Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Christ the King/Reign of Christ
November 20, 2022
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Thanksgiving is the holiday of peace, the celebration of work and the simple life... a true folk-festival that speaks the poetry of the turn of the seasons, the beauty of seedtime and harvest, the ripe product of the year - and the deep, deep connection of all these things with God. ~Ray Stannard Baker

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

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

Leader: Come, let us give thanks to the Creator!
People: The world belongs to God,
and we are all God's children.

Leader: Come, let us give thanks to the living God!
People: We gather together to give thanks for the gifts with which we have been blessed.

Leader: Come, let us give thanks to the Source of all life!
People: We worship the One who unites us in love.

All: Let us worship God!

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

***UNISON PRAYER** **Diana Sanderson**

We give thanks for our mother, the earth,
which sustains us.
We give thanks for the rivers and streams,
which supply us with water.
We give thanks for the herbs,
which furnish medicine to cure our diseases.
We give thanks for the corn, and for her sisters,
the beans and squashes,
which grace our tables and give us life.
We give thanks for the wind,
Which cleans our air.
We give thanks for the moon and stars,
which give us their light when the sun disappears.
We give thanks for the sun,
Which fills our days with light and warmth.
Lastly, we return thanks to our Creator,
the source of all our blessings.

Iroquois Prayer (Adapted)

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 PSALMS Psalm 126

THE ANTHEM "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"
Text attributed to Bernard of Clairveaux
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 visited darkened 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 every heart confess your name, forever you adore,
And seeking you, itself in flame to seek you more and more.

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES Colossians 3:12-17

THE SERMON **Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**
"The Only Lives We Have"

***HYMN 643** "Now Thank We All Our God"
Text: Martin Rinkhart, c. 1636
Music: Johann Crüger, 1647
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***A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)**

For the good world,
for the wonders of creation,
for seen and unseen splendors;
All: 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.
All: 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.
All: 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.
All: 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 miracle of life itself.
All: We give you thanks, O God. Amen.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN 336** "We Gather Together"
Text: Attr. Adrianus Valerius c. 1626
Music: *Neder-landtsch Cedenck-Clanck, 1626*
KREMSER

***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
Ann Cr Leslie Sayyar, Brent Roberts, Treasurers
Barbara Escalante, Bookkeeper

Liturgist: Diana Sanderson
Coffee Hour Host: Susan Laney & Sandy Brauer
Elder of the Day: Sharon Lytle

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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 will be back next week on November 27.

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 look for order forms in the Narthex. Fill the 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. The last day to order will be November 27. Thank you!

THANKSGIVING HARVEST DISPLAY The display you see in the front of our sanctuary is the latest version of what is one of the longest-running traditions in the history of this community. Dating back to 1933, the college farm crew, together with other work crews on campus, have installed displays similar to this one to celebrate the bounty of the harvest they take in from the college's farm and gardens. If you spot a member of one of these crews, please be sure to thank them for their time and the conscientious effort they invested in installing this year's display!

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!

COME, CELEBRATE JOEL'S MINISTRY! Next Sunday is Joel's last one with us, as our Director of Music. Please join us in the Parlor for a reception after worship to celebrate Joel's leadership of our choirs and of our music program more generally. (For more details about how we are planning to honor Joel please see Beth Meriwether.) And please hold Joel and Rich in your prayers as they take the next step in their life journey!

THE HANGING OF THE GREENS Join us on Friday, December 2 at 2:30 p.m. as we decorate the Chapel and Fellowship Hall for Advent. Bring your clippers, gloves, and evergreen clippings from around your property. We'll listen to Christmas music as we decorate and have hot cider and goodies as we celebrate the Advent season.

COOKIES AND CAROLS Join us in the Chapel as we share Cookies and Carols with the students on Wednesday, December 7 at 8:00 p.m. Bring your favorite Christmas cookies and singing voice for carols!

WASSAIL We will be celebrating Wassail on Sunday, December 11th after the 11;00 am service in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring finger food to share and come enjoy this joyous fellowship again!

CHRISTMAS CRAFT CELEBRATION Our Christmas Craft party will be held on December 18, in Fellowship Hall following our worship service. More information to come in December bulletins.

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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!