# Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
# and
# College Chapel

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
*The Second Sunday of Advent*
December 5, 2021
11:00 a.m.

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

"Peace cannot be kept by force;
it can only be achieved by understanding."

*Albert Einstein*

**THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE PRELUDE**

**THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

**(*Congregation and Choir sing together*)**

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,*
*That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.*
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

One Voice: Our Advent journey has begun.
Today we continue our journey into the gathering dark.
**Many Voices: Today we remember, in darkness we find rest.**
**In darkness our dreams are born.**

**(*The second candle, the Candle of Peace, is lit.*)**

One Voice: A voice from the wilderness invites us
to prepare the way for the coming of the Christ.
**Many Voices: In this season of Advent,**
**we wait, we dream, and we prepare.**

**(*Congregation and Choir sing together*)**

*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.*

**Many Voices: Come, O God of peace, and be with us and for us.**

***HYMN 87** "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"
Text: Johannes Olearius, 1671; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863
Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551
***GENEVAN 42***

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

***THE ADVENT CONFESSION (UNISION)**

**God of light, who shines in deepest darkness, we hear you calling us out of hopelessness into hope. We are afraid of taking chances; we are afraid of following your light, because it will lead us into the places where you need us. We don't want to see how your people hurt. We don't want to see the light shining in the eyes of our neighbor. Yet we know that in those places your grace shines; help us to seek your light. Guide us in your way, that we might be your children of the day. Through the Light of the world we pray.**
**(Silence) Amen.** Ruth Duck, Flames of the Spirit

***THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

One voice: This is the good news of the gospel, and it is for us all.
**Many voices: By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are loved forever.**

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

**A READING FROM THE PROPHETS** Malachi 3:1-4

**THE ANTHEM** **"Prepare the Way"**
**By Robert J. Powell**

*Prepare the way of the Lord,*
*Make straight the desert a highway for our God.*
*Ev'ry valley shall be exalted, and ev'ry mountain*
*and hill made low;*
*The crooked made straight, and the rough places plain.*
*And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,*
*And all flesh shall see it together,*
*For the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.*

**A READING FROM THE GOSPELS** Luke 3:1-6

**THE SERMON** **Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**

***Now I Understand***

**THE ADVENT AFFIRMATION (Unison)**

**We believe in God,**
**creator and lover of the earth,**
**origin and destiny of us all.**

**We believe in Jesus the Christ,**
**God coming to us**
**in the fragile promise**
**of a baby yet unborn—**
**who emerges as the herald of hope,**
**God's laughter in the face of despair.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**
**who implants in us the seed of truth,**
**brings us to birth**
**as the body of Christ,**
**and empowers us**
**to bring the message of peace on earth**
**good will to all.**

**For the coming of that day we work and we pray:**
**Come, Lord Jesus, Come!**

Written by Nathan Nettleton (adapted)

***THE INVITATION**

**HYMN 96** "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"
Text: Charles Coffin, 1736; trans. John Chandler, 1837
Music: *Musikalisches Handbuch*, 1690
***WINCHESTER NEW***

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**
Leader: The Lord be with you.
**People: And also with you.**
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**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.**

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

***HYMN 107** "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"
Text: Marty Haugen, 1983
Music: Marty Haugen, 1983
***REJOICE, REJOICE***

***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

**Advent Candle-lighters:** Susan and Derron Daugherty
**Liturgist:** Bob Castellani
**Elder of the Day**: Susan Daugherty

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## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAYERS GO OUT TO**…
Gina Marvin; 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. This week we are collecting for the Nickle a Meal Offering, so look for the red basket!

**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.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**
There will be a brief congregational meeting, following worship today, 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.

**COOKIE AND CAROLS**
Join us this Wednesday night at 8:00 p.m. here in the sanctuary to help us spread the joy of this season. This is one of the best student-oriented events of the year, so if you could bring some cookies to share (homemade or store-bought are both welcome!) that would be most appreciated.

**WASSAIL**
Weather permitting, we will gather on the porch of the Fellowship Hall next Sunday after worship to share in this much-loved holiday tradition. Please call Vicki Collins for more information about what to bring and how you can help.

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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!*