Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
21st Sunday after Pentecost
November 6, 2022
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP
Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather openings in Heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy.
~Author Unknown

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

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

Leader: We have come today to sing and to pray;
To give thanks and to remember.
People: We give thanks for our foremothers and forefathers;
We remember all the saints who have gone before us.

Leader: We have come to worship the eternal God;
In whom we live and move and have our being.
People: We affirm our faith in the God of our yesterdays
and of our tomorrows, our present and our future.

All: Let us worship the living God!

***HYMN 326** "For All the Saints"
Text: William Walsham How, 1864
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
SINE NOMINE

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)** **Barbara Griswold**

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith, pioneers who blazed trails of love and peace and justice. We confess that we have not always followed in their footsteps, and have sometimes strayed from the path of life on which they walked. You call us, and they call us by their legacy, to do what is just and to love mercy, and we pray for the courage and the strength to honor their lives with the way we live our lives.
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"

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
The busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
Our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

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

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 98

THE ANTHEM "O Thou, Whose All-Redeeming Might""
Plainsong melody, mode viii, arranged by David Blackwell

O Thou whose all-redeeming might crowns every saint in glory bright,
On this commemoration day, Hear us, good Jesu, while we pray.
Contending for thy holy name thy servants earned their saintly fame,
Which pious hearts with praise revere in constant memory year by year.
Earth's fleeting hoys they counted naught,
for higher, truer joys they sought,
and now, with angels round thy throne,
unfading treasures are their own.
O grant that we, most gracious God, may follow in the steps they trod;
And, freed from every stain of sin, as they have won may also win.
To thee, O Christ, our loving King,
all glory, praise and thanks we bring;
Whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES I Corinthians 1:1-9

THE SERMON **Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**
"So Much and So Many"

***A LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE**

Leader: We give thanks, O God, for all who have fought the good fight, finished their race, and kept the faith, and for those dear to us who are now at rest with you:

Virginia E. Marvin
June 22, 1932 – September 11, 2022

(During this time, members of the congregation are invited to light a Candle in remembrance of loved ones they have lost **in the past year.**)

Leader: We know, O God, that in life and death we belong to you. And so as we remember those whom we have lost, we give thanks that the love we shared with them, the love we felt for them, lives on.
People: Grant us grace to follow them as they followed Christ. Bring us, with them, to those things which no eye has seen, nor ear heard, which you have prepared for those who love you. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

***THE INVITATION**

***HYMN 805** "Come Sing to God"
Text: Fred R. Anderson, 1986
Music: *Gesangbuch der Gerzogl.* 1784
ELLACOMBE

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 731** "Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm"
Text: Martin E. Leckebusch, 1998
Music: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1888
REPTON

***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: Barbara Griswold
Coffee Hour Hosts: Jackie Wintle & Pat Levi
Elder of the Day: Kay Stockdale

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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.

DAILY CHANGE OFFERING (formerly Nickel-a-Meal) will be collected today, the first Sunday of the month. Look for the small red baskets as you enter and exit the Sanctuary. Thank you!

PRAYERS GO OUT FOR: The family of Barbara Howell, on her death (Carla Greenfield's sister); 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.

DISPLAY IN THE NARTHEX The display in the Narthex is called an *ofrenda*. In Mexico (and some other Spanish-speaking countries) *ofrendas* are put up as part of the observance of Dia de los Muertos — the Day of the Dead, a remembrance of loved ones who have passed away. The Spiritual Life crew installed this display on Tuesday to help observed this traditional holiday and they agreed to leave it up through today, as it does connect themeatically with our observance of All Saints Day.

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!

united by love TOGETHER we serve

"This past week, you likely picked up our Stewardship Letter at worship or received it in the mail. We hope you've been able to give this your prayerful consideration. Thanks to those who've already submitted your pledges!! Check out the progress toward our goal in the narthex. You can submit your commitment to the church by completing the form on our website or by bringing/mailing the card you received back to the church. The Commitment Sunday ending Stewardship Season will be November 13. This year's target challenge is an increase of 7% with the aim of offering cost of living raises to our staff as well as bringing the position of the Associate in Ministry into our annual budget so that we're not relying on non-recurring revenue. It's most helpful for the Administration Ministry Team to receive your response as soon as possible so that preparing the church's budget can be completed by Session's December meeting.
With gratitude, your Stewardship Team"

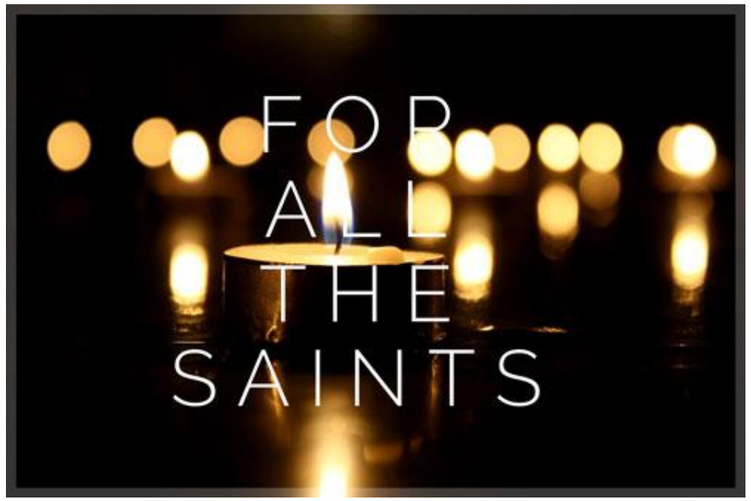
SVCM RECEPTION Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry (SVCM) will be honoring retiring Director Cheryl Wilson with a **reception** at **Black Mountain Presbyterian Church on Sunday, November 13 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM**. If you, or anyone else in your church, would like to contribute food for the reception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

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.

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, or two! (Sign-up sheet is 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!