

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 19, 2023
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Our baskets are full, gracious God, with the bounty you have provided. We are eager to meet you here, to learn from you, to be changed by you, to become more fully the people you intend for us to be. Show us how to do the work you have planned for us. Equip us as your faithful stewards. Amen.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Sally Broughton

THE PRELUDE

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

One voice: Come, let us give thanks to the Creator!

**Many voices: The earth belongs to God,
and we are all God's people.**

One voice: Come, let us give thanks to the living God!

**Many voices: We gather together to give thanks
for the gifts with which we have been blessed.**

One voice: Come, let us give thanks to the Source of all life!

Many voices: We worship the One who unites us in love.

All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN 367** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"
ST. GEORGE.S WINSOR

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Olivia Crescitelli '25

For the good world and for the wonders of creation; for seen and unseen splendors; for good work to do and strength to do it; for all those in this community who work on farms and fields; in the gardens and on the grounds; for the gift of food and plentiful harvests; for loved ones and family and the grace of friendship; for eyes that see and ears that hear; for hands that can touch and be touched in return; for the gift of wonder and the miracle of life itself, we unite our voices now in giving thanks. Amen!

***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.

A READING FROM THE PROPHETS Jeremiah 29:10-14

THE ANTHEM (text based on hymn 36) **The Chapel Choir**

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Acts 9:1-19

THE SERMON Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt
"The Other Side"

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION

Presentation of Offerings and Commitments

***HYMN 37** "Let All Things now Living"
ASH GROVE

***A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING**

One voice: For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,

Many voices: We give our thanks to God.

One voice: For the waters from which life springs,
The streams, the rivers, the lakes, the seas,
And for everything that lives and swims in them.

Many voices: We give our thanks to God.

One voice: For plant life, for grasses and trees
For vines and flowers and herbs.
And for all the food and medicine they provide.

Many voices: We give our thanks to God.

One voice: For the air that fills our lungs,
For the gift of breath itself,
And for the winds that clear the skies.

Many voices: We give our thanks to God.

One voice: For clouds and rain, for sunlight and soil.
And for all the life they make possible,
Including our own.

Many voices: We give our thanks to God.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN 643**

"Now Thank We All Our God"
NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt, Minister
Ted Stewart, Interim Director of Music
Donna Eagle Joslin, Church Administrator
Leslie Sayyar, Brent Roberts, Treasurers
Barbara Escalante, Bookkeeper

Liturgist: Olivia Crescitelli '25
Coffee Hour Hosts: The Stewardship Team
Elder of the Day: Susan Laney



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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: Martha, and the Dugger family, on Lee’s death; Derron Daugherty and family, on his accident; Beth Newman; Susan Runholt, Steve’s sister; 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; 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.

STEWARDSHIP Sometimes a Light Surprises –As we wrap up what’s traditionally thought of as “Stewardship Season”, we acknowledge that stewardship is a year round act of dedication for all our church community. We are grateful for each member and the gift of your presence. Gratitude and generosity go hand in hand, as do giving and receiving, love and fellowship. We are blessed to be church together. **From your Stewardship Team.**

Year	Amount Committed	Pledging Units	Budget Target	Amount Received	Percentage of goal
2023	\$209,939	#44	\$216,295	\$185,007	88%
2024	\$149,820 (YTD)	#25 (YTD)	\$216,500	\$0	0%

THANKSGIVING SERVICE Please thank all the students from the farm crew, and other crews on campus who contributed to the beautiful Harvest Display in the chancel area for our Thanksgiving service!

THANKSGIVING DINNER Making plans for Thanksgiving? Are you looking forward to company and traditional foods? Are you looking forward to the stress of cooking and housecleaning? Consider joining your church family for our Thanksgiving meal at 2 PM Nov. 23 in Fellowship Hall. We invite students, college staff, friends – everybody! Look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex to know what to bring, and let us know if you can help set-up, or clean-up!

POINSETTIA ORDERS Please fill out the form attached to your bulletin if you’d like to order poinsettias to honor a loved one. They will be displayed on the chancel throughout Advent and taken home following our Christmas Eve service of Lessons and Carols. There will be an insert listing loved ones, and who is honoring them attached to the Christmas Eve bulletin. Please complete your order and place it along with your payment in the large poinsettia envelope in the Narthex. Thank you for your participation in helping to make our chancel area beautiful for Advent!

THE HANGING OF THE GREENS Join us on Friday, December 1 at 2:30 for the Hanging of the Greens in the Chapel. Bring evergreen/holly clippings from your property to help decorate the sanctuary for the Advent season. We’ll enjoy hot cider and treats, while listening to Christmas music to get us into the spirit of Christmas. All are welcome!

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- November 19, Thanksgiving Service 11:00 am Chapel**
- November 23, Thanksgiving Dinner 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall**
- December 1, Hanging of the Greens 2:30 pm Chapel**
- December 5, Cookies & Carols 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall**
- December 10, Blue Ridge Orchestra Concert 3:00 pm Chapel (tickets required)**
- December 17, Wassail & Celebration 12-2:00 pm Fellowship Hall**
- December 24, service at 11:00 am Chapel**
- December