Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Palm/Passion Sunday
April 2, 2023
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Ride into our lives in gentleness, brave Jesus.
Come through the center of our gathering here, so that we may see in our midst the grand hope of your courage. Awaken in us echoes of your amazing life, that we may leave here as different people.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

One voice: Humble and riding on a colt,
Many voices: We praise the servant Christ!

One voice: Moving from the peace of the countryside
Into the corridors of power,
Many voices: We follow the incarnate Christ!

One voice: Acclaimed by crowds and heralded by children,
Many voices: We greet the coming Christ!
ALL: Let us worship God!

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews with palms adorned your way;
Our praise and prayer and anthems we offer you this day.

All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
O promised One of Israel, of David's royal line,
The one called "God's beloved," of flesh and yet divine.

All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
As you received their praises, receive our prayers today,
Whose justice and whose mercy and sovereignty hold sway.

All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)** **Carla Greenfield**

O God, today we join the throngs who bow down before that passing colt, glad to wave palms in adoration. And yet, like that crowd of old, we, too, can turn quickly away. When you disappoint us, failing to be who we want you to be, we confess that our shouts can turn from "Hosanna!" to "Crucify!" And sometimes we turn not just on you, but others who disappoint us. So, forgive us, O God, when we surrender to the shadows inside of us. And fill us with the light of your love. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

*** WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

One: God is ever willing to grant us forgiveness, but we cannot receive it if we are unwilling to be changed by it. The promise of the gospel is this: if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation.

ALL: Believe the Good News: we are forgiven!

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 118:1-2, 19-29

ANTHEM Ave Verum Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side water and blood flowed:
Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death.

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Matthew 21:1-11

THE SERMON **Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**
"The Real Thing"

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

We believe in a God who walks headfirst into the world's suffering,
Who lights a candle in the darkest night,
Who pulls back the curtain so we can see the stars.

We believe in a God who does not shy away from the truth,
Who is bold in seeking justice, and humble in taking power.

We believe in a God who sees our hurt and wraps love around it,
Cocooning us in hope, tethering us to one another.
We believe in a God who is always carrying us from the pain of the world into the hope of a new day.

That is where God is headed. That is where we follow. May it be so. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

***THE INVITATION**

***HYMN 509** "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"
HOLY MANNA

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 200** "A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd"
CHRISTIAN LOVE

***THE CHARGE THE BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE
Herzliebster Jesu (O Dearest Jesus) Johannes Brahms

*Please stand as you are able

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

CHURCH STAFF
Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt, Minister
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: Pat Wilson on the death of her sister, Mary Rose; Lee Dugger and family; Betty Smith; Bob Gambrell; 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 Spencer, Sandy Brauer's brother 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 continues today. Join us in the Fellowship Hall following worship today as attorney Andrew Atherton walks us through financial options. A light lunch will be provided.

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. Please make checks out to WWPC with OGHS on the memo line.

LILY ORDERS Today is the last day to order Easter Lilies. Order forms are in the Narthex. Please fill out the form and leave it with your payment in the large envelope marked "Easter Lilies". Make checks payable to WWPC with Lilies on the memo line. The Lilies are $8.00 each. Ordering lilies is a great way to honor your loved ones on Easter morning, then take home and plant in your garden for years of blooms.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE Join us on April 6 at 7:00 pm for this intimate service of prayer, music, and communion as we commemorate the last supper Jesus shared with his disciples.

EASTER BRUNCH Please sign up to bring breakfast items for our Easter brunch which will begin at 9:30 on Easter morning. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Thank you!

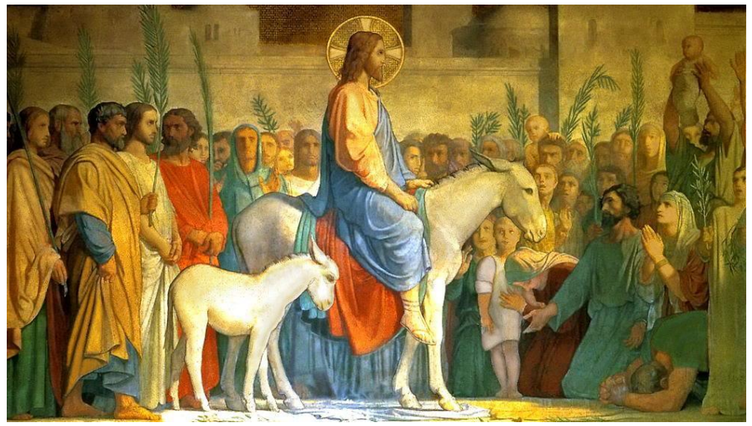
HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:
Palm Sunday, 10:55 meet out in front of the Chapel
Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm service in the Sanctuary
(Communion will be served)
Easter Sunday, 9:30 breakfast in Fellowship Hall
11:00 service in the Chapel
12:00 special Coffee Hour
12:15 Egg Hunt for youth. Meet on Fellowship Patio

IDEAS WELCOME! Just for Fun is a social gathering that focuses on fellowship and FUN! Ice Cream Sundae Stations, Game night, Talks about different countries or lands, dances, etc. The sky is the limit! This program will run through the church programmatic school year. Any ideas are welcome, please contact Susan Daugherty, Sharon Lytle, or Vicki Collins with your suggestions. Thank you!

The North Carolina Presbyterian Historical Society's Spring Tour will be held this year on Friday and Saturday, April 14-15 at Montreat, Warren Wilson College, and Asheville. On Friday we will explore the resources of the Presbyterian Heritage Center in Montreat and stay at Assembly Inn. Saturday we'll visit the beautiful Warren Wilson College (Presbyterian) and the historic (1794) First Presbyterian Church in Asheville. Registration $25. Assembly Inn (828-419-9844) must be booked by April 1 using the ID number 482875**.** For details and to register for the meeting, go to www.ncphsociety.org or call Don McLeod at 910-695-5550.

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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!