Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
and College Chapel
SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Thanksgiving Sunday
November 21, 2021
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Give thanks for everything"
I Thessalonians 5:18

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE "Morning Has Broken"
Arranged by Linda R. Lamb
Warren Wilson Handbell Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**

One voice: Come, let us give thanks to our Creator!
Many voices: We gather together to give thanks
for the many gifts we have been given.

One voice: Come, let us give thanks to the living God!
Many voices: We gather together to sing and to pray,
to celebrate and give thanks.

One voice: Come, let us give thanks to the Source of all life!
Many voices: We gather together to worship and rejoice.

All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN 336** "We Gather Together"
Text: Adrianus Valerius, c. 1626; trans. Theodore Baker, 1894
Music: *Nederlandtsch Gedeneck-Clanck,* 1626
KREMSER

***UNISON PRAYER**

Holy and infinite God, like the psalmist of old, we come into your presence with praise, and we raise our voice together in songs of glad thanksgiving. You fill the temple with your holiness and we bow in awe in your presence. Your goodness and your mercy shall follow us all the days of your life and we shall dwell in your presence forever. Through Christ we pray, amen!

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL
All those children and youth who are present are invited to come forward at this time.

HANDBELL ANTHEM "Give Thanks"
Arranged by Timothy H. Waugh
Warren Wilson Handbell Choir

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 136:1-9, 26

ANTHEM "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful!"
Arranged by David Hogan

O Jesus, king most wonderful! O Conqueror renowned!
O Source of peace ineffable, in whom all joys are found.
O Jesus, light of all below, the fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know, all that we can desire.
When once you visit darken'd hearts, then truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanity departs, then kindles love divine.
You may our tongues forever bless; You may we love alone
And ever in our lives express the image of your own!
May ev'ry heart confess your name, forever you adore,
And, seeking you, itself in flame to seek you more and more.

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES I Thessalonians 5:16-18

THE MESSAGE
For All of It, and Everything

***HYMN 367** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"
Text: Henry Alford, 1844
Music: George Job Elvey, 1858
ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

***LITANY OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)**

For the good world, for the wonders of creation,
for seen and unseen splendors.

We give you thanks, O God.

For good work to do and strength to do it; for all those in this community, who work on farms and fields, in the gardens and on the grounds.

We give you thanks, O God.

For the gift of food and plentiful harvests, for the fruit of the field and the fruit of the vine, for the sacramental gift of meals shared.

We give you thanks, O God.

For loved ones and family, and the grace of friendship, for support in times of sorrow, and companionship in times of joy.

We give you thanks, O God.

For eyes that see and ears that hear, for hands that can touch and be touched in return, for the gift of wonder and the miracle of life itself.

We give you thanks, O God.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN 643** "Now Thank We All Our God"
Text: Martin Rinkart, c. 1636; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858
Music: Johann Crüger, 1647; harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840
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***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE POSTLUDE**

*Please stand as you are able

CHAPEL STAFF
Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt, Minister
Joel P. Rogers, Music Director, Organist
Donna Eagle Joslin, Church Administrator
Leslie Sayyar, Brent Roberts Treasurers
Barbara Escalante, Bookkeeper

Liturgist: Doug Orr
Elder of the Day: Sharon Lytle

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS GO OUT TO…
Gina Marvin; Grace Boyer, on the death of her mother; Salyna Morgan; Donna Eagle Joslin and family; Erika Lytle; Jackie Ligon Cole; Rick Garrison; Fran Roberts' sister-in-law, Linda Briggs; Flo Bishop; Jon Hettrick and his family; Jon's mother, Marjorie Hettrick; Mark Laabs, friend of the Griswolds; Kim Reece, daughter of Nancy and Rick Garrison, and Pat Crumpler.

OFFERING
We will not receive a formal offering today but offering plates are available for your offering and commitment cards.

SWANNANOA VALLEY CHRISTIAN MINISTRY NEEDS
We need Fall/Winter children's clothing. Drop off Monday-Friday from 9:00-3:00. Need: Baby wipes, blankets (new or gently used), winter coats, sheets and towels and washcloths, laundry detergent, cat and dog food.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS
It's time to place your orders for poinsettias which we will use to beautify our sanctuary during our Advent and Christmas season. There are forms available in the narthex and please take one home and complete it and return it as soon as you can.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
There will be a brief congregational meeting, following worship, on Sunday December 5th, for the purpose of electing next year's class of Ruling Elders. This year's Nominating Committee will also bring a recommendation for congregational consideration/approval about reducing the size of our Session from nine elders to six, and about electing a youth elder for a one year term.

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At Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church we are mothers and fathers, single and married, gay and straight, young and old, black and white, prosperous and poor, uncertain and sure, broken and whole - and everything in between. Together we are the many faces of humanity, yet as a joyful, caring and loving community of faith, we are one in Christ!