Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 13, 2022
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"If truth doesn't set you free, generosity of spirit will."
Katerina Stoykova Klemer

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR STEWARSHIP **Anne Dale**

THE PRELUDE

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

One voice: Come, people of God,
Come in search of hidden treasures.
Many voices: **We come in search of wonder and joy,**
Meaning and inspiration.

One voice: Come, people of God,
Come in search of priceless treasures.
Many voices: **We come in search of love and friendship,**
Acceptance and community.

One voice: Come, people of God,
Come and offer your personal treasures.
Many voices: **We come bearing many gifts,**
Our faith, our reverence, our devotion.

All: **Even as we seek we shall find.**
As we give we shall receive.
Let us worship God,
the source of all good gifts.

***HYMN 712** "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"
Text: Frank von Christierson, 1960
Music: English folk melody, 1906
FOREST GREEN

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)** **Carla Greenfield**

Gracious and generous God, we freely confess we live in a world full of riches that do not satisfy, treasures whose value is false, or temporary—wealth, affirmation, power. Forgive us when we seek in these things what can only be found in you: fulfillment, meaning and purpose for our lives. Set us free from their grip so that our hearts and hands might be open to you and others in love and service. Through Christ we pray (*silent prayer*….)

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One voice: Hear this good news – the ancient stories we share tell of God who forgives again, and again, and again.
This one who creatively finds new ways to reveal grace upon grace and love upon love.
All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***SUNG RESPONSE** "Together We Serve"

Together, by grace, we witness and work,
Remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
Remembering love is the strength of our song.

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL Rev. Sarah Grace Montgomery
All those children and youth who are present are invited to come forward at this time.

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 24

THE ANTHEM "A Quiet Prayer"
by Simon Clark
Beth Meriwether, Flute

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES Romans 5:1-5

THE SERMON **Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**
"The Power of Hope"

***HYMN 772** "Live Into Hope"
Text: Jane Parker Huber, 1976
Music: *Musica Sacra, c.* 1778
TRURO

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in a world full of riches meant for all to enjoy.
We believe in one human family,
learning to live together in love, generosity and patience.
We believe in one life, which celebrates beauty and integrity,
and finds fulfillment in community and service.
We believe in one morality, whose greatest law is Love,
and whose end is a word free of poverty, ignorance,
fear and injustice.
We believe in Jesus, and what his teachings, his life and his ministry
Say about God's intensions for the world.
We believe in the Spirit, and that God works in and through us by
This same Spirit to bring about a new world. Amen.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN 644** "Give Thanks, O Christian People"
Text: Mary Jackson Cathey, 1984
Music: Memminggen ms., 17th cent.
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***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able

CHURCH 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

Liturgist: Carla Greenfield
Coffee Hour Host: Susan Laney
Elder of the Day: Beth Meriwether

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WELCOME VISITORS! If you are worshiping here for the first time today, welcome! We are glad to have you with us on this joyous day.

PRAYERS GO OUT FOR: Walt Roberts, Fran & Burnace's son; Houston Huggins, Beth Meriwether's brother; Kip Smith, Tacci's father; Pat Crumpler; Milt and Sandee Butterworth, and family; Shane Reece, Nancy Garrison's son; Pat Wilson's son, Kell; Bartley and Phyllis Spencer, Sandy Brauer's brother and sister in law; 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.

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, warrenwilsonchurch.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL Sunday School for Youth and Children has resumed. The playground will open at 9:30 and we will start our lessons at 9:45 in the downstairs youth room. We will have interactive lessons based on the Worship text of the day, plus time for music and fellowship. All are welcome!

Today, Dedication Sunday, marks the end of Stewardship Season. Thanks to those of you who have already returned your commitment form. You can see progress toward our financial goal indicated on the "thermometer" in the narthex.
If you'd still like to submit your commitment, you can mail it in, place it in the offering, or pledge online. The Budget Action Team will utilize your input in preparing a 2023 financial plan for our church.
Anne Hamilton's recent Moment for Stewardship was particularly inspiring: "The church congregation has taught me a lot. Ever since my family and I have attended this church we have been treated kindly and have always felt included. My siblings and I have attended Sunday school, many potlucks, youth volunteer events, confirmation classes and special church events. We are so grateful to be a part of these things. I have learned from example how to be kind, generous and inclusive. My siblings and I have enjoyed our church buddies and all the small wonderful gestures given by so many people in the congregation. I hope that the continued generosity of time and finances will give further generations of children the love and support that I had. This church congregation has also shown me how God's love is given in the real world."

SVCM RECEPTION Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry will be honoring retiring Director Cheryl Wilson with a **reception** at **Black Mountain Presbyterian Church today, Sunday November 13 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM**. If you would like to contribute food for the reception or make a donation towards a gift for Cheryl, please contact Renee Weaver (reneeweaver22@yahoo.com) Thanks, SVCM Executive Committee

POINSETTIA ORDERS It's time to put your order in for poinsettias! Time is flying by, and we only have a few weeks to order our Advent poinsettias. Please see the attached order form. Fill this form out and put it in the large envelope in the Narthex with your payment. Make checks out to WWPC with Poinsettia on the memo line. Thank you!

Empty Bowls Dinner Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 6:00 PM. Ticket information: $25 General Admission, $15 Students The event will be held in Ransom Fellowship Hall. Look for a table in the Narthex or in front of the church to purchase tickets.

THANKSGIVING "HARVEST" SERVICE Join us this year as we continue to "gather in" on **November 20 at our 11:00** service of worship. The college farm crew transforms the chancel area of the church into a Thanksgiving scene that you will need to come and see! All who would like to bring food items to place at the front of the church are encouraged to. Please bring canned goods that will be distributed to the Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry.

COME, JOIN THE THANKSGIVING FEAST! We are so pleased to announce that we will once again host Thanksgiving dinner, here in the Fellowship Hall, on Thanksgiving day. This full, traditional meal is for students who are a long away from home. It's for faculty and staff who may not have the time or energy to pull together a big dinner like this, with all the trimmings. It's for anyone – including all of us – who would simply enjoy gathering around tables in the Fellowship Hall to share this most American holiday meal together. Please note: This is not a potluck – it's a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. But it would be most helpful if you might sign up to bring your favorite dish. Sign up in the Narthex!

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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!