

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 22, 2023
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“Christ is not calling disciples to make their lives easy, but to make them holy and productive.”

Prasanth Jonathan

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt

One voice: From classrooms and kitchens,
living rooms and lakeshores;

Many voices: **We are called into God’s presence.**

One voice: Young and old and in between,
soft-spoken and outspoken and plainspoken.

Many voices: **We are called into lives of love and service.**

One voice: Students and teachers and retirees,
stargazers and risk-takers and homemakers.

Many voices: **We are called to join in God’s work!**

All: **Let us worship God!**

*HYMN 463 “How Firm a Foundation”
Text: John Rippons, 1787
Music: American folk melody, 1832
FOUNDATION

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

You asked for our hands, that you might use them for your purpose. We gave them for a moment and withdrew them for the work was hard. You asked for our voices, that we might speak out against injustice. We answered with a whisper, that we might not be heard. You asked for our time, that you might work through us. We gave but an hour, that we might not get too involved. O God, forgive us when we serve you only when it is convenient, only when it is safe, only when it is easy. Renew us and strengthen us to follow you wherever you may lead. Through Christ we pray
(silent prayer . . .)

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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 27:1, 4-9

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Matthew 4:12-23

THE SERMON Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt

“When Home is the Journey”

*HYMN 721 “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”
Text and Music: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1979
PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

**We believe in God, who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God’s presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. We trust in God. Thanks be to God.

Adapted from United Church of Canada, *A New Creed*

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN 726 “Will You Come and Follow Me”
Text: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987
Music: Scottish melody, 1987
KELVINGROVE

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able

Liturgist: Anne Dale
Coffee Hour Hosts: The Congregational Life Team
Elder of the Day: Bob Gambrell

CHURCH STAFF
Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt, Minister
Rev. Sarah Grace Montgomery, Associate in Ministry
Donna Eagle Joslin, Church Administrator
Leslie Sayyar, Brent Roberts, Treasurers
Barbara Escalante, Bookkeeper



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

PRAYERS GO OUT FOR: Lee Dugger; Walt Roberts, Fran & Burnace's son; Houston Huggins, Beth Meriwether's brother; Bob & Janice Kesterson, Mark Meriwether's aunt and uncle; Kip Smith, Tacci's father; Pat Crumpler; Shane Reece, Nancy Garrison's son; Pat Wilson's son, Kell; Fred Porter & Fred Harvey, the Griswold's brothers-in-law; 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; Kim Reece, daughter of Nancy and Rick Garrison.

WELCOME BACK VIRGINIA! Our guest organist Virginia McKnight has degrees from Stetson University and Florida State University as well as a Certificate from the Neuchatel Conservatory in Neuchatel, Switzerland. She has made a career of collaborative piano including work at Yale University, Ithaca College, Cornell University and in New York City. Before moving to Asheville, Virginia taught and accompanied at Stetson University. In Asheville, She has worked as pianist at the Asheville Community Theater, Haywood Arts Repertory Theater, Southern Appalachian Repertory Theater, Mars Hill University, UNC Asheville, and Reynold's High School. Virginia is retired from her position of Organist and Music Director at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, but continues to cover services when needed.

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 The playground will open at 9:30 and we will start interactive lessons based on the Worship text of the day, plus time for music and fellowship. All are welcome!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Our class will be discussing Brian McLaren's book, "Why Did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha and Mohamed Cross the Road? Christian Identity in a Multi-faith World." We meet at 9:30 in the large classroom of the CE building.

SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR In this first quarter of the year, we are celebrating any congregant's birthday, anniversary, or any day that is a cause for celebration with cupcakes during today's coffee hour. Come and celebrate your special day!

HELP US CELEBRATE A special coffee hour will be held next Sunday, January 29th to celebrate Sarah Grace and her family and to give thanks for her ministry to this church.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING There will be a congregational meeting in the Chapel following the service on January 29 for the purpose of voting on the Terms of Call for our pastor. The annual meeting of the Corporation will also be convened.

SWANNANOVA VALLEY MLK PRAYER GATHERING Plan to join the community to honor Dr. Martin Luther King's values at our Prayer Gathering on Feb. 4, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, 117 Montreat Rd. The speaker is Rev. Scott Burgess. Following the program is a continental breakfast and a participant involved activity. Ticket sales, Patron donations and Ad sales fund the scholarships awarded to Owen High graduates and Community High School graduates. Visit the website, svmlk.org to purchase a ticket. Tickets can also be purchased at the door. Contact Sheila Showers, SVMLK President clay4me2@bellsouth.net or Diane Hutchins, Secretary dmh1211@aol.com The Red House has partnered with us with their art show, "Minds and Hearts". The show runs through March 13. A percentage of the art sales will be donated to the SVMLK scholarship fund. If you are interested in joining the community choir for the Prayer Gathering on Feb. 4, please contact Aaron Price (828) 216-6584.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING Help Tackle Hunger in Our Community Each year at this time, excitement begins to build among sports fans as time approaches for the super bowl of football. Support has also begun for another national event to be held on the same Sunday, the Souper Bowl of Caring. This one-day effort promoted and supported by youth raises funds and food for the needy in our own local area. 100% of collections remains in our area and are donated to a local charity recommended by our youth and approved by Session. Over \$ 1,200.00 was donated in each of the last two years by our youth. While we will gladly accept donations at any time, the most significant effort will be on Sunday, February 12th following the worship service. Please support our youth in this one-day effort to assist the needy in our area.

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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!