns.



Let's welcome our NEW Vocal Scholars, Gabby Stoll and Ethan Inscore! We are glad you are here!

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, Collin will send out an email to let you know where we will be walking.

WRPC Weekly Calendar

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| Sunday 9/1 | 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service / Communion / 5 Cents-a-Meal Offering |
| Monday 9/2 | 8:00am Labor Day Holiday – Church Offices CLOSED |
| Tuesday 9/3 | 9:00am Walking Group, meet at Holston Valley Trailhead 6:00pm Has Beens, FH |
| Wednesday 9/4 | 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice |
| Thursday 9/5 | 7:00pm WRPC Town Hall Meeting, GS |
| Friday 9/6 | 10:00am Food Pantry, FH |



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

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Eva Lawson

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

Service of Worship

September 1, 2024, 11:00 am

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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.

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 “Shall We Gather At the River / Near to the Heart of God” arr. Mark Hayes

GATHERING PRAYER Rev. Collin Adams

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 15:1-2

Who may abide in the presence of God?
Who may abide on God's holy mountain?
All those who walk blamelessly and do what is right.
All those who speak truth from their heart.

***HYMN 14** “For the Beauty of the Earth”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that our words and actions do not always line up. We are quick to confess our faith, but slow to live it. We sing praise to your name, but we pass by orphans and widows on the other side of the street. Change us, O God. By your grace, transform us. Root out the selfishness that hardens our hearts and replace it with compassion and generosity. Empower us by your Spirit that we might be doers of your word and not hearers only. All this we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. AMEN

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, do not despair: God renews us by the word of truth, that we might become the first fruits of God's creation.
**In the name of Jesus the 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 Rachel Lawson

ANTHEM “Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace” arr. Mark Hayes

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood, as to understand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

SCRIPTURES Mark 7:1-8; James 1:17-27

SERMON “Doers” Rev. Collin Adams

WELCOMING of NEW MEMBERS: Laurie and Mike O'Brien

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** From the Barmen Declaration

As Jesus is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to God's Creatures.

We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords – areas in which we would not need justification or sanctification through him.

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

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Words of Institution
Celebration
Prayer of Blessing

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, we return to you these gifts, not only of our resources, but also of our lives. Sanctify us and use us to work out your purposes in the world. AMEN.

***HYMN 340** “This Is My Song”

*BENEDICTION & CHORAL BENEDICTION

For the Beauty of the Earth

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1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20th century's two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.