Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
and
College Chapel

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday of Christmas
January 2, 2022
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"The stars, that nature hung in heaven, and filled their lamps with everlasting oil, give due light to the misled and lonely traveler".
John Milton

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

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

One voice: Come, all you faithful ones,
join the search for all that God will reveal.
Many voices: We find God wrapped in light and mystery!

One voice: Lift up your hearts and your voices,
God has done wonderful things among us.
Many voices: In Jesus, the Christ, God gives us light for our darkness and guidance for our journey.

One voice: Arise, shine for your light has come!
Sing praise to the living God!
Many voices: We shall live as people of the light!
We shall walk and not be afraid!

All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN 156** "Sing of God Made Manifest"
Text by Carl P. Daw Jr., 1990
SALZBURG

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION (UNISON)** **Sally Broughton**

Eternal God, you have pierced the world's darkness with the light of your own coming. We have seen that light and followed it here, to this time and this place. Like the magi of old, we gladly bow in worship and give you such gifts as we have: our adoration, our questions, our joys, our sorrows. Receive these treasures, O God, and make of them, make of us, what you will. Through Christ we pray . . . *Silent prayer*

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

SPECIAL MUSIC "Christmas Joy"
Arranged by Charles Callahan
Beth Meriwether, flute

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS John 1 (selected verses)

THE SERMON It's All in a Word

EPIPHANY AFFIRMATION (Unison)

We believe in a bright and amazing God,
who is both far and near,
everywhere and here.

Who created everything that is,
packed atoms with power
and loaves and fishes with wonder,
filling everything that is with the stuff of miracles.

We believe in Christ
whose life blazed with the light of God,
and who calls us to follow him
into the dark places
and to be the light of the world.

We believe in the Living Spirit
who hovered over the waters at creation,
who makes everything holy,
who lives in and through us.

We believe in the power of love to heal,
in the power of truth to set us free,
and in the power of faith and hope
to usher in the Realm of God.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

***THE INVITATION**

***HYMN 116** "The Snow Lay on the Ground"
Text: Anglo-Irish carol; *Catholic Hymns*, 1860
Music: Italian folk melody; *Children's Praise,* 1871
VENITE ADOREMUS

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…

LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)
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 THE CUP

***HYMN 152** "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"
Text by Charles Coffin, 1736; trans. John Chandler, 1837
Music: Trier ms., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609
PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

***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

Liturgists: Sally Broughton
Elder of the Day: Bob Gambrell

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS GO OUT TO: Shane Reece, Nancy Garrison's son; Rachel Sparling and family, on the death of her sister-in-law Christie Sparling; Gina Marvin; Salyna Morgan; Blake Joslin; Erika Lytle; Jackie Ligon Cole; Rick Garrison; Doug Bradley; 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 plates are available for your offering as you walk into the sanctuary on your left.

NICKEL A MEAL Today we will be receiving the monthly donations for the "Nickel a Meal Program". Just look for the red basket on the left as you enter the Chapel.

KENTUCKY DISASTER RELIEF The people of Kentucky have been hit very hard by a series of tornadoes. If you would like to support the disaster relief effort there, make your check payable to WWPC and note "Kentucky Disaster Relief" on the memo line. We will pass 100% of these funds on to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. You can also give directly to PDA through our website, or through theirs. (Just Google Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.)

SVCM NEEDS Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry needs your help with 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.

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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!