Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday in Lent
March 5, 2023
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

I'm not sure exactly how we begin again,
But I know that moths wrap themselves in silk,
And after quite some time, after many long nights,
After days spent alone, they break out of their shell.
They pull themselves out under open sky,
And they spend the rest of their days chasing the light.

Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

Picardy Alec Rowley

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

Leader: For God so loved the world;
People: The sparrows, the mountain lions.
The fish and the people.

Leader: For God so loved the world;
People: In success and failure,
In sickness and health,
In mediocrity and extraordinary.

Leader: For God so loved the world;
People: Enough to become one of us,
Enough to suffer along with us,
Enough to offer new life for us.

Leader: For God so loved the world;
All: Let us worship God!
(By Katherine Hawker, used with permission)

***HYMN** Begin Again (Please see insert)

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

God of justice and love, we confess you as Creator yet we serve idols of our own making. God of compassion and grace, we confess Christ as the Teacher of teachers yet we fail to love as he instructs us. God of power and awe, we confess the Spirit as the very breath of God yet we refuse to let our lungs be filled. Forgive and renew us; through Christ we pray. Amen

*** WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

The good news is that God forgives us and gives us Christ to be living water and true bread. Let us accept with joy these precious gifts of abundant life.

All: Thanks be to God!

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 121

ANTHEM Be Thou My Vision *(Irish Hymn)* arr. By Dan Forrest

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS John 3:1-21

THE SERMON **Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**
"Born Again, Again"

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)**

God's love frees me to be the person I am without having to become more attractive, more intelligent
or more popular.
God's love frees me to live in confidence,
not needing to be self-absorbed,
but ready to listen and to hear the stories of others.
God's love frees me to take risks,
sometimes to come up short,
but always to move onward with the knowledge
that God is with me and for me.
God's love frees me to view the world not from the standpoint of wealth or ambition,
but from the perspective of relationships lived
and human love shared.
God's love frees me to put my failures behind me, knowing that none of my mistakes are too great or too small to be healed by God's grace.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

***THE INVITATION**

***HYMN 516** "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"
Text: Louis Fitzgerald Benson, 1924
Music: V. Earle Copes, 1959
KINGDOM

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 12** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867
Music: Welsh folk melody, 1839
ST. DENIO

***THE CHARGE**

THE BENEDICTION (Sung by the choir)

The Grace by Richard Shepherd

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship of the holy Spirit
Be with us all evermore. Amen.

During this time of Lent, we ask that you leave the sanctuary in meditative silence following the service.

*Please stand as you are able

Liturgist: Don Collins
Coffee Hour Hosts: Vicki Collins
Elder of the Day: Kay Stockdale

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: Lee Dugger and family; Walt Roberts, Fran & Burnace's son; Blake Joslin and his parents, Carol Lee and Brooks; Houston Huggins, Beth Meriwether's brother; Bob & Janice Kesterson, Mark Meriwether's aunt and uncle; Jackie Wintle's cousin, Richard Taylor and her niece, Jessica Brown; 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.

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

FINISHING STRONG! Our Lenten educational series focused on preparing for life's final stages begins today. Join us in the Fellowship Hall following worship today for a discussion of *Our bodies as they age,* with Dr. Casey Sharpe, Palliative Care Physician. A light lunch will be provided.

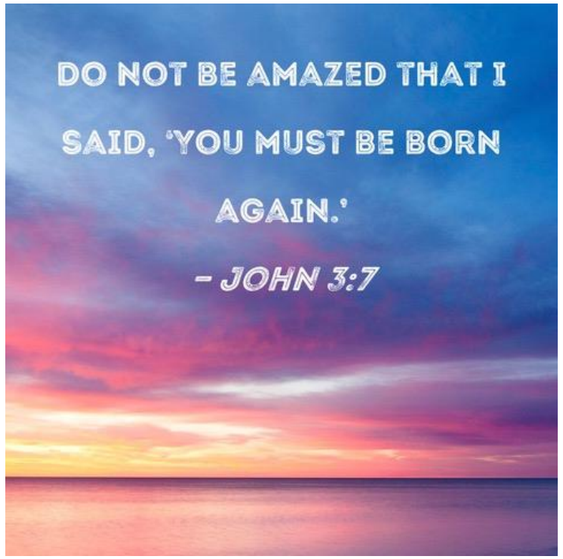
A NOTE ABOUT OUR LITURGY Parts of our liturgy today are drawn from a Lenten resource developed by the creative team from A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

SPIRITUALITY RETREAT The Presbytery of Western NC is once again offering the yearly Lenten Spirituality Retreat on March 24-25. 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.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING This special offering joins with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. We will be collecting this offering through Easter Sunday. If writing a check with your donation, please make it out to WWPC with OGHS on the memo line. Thanks in advance for your generous giving.

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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!