

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 10, 2023
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

You'll discover that real love is millions of miles past falling in love with anyone or anything. When you make that one effort to feel compassion instead of blame or self-blame, the heart opens again and continues opening.

Sara Paddison, Hidden Power of the Heart

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt

One voice: We bid you welcome, everyone:
Those who wish to grow in faith.

**Many voices: We come to probe and to explore;
We come to learn and to grow.**

One voice: We bid you welcome, everyone:
Those who are longing for relationship.

**Many voices: We come to worship One who is infinite;
We come to experience God's love.**

One voice: We bid you welcome, everyone:
Those who hunger for hope.

**Many voices: We gather in joyful anticipation;
We come to worship and to be inspired!**

One voice: We bid you welcome everyone;
Many voices: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 611 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
HYMN TO JOY

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION Anne Dale

We confess, O God, that we don't know everything, though sometimes we pretend to. We confess, O God, that our need to learn never ends, though sometimes we wish it would. We confess, O God, that we are all still works in progress, though sometimes we assume otherwise. Renew in us a love of learning, a commitment to growth, a devotion to discipleship, that our minds and our hearts might continue to be opened. Through Christ we pray (*silent prayer . . .*)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

One voice: Please know this in your heart.

Many voices: We are accepted, we are welcomed.

We are forgiven, we are set free.

In the love of Jesus Christ, we are loved forever!

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

All those children and youth who are present are invited to come forward at this time.

HYMN 330 (The Psalm sung, while seated) Psalm 124
"Our Help Is in the Name of God"
OLD 124TH

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Matthew 22:34-40

THE SERMON **Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**
"Zoom In, Zoom Out"

*HYMN 63 "The Lord Is God"
AZMON

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

**We believe in God,
Whose breath gives energy for the struggle,
Whose power goes beyond human weakness**

**We believe in Christ,
Whose solidarity accompanies all our trials,
Whose resurrection frees us to believe the impossible.**

**We believe in the Spirit,
Who liberates us from powerlessness
And brings us toward all truth.**

**We believe in the Triune God,
Whose grace upholds our being,
whose unity calls us to be the church,
and whose work inspires us to labor on.**

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN 19 "God of Great and God of Small"
GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able

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

Liturgist: Anne Dale
Elder of the Day: Sharon Lytle



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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: Steve White, friend of Beth Meriwether; Derron Daugherty and family, on his accident; Dolores Coulter, Derron's sister; Beth Newman; Susan Runholt, Steve's sister; Lee Dugger and family; Betty Smith; Salyna Morgan; Blake Joslin and his parents, Carol Lee and Brooks; Houston Huggins, Beth Meriwether's brother; Bartley Spencer, Sandy Brauer's brother; Jackie Wintle's sister, Judy Reynolds; Pat Crumpler; Shane Reece, Nancy Garrison's son; Pat Wilson's son, Kell; Fred Porter & Fred Harvey, the Griswold's brothers-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, 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 www.warrenwilsonchurch.org.

HANDBELLS Seeking new handbell choir members! Do you enjoy hearing the bells and want to come try your hand at playing? Have you played before and want to rejoin? This year, I'd like to do some more short term, small, handbell groupings and accompany the choir or other instruments. These would be a month or less and meet to practice once a week. If you'd like to join the larger and more consistent bell choir, we'd love to have you as well! Email Natalie Daugherty at forestchick07@gmail.com or text/call.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Looking for Youth Sunday School helpers and teachers! While we work on hiring an Associate, who typically teaches our children's Sunday School, we are looking for volunteers to teach one or more Sundays this Fall. Helpers, who may not want to teach, but enjoy spending time with the children, are also needed for Sunday School. A lesson and Activity/craft suggestions and materials are provided. Helpers assist with crafts and activities as well as help fulfill a very important part of our Child Protection Policy. Let Natalie Daugherty know by phone or email if you are interested in helping out!

LET THE PAINTING BEGIN! Over the next few weeks, the exterior of Fellowship Hall and the CE building will be cleaned and painted. This will include staining and sealing the ramp that goes from the staff parking area to the kitchen, and the steps coming up from the playground. Please enter the building through the doors on the Fellowship Patio while this work is being done. The Parlor is an alternative option for meetings if you choose to avoid the mess!

RAFTING TRIP Join us in a half day rafting trip on the French Broad, Monday, Oct. 2 from 2 PM----, Cost \$60 per person. If you are not going, perhaps make a contribution to help others. 8 years old and up. Sign up today, I need a count by Sunday, September 17. For more information, contact Sarah Anne Eller.

HABITAT HELPERS NEEDED - Work on this year's House of Faith in Arden is starting soon and WWPC has volunteer spaces reserved for Friday, Sept. 29 (8:15 - noon) and Saturday, Sept. 30 (8:15 - 3:00). No special skills are needed, only a willingness to help. If you have questions about this or would like to sign up please contact Larry Griswold at larrygris@gmail.com of 575-2020.

HOMEcoming POTLUCK October 1st is our Homecoming Potluck! Please join your past friends you haven't seen for awhile, and new friends you haven't met yet! The Potluck lunch is after the church service in Fellowship Hall.

WALK FOR YOUR NEIGHBOR The SVCM Walk for Your Neighbor is Sunday, October 7. The Walk begins at 2:00 PM at First Baptist in Black Mountain. The information and sign-up sheet are on the table in the narthex.

SAVE THE DATE This fall, we'll be studying David LaMotte's new book, You Are Changing the World Whether You Like It Or Not. And we're excited to announce that David will be with us at WWPC on October 15 for preaching and teaching, so mark that date on your calendars. Books are on order and will be available soon.

CHURCH PARKING LOT Due to a large number of vehicles on campus this year, we are in the middle of discussions with campus security about how best to make sure we have spaces for our church functions. If you see cones blocking the parking lot on the weekend, they are there to make sure church members have spaces to park. We are still working on solutions for weekday meetings etc.

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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!