Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
5th Sunday after Epiphany
February 5, 2023
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Continue to walk in the faith and, faithful to the mandate that has been entrusted to you, go out with solicitude and joy toward all creatures and pass on to them the gifts of salvation...Let yourselves be guided by the Holy Spirit to be the leaven of new life, salt of the earth and light of the world." Pope Benedict XVI

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

There is a Balm in Gilead Charles Callahan

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

One voice: Love bids us come,
to be ourselves, just as we are.
Many voices: We come to be filled, challenged and inspired.

One voice: Christ bids us come,
to become all that we can be.
Many voices: We come to hear, to grow, to go deeper.

One voice: God bids us come,
to be energized, renewed and inspired.
Many voices: We come to worship, to pray and to rejoice.

All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN 667** "When Morning Gilds the Skies"
Text: German hymn, c. 1800
Music: Joseph Barnby, 1868
LAUDES DOMINI

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)** **Don collins**

Eternal God, you have come to us in Christ to lead us in the way of wholeness, yet we sometimes prefer the unhealthy outcomes of our broken world. Forgive us. You charge us to be the light of the world, yet we refuse to believe we could shine so brightly. Pardon us. You invite us to place our trust in you, and not to surrender to our anxieties, yet we often get this backward, believing only what we can see. Have mercy on us, and renew us in the ways Jesus taught. 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 112:1-9

ANTHEM African American Spiritual
There is a Balm in Gilead

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Matthew 5:13-20

THE SERMON **Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**
"He's Just Getting Started"

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God, our, Creator,
who gives us steadfast love, shares with us our joy,
and sustains us in our suffering.
We follow Jesus Christ, Son of God, Son of woman.
His life is our model, his resurrection is our hope;
in him the Word became flesh; in him we are offered
forgiveness from sin, renewal from failure, reconciliation
from brokenness, release from despair.
We are guided by the Holy Spirit, God's presence in the world.
By the Spirit we are joined in Christ's body, the church,
and called to celebrate God's love,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
to share with him in Baptism and to eat at his Table.
We affirm our covenant to live in community,
to walk together in love,
to pray for one another,
to care for one another.
God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

***THE INVITATION**

***HYMN 525** "Let Us Break Bread Together"
Text and Music: African American Spiritual
LET US BREAK BREAD

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 314** "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"
Text and Music: Bernadette Farrell, 1993
CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE
Improvisation on *McKee* (hymn 317, African American spiritual)

*Please stand as you are able

Liturgist: Don Collins
Coffee Hour Hosts: Barbara & Larry Griswold
Elder of the Day: Kay Stockdale

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

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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: 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; Marjorie Hettrick; Kim Reece, daughter of Nancy and Rick Garrison.

WELCOME OUR NEW INTERIM MUSIC DIRECTOR
Frank Woodhouse Boles has been an active church musician in Indianapolis for over 43 years. Mr. Boles has held positions at St. Paul's Episcopal Church where he established an intergenerational choral program for trained boys and girls with adult singers. St. Paul's Choir School was established for young singers including a Choral Scholar Program which provides scholarships for private instrumental lessons for the choristers. Frank completed his time in Indianapolis as Organist & Director of Music at All Saints Episcopal Church. As a composer, conductor, and organist, Frank enjoys all facets of the sacred music profession. Frank has been active as a guest conductor and clinician for various choir festivals including the American Guild of Organists, RSCM – America, and The Association of Anglican Musicians. A native of Jonesville, North Carolina, Mr. Boles earned a BA in Organ and Church Music at Pfeiffer College, *cum laude*, and a Masters of Music Degree *with High Distinction* in Organ and Church Music at Westminster Choir College. In June 2022, Frank and his spouse, Harry Mamlin, relocated to Swannanoa, NC with their two dachshunds, Lily and Lester. While both are retired, they continue to be active in church music and public education.

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

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.

SOUPER BOWL DRIVE THRU On Sunday, February 12th, our kids will be collecting drive thru donations of canned goods before church, between 10:30 and 11:00. Just drive around the traffic circle in front of the Chapel and drop your donations off in the bins they'll have available. After church, the kids will be standing in the narthex with their customary chefs' hats, pots and spoons to collect your financial contributions! All cash contributions will be used to support local agencies working to address food insecurity here in this area.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH LISTENING SESSION As we begin the search for our next Director of Music, it will be important for us to hear from our children and youth. To that end, we will host a listening session for our kids, during the Sunday school hour, on Sunday, February 19. At 10:00 a.m. sharp, Pastor Steve will meet with the class to talk briefly about this position. And then we'll make space for the kids to talk about what their hopes might be for the person we hire to fill it.

FAT TUESDAY IS BACK! Please join us on Tuesday evening, Feb. 21st, at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall for the return our Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper, one last festive hoorah before we begin our Lent Journey the next day. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex for what you can bring: an egg casserole, juice, fruit, a protein (meat or vegetarian), and for how you can help: set up and clean up. If you have them, don't forget to wear your Mardi Gras beads!

ASH WEDNESDAY Please join us on Wednesday evening, Feb. 22, at 6:00 in the sanctuary for a simple Ash Wednesday service, with imposition of ashes, to mark our entrance into the Lenten season. Choir rehearsal will follow at 7:00.

SPIRITUALITY RETREAT The Presbytery of Western NC is once again offering the yearly Lenten Spirituality Retreat .This year it will be held at William Black Lodge in Montreat. It will be led by Donna Chase, Director of Spiritual Formation at 1st Presbyterian of Greensboro. Each day allows for learning, fellowship and prayer so that you return home relaxed and rejuvenated. Contact Sandy Brauer (828-803-4718) for questions or help getting registered.

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING! As part of our observance and celebration of African American History Month, we will be including songs and hymns and spirituals from the African American tradition in our services throughout February.

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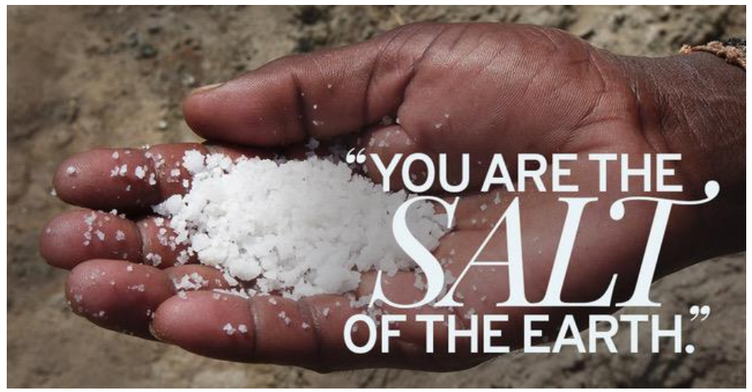

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At Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church we are mothers and fathers, single and married, gay and straight, young and old, black and white, prosperous and poor, uncertain and sure, broken and whole -- and everything in between. Together we are the many faces of humanity, yet as a joyful, caring and loving community of faith, we are one in Christ!