

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.

Cantemus Women's Choir presents "Dancing Day" Christmas Concerts

Friday, December 13, 7:30 pm
First Broad Street United Methodist Church, Kingsport, TN

Saturday, December 14, 7:00 pm
First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, TN

A suggested \$15 donation will be accepted at the door to support the choir's mission to connect, highlight, and empower women in song and share meaningful music with the community. [Visit https://www.cantemuswomenschoir.org/](https://www.cantemuswomenschoir.org/) for more information.

The Longest Night Service,

December 21, 4:00 – 6:00pm
Everyone is welcome! Pizza and salad will be served. Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, December 17.



SMILE for December

It's our Annual 12 Days of Christmas wish list which includes:

1. Men's athletic pants
2. Women's sweats and leggings
3. Men's deodorant
4. Shower loofahs
5. Kids long sleeve graphic tees 5t-18/20
6. Preemie infant clothes
7. Infant hygiene items
8. Loose leaf paper
9. Pencil pouches
10. Infant-5T socks
11. Size 5 toddler tennis shoes and Size 5 youth tennis shoes
12. Women's 8-10 adult tennis shoes for teens

WRPC Angel Trees

Check out the Angel trees in the WRPC Narthex while you are at church today. Select an item or two for a senior or a child in need this holiday season. **The Santa for Seniors gifts need to be submitted by December 4th!**

We're on the Lookout for Small Group Ideas!

The Adult Ministries Committee wants to remind you that we're always looking for new ideas for a SALT group (Seeking and Learning Together). This fall, we had a great group for a 12-session course learning about the enneagram. We have an ongoing Greenbelt Walking Group and an Asbury Residents' Group.

Our intent is that groups can be prompted by anyone in our congregation with an interest in a particular study or activity. Some possibilities can be:

- * Dining Groups
- * Board Games Group
- * Crafting Together
- * Wine Tasting & Book Study

If you have an idea for a group that you would like to see or lead, just contact our Adult Ministries Committee: Eileen Butler (chair), Howard Carman, Anne Garber, Rachel Lawson, Lynda Snook

WRPC Weekly Calendar

Sunday 12/1	9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service / 5 Cents-a-Meal Offering 12:30pm WRPC Children's Christmas Play, FH
Monday 12/2	6:00pm Youth Group, YS
Tuesday 12/3	9:00am Walking Group, meet at Holston Valley Trailhead 6:00pm Has Beens, FH
Wednesday 12/4	1:00pm ZOOM Bible Study 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice
Friday 12/6	10:00am Food Pantry



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

Acolyte

Evye Baskett

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Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

Love God Love Others Make Disciples

Service of Worship December 1, 2024, 11:00 am First Sunday of Advent



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 “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming” arr. Mark Hayes

GATHERING PRAYER Judi Easley

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Luke 21:25-28)

Christ is coming!
We see the signs!
Christ is coming!
We will be ready!
Christ is coming! Raise your heads because your redemption is drawing near!
Praise be to God! We will worship and prepare.

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

*HYMN 88 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Prince of Peace, the wars and rumors of wars betray our addiction to violence, our destructive and dehumanizing ways. We deserve your judgment and condemnation. Yet, you remain faithful, a steadfast source of peace in the midst of our warring madness. Holy God, turn us from evil. Return us to Christ and his path of peace. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. AMEN

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.”
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. 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 Rev. Collin Adams

ANTHEM “The Yearning” Craig Courtney

There is a yearning in hearts weighed down by ancient grief and centuries of sorrow.
There is a yearning in hearts that in the darkness hide and in the shades of death abide,
a yearning for tomorrow.

There is a yearning for the promised one, the first-born of creation.
There is a yearning for the Lord who visited His own, and by His death for sin atoned,
to bring to us salvation. Emmanuel, within our hearts, the yearning.

There is a yearning that fills the hearts of those who wait the day of His appearing.
There is a yearning when all our sorrows are erased, and we shall see the One who placed
within our hearts the yearning. Emmanuel, within our hearts, the yearning.

SCRIPTURES 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 & Luke 21:25-36

SERMON “Marching Orders” Rev. Collin Adams

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (taken from Romans 8)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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

MISSION MOMENT Nancy Knight

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

Christ calls us to live generous and grateful lives.
Take these gifts we offer today, O God, and use them to the fulfillment of Christ’s ministry. May these gifts help to free the captives, heal the sick, comfort the lonely, feed the hungry, heal the wounded. As Christ’s hands and feet, use us too, in service to building your beloved community.
AMEN

*HYMN 82 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

*BENEDICTION & CHORAL BENEDICTION

5 O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

VENI EMMANUEL
LM with refrain

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
 2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is-rael's strength and con-so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.
 by thine all - suf-fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.



CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE



MATTHEW 25

The Christmas Joy Offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need, and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.



HEAVEN BROWN



The Christmas Joy Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the 21st century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Special Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and they profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.

