Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
and
College Chapel

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Transfiguration of the Lord
February 27, 2022
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"A pure heart open to the light,
will be filled with the very essence of truth." Rumi

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

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

Leader: We are called to journey to the mountaintop,
and we are called to travel through the valley.
People: We will follow where God leads us.
We will trust and will not be afraid.

Leader: We are called to believe what we can see,
and we are called to believe what we cannot see.
People: We will not limit God to what we can understand.
We will open our eyes, our minds
and our hearts in faith.

Leader: We are called to admit our doubts
and we are called to live by faith.
All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** "O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair"
Text: Latin, 15th cent.; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851
Music: "the Agincourt Song," c. 1415
DEO GRACIAS

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Sarah Grace Montgomery**

God of the mountain peaks, forgive us when we stay below. God of dazzling light, be patient with us when we fail to see. God of the clouds, guide us when we lose our way. God of movement and wonder, have mercy on us when we confine and limit you. When we falter, restore us; when we are afraid, comfort us; when fail to understand, instruct us that we might follow and believe, through Christ we pray (*silent prayer . . .)*

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE
One voice: God's amazing love is filled with grace, we are forgiven.
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.

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Exodus 34:29-35

CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 9:28-36

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

"Landslide"

HYMN "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"
Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1991
Music: Joachim Neander, 1680
UNSER HERRSCHER

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

We believe in God, Father, Mother, Creator and Creating;
who gives us steadfast love, and shares with us our joy,
and sustains us in our suffering.

We follow Jesus Christ, Son of God, child of Mary,
His death is our victory, his resurrection is our hope;
in him the Word became flesh; in him we are offered
forgiveness from sin, renewal from failure, reconciliation
from brokenness, release from despair.

We are guided by the Holy Spirit, God's presence in the world.
By the Spirit we are called into Christ's Church,
to celebrate his love, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
to share with him in Baptism and to eat at his Table.

Because we are his disciples, his pilgrim people,
we joyfully covenant with each other to walk together in love,
to pray for one another, to care for one another,
to live together in fellowship, and to enjoy God's presence,
in life, in death, in life beyond death.

God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"
Text: Ambrose of Milan, c. 374
Music: Trier ms., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609
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***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE POSTLUDE**

*Please stand as you are able

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

Elder of the Day: Sharon Lytle

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS GO OUT TO: Pat Crumpler and family, on the death of her niece, Lauren Talton, Fran Roberts; Shane Reece, Nancy Garrison's son; Pat Wilson's son, Kell; Carolyn Cole; Gina Marvin; 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.

BAGS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH Worship Bags and Children's Books are available in the Narthex for our younger worshippers. Please place used bags in the labeled bucket after worship so they can be cleaned. Hand sanitizer is available inside each worship bag and it's use is encouraged before using the included materials.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MINISTRY TEAM Immediately after church today, February 27, the Community Engagement Ministry Team will meet briefly on the porch of the fellowship hall. The primary purposes of the meeting are to hear a report regarding the Afghan family we are supporting, to learn how we can assist them and the family in our apartment at Hope for Tomorrow, and to decide if we want to participate in the presbytery program to abolish medical debt. All are welcome. Please come if you are interested in any of these projects or have other ideas for the team.

OFFERING We will not receive a formal offering during our service however, there are offering plates as you enter the sanctuary, or you may mail your offering to: Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
101 chapel Lane, Swannanoa, NC 28778, or make donations directly and securely on our website by going to, www.warrenwilsonchurch.org,

A SUCCESSFUL SOUPER BOWL OF CARING A big "thank you" to all who supported our youth in their participation in the annual Souper Bowl of Caring. The goal of this brief, basically one day event, is to raise funds during the Sunday NFL football super bowl with all monetary and food donations remaining in our local area to address the issue of hunger. This year our youth have recommended that our collections be directed to MANNA Food Bank. As of last Sunday, February 20th, our collection totaled 167 food items and $1,021 in monetary donations.

SVCM NEEDS Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry needs your help with 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!