

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.

Try One of Our Adult Sunday School Classes!

Apprentice Class – Hybrid Format via Zoom and in-person in Room 105. Class begins at 9:15 instead of 9:45 to accommodate the logistics with Zoom. Leaders: Howard Carman, Dave and Sharon Petke. The current study is on the Letters of John (1,2,3 John) – begun on September 1. The primary resources are "The New Testament in its World" by N.T. Wright and "The Layman's Bible Commentary, Vol. 25" by J.P. Love.

Women's Sunday School Class – Room 205. Leader: Karen Carman. The class uses a variety of DVD/Workbook Small Group Studies as the basis for the lessons and subsequent discussions. The current study is Adam Hamilton's "Christianity and World Religions". There will be a new study for advent (TBD).

Adult Lectionary Class – Gathering Space. Leader: Shelley Porter. Discussions are prompted by the Weekly Lectionary Text.



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

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 24, 6:30pm



Everyone is welcome to join us for one of our most beautiful worship services of the year.

For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

— Isaiah 9:6-7

WRPC Weekly Calendar

Sunday 12/22	9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service / Fourth Sunday of Advent
Tuesday 12/24	9:00am Walking Group, meet at Holston Valley Trailhead 6:30pm Christmas Eve Worship Service
Wednesday 12/25	8:00am Christmas Holiday – Church Offices CLOSED
Thursday 12/26	8:00am Christmas Floating Holiday – Church Offices CLOSED
Friday 12/27	10:00am Food Pantry



SCAN ME

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

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Eva Lawson

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Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

Love God Love Others Make Disciples

Service of Worship December 22, 2024, 11:00 am Fourth Sunday of Advent



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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 “Infant King” (A Polish Carol)
Arianna Stubbs, cello

GATHERING PRAYER Rev. Collin Adams

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Luke 1:46)

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

With Mary, our spirits rejoice, and we sing God’s praise.

Let us honor God with our worship this fourth Sunday of Advent.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

*HYMN 115 “Away in a Manger”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Soon we will celebrate the Prince of Peace, but we are not a people at peace. We glorify violence and dismiss the pacifist as weak. We dominate and demean, turning dialogue into debate. We wage war with enemies and invest in self-defense before giving non-violent strategies a chance. Lord, forgive us. Help us work towards your peaceable kin-dom, where swords will be beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks. AMEN

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Micah 5:4-5)

“And he will stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord
... And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.”
In the name of 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 Rachel Lawson

ANTHEM “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”
arr. Michael Praetorius

*Lo, how a rose e’er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse’s lineage coming, as men of old have sung.
It came, a flow’ret bright, amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.*

*Isaiah ‘twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind,
with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God’s love aright, she bore to all a Saviour,
when half spent was the night.*

SCRIPTURES Hebrews 10:5-10 & Luke 1:39-55

SERMON “God’s Will” Rev. Collin Adams

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Colossians 1:15–20)

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. 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

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

Holy God, with Mary we seek to magnify you in our worship and in our deeds. Accept these gifts and bless them for Christ’s ministry. May they lift the lowly and fill the hungry. May they reveal your glory present with us today and still yet to come. AMEN

*HYMN 100 “My Soul Cries Out With a Joyful Shout”

*BENEDICTION & CHORAL BENEDICTION

Away in a Manger

Capo 3: (D) F (G) B \flat (D) F

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the poor ba - by wakes,
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

(A7) C7 (D) F

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

(G) B \flat (D) F

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

(A7) C7 (D) F (Em) Gm (A7) C7 (D) F

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

Though erroneously attributed to Martin Luther, this anonymous carol has North American roots, probably originating among Pennsylvania Lutherans. Although more than forty melodies have been connected with these words, this tune was among the earliest written for them.

100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer-or's crush - ing grasp.



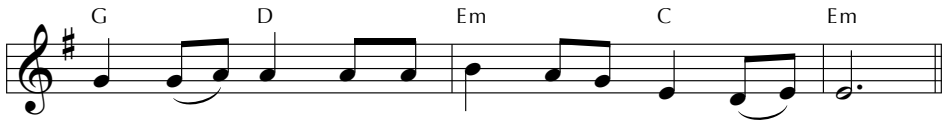
You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

By employing an energetic Irish folk song for its melody, this ballad-like paraphrase of the *Magnificat*, Mary's song at her meeting with her relative Elizabeth (Luke 1:46-55), recaptures both the wonder and the faith of the young woman who first recognized what God was doing.

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

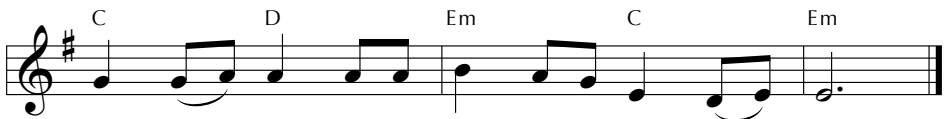
Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.



The Poinsettias adorning the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God

In Loving Memory of

Ed & Viola Gustafson.....	Betty and Jerry Fritz
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In Honor of

The Qualls Family.....	Linda Qualls
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Our grandchildren: Ryan, Bellamy, Ashleen & Abigail.....	
.....	Judi & Gary Easley