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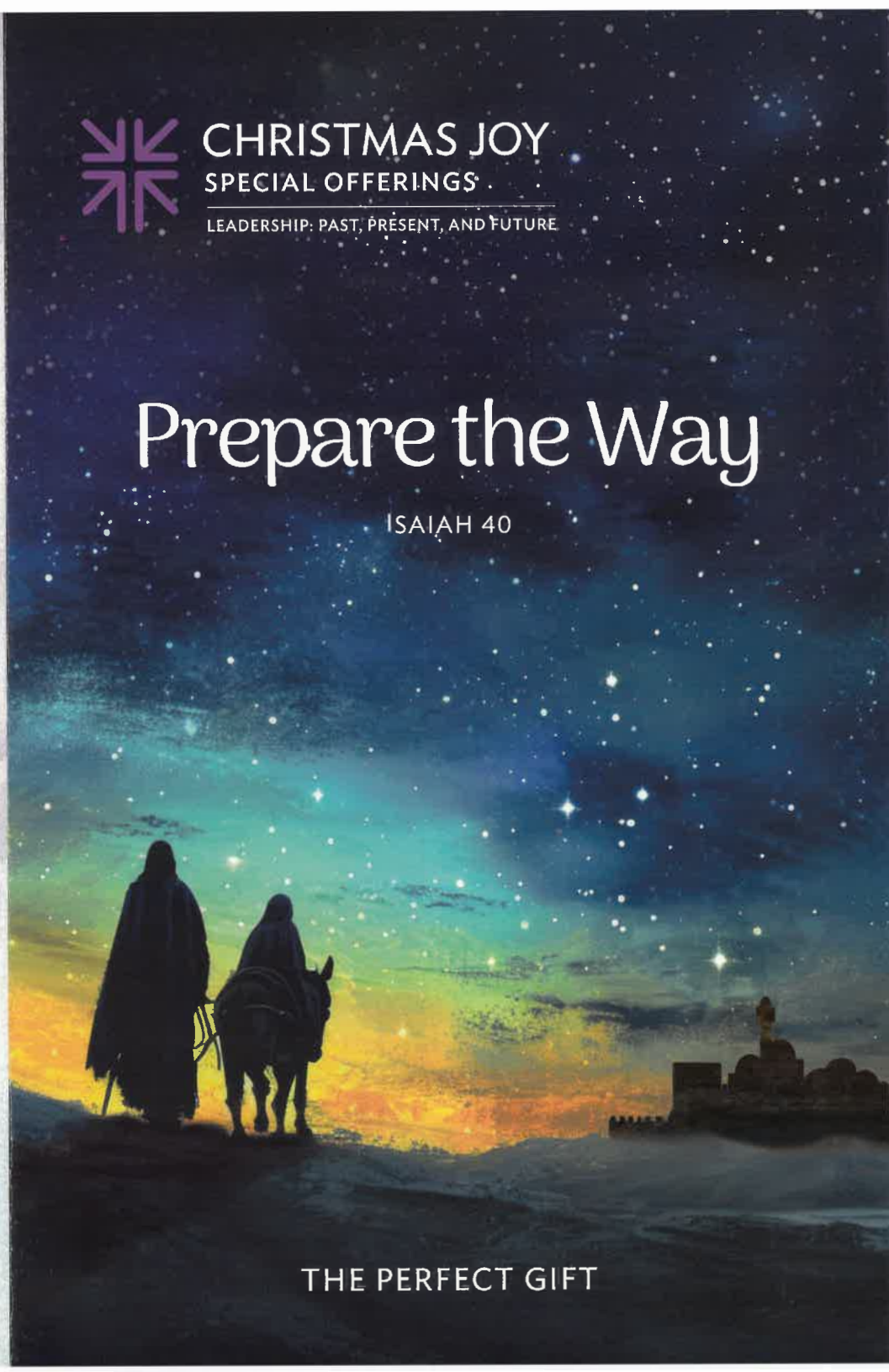


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LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

Prepare the Way

ISAIAH 40



THE PERFECT GIFT

When we give to the Christmas Joy Offering, we prepare the way for the leaders of our Church — past, present and future.

50%

of our gifts smooth the path for current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need.

Jenni Whitford's whole world turned upside down when her husband unexpectedly passed away, leaving her and her young children with many financial challenges. At that time, Jenni was serving as a Christian-educator at the First Presbyterian Church in Jackson, Michigan. Thanks to her pastor's referral, at a time of "chaos, upheaval and huge emotions," Jenni found just the support she needed through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions. The peace of mind that the Offering provided her meant everything.

"It's that great cloud of witnesses that I think about. People who I don't know or never will meet who gave generously to the Christmas Joy Offering to help support people like me."

—Jenni Whitford



Jenni Whitford above, and the Whitford family.



Isabella Pérez Sanchez at left and center right.

50%

of your gifts prepare students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

Isabella Pérez Sanchez, raised in a Christian household in Bogotá, Colombia, was the first person in her family to attend school in the United States, at the Presbyterian Pan American School in Kingsville, Texas. Once she arrived on campus, she thrived and dreamed of being a doctor. Unexpectedly, she underwent emergency brain surgery and spent nearly two months in the intensive care unit. During this difficult time, she received her calling for life; to help others and to be God's hands in the world. Returning to school prepared her to move ahead and today, more than five years after her huge medical scare, Pérez is completely healed.

Isabella says, "I am completely thankful to everyone who has donated to the Christmas Joy Offering to keep our school running. I hope more people have the opportunity to grow as I have grown, not only in knowledge but also in faith."

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY...
FOR WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE,
IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!





WRPC Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

You can participate in the tradition of beautifying our Sanctuary during the Advent season by ordering a Poinsettia. If you would like to contribute a Poinsettia in memory of or in honor of someone, or to celebrate someone special, please write the name of the person(s) to be honored or memorialized and any other appropriate information in the space below and return it to the church office, along with your check **no later than Sunday, December 15**. The cost of each Poinsettia ordered is \$10.00. Checks should be made payable to Waverly Road Presbyterian Church and marked "for Poinsettias". Please indicate below whether you will be picking your Poinsettia up after Christmas Eve Service on Tuesday, December 24.

(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

Poinsettia given by: _____

In Honor of: _____

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