Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Baptism of the Lord
January 8, 2023
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

11 "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Matthew 3:11

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
Setting by Michael Burkhardt

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One voice: A voice of power and mystery calls out to us,
inviting us to worship in spirit and in truth.
Many voices: We are amazed that God knows us and calls us.

One voice: Through the waters of baptism, God claims us.
In covenant with God, we extend light to the world.
Many voices: We will let God's love and mercy shine!

One voice: Worship with joy and give thanks to God;
Listen for the new thing God declares.
Many voices: Our hearts and our minds are ready to receive!

All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN 619** "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"
Text: Henry Francis Lyte, 1834
Music: John Goss, 1869
LAUDA ANIMA

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) Sally Broughton**

God of grace, we confess that we are not always as gracious as we aspire to be. God of justice, we acknowledge our complicity in the world's unjust systems. God of light, we are aware of our inner shadows and are sorry when they fall on others. God **of love, we repent of our desire to exclude others who are different from us. Baptize us again this day by your Spirit, that we might follow in the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray (silent prayer . . .)**

***THE WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

Family of faith,
Even when we forget God's words, God does not forget us.
Even when we lose our way, God does not lose us.
Even when we fall short or make mistakes,
God forgives and holds onto us.
We are known, forgiven, and loved.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 29

ANTHEM "God, We Honor You"
Text and Music: James E. Clemens, 2008
ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

God, we honor you. God, we trust in you.
God, we worship and adore you.
Take what we bring, offered to you.
Teach us to show your abundant blessings.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Matthew 3:13-17

THE SERMON Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt
"Pledge of Allegiance"

*** THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Sung)**

HYMN 481 "I Believe in God the Father "
Text: David Gambrell, 2009
Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551
GENEVAN 42

I believe in God the Father, merciful and mighty Lord,
maker of the earth and heavens, whom we worship and adore;
and in Jesus Christ the Son, only Savior, sovereign one,
by the Holy Spirit given, born of Mary, blessed virgin.

Under Pilate, Jesus suffered, faithful to his final breath.
He was crucified and buried, and descended into death.
From the grave he did arise; and ascended through the skies;
now enthroned with God in heaven, he will judge the dead and living.

I believe in God the Spirit, and the church in every place;
saints in glorious communion, all forgiven, full of grace;
flesh and blood will live again; life in Christ will never end.
Holy Spirit, Son and Father: I will praise your name forever.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Sarah Grace Montgomery

***HYMN 484** "Out of Deep, Unordered Water"
Text: Fred Kaan, 1965
Music: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1897
RUSTINGTON

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE "In Thee Is Joy"
J. S. Bach

*Please stand as you are able

Liturgist: Sally Broughton
Coffee Hour Hosts: Toby Ives & Sally Broughton
Elder of the Day: Bob Gambrell

CHURCH STAFF
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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; 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.

A NOTE ABOUT OUR LITURGY The Words of Forgiveness are adapted from liturgy written by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

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!

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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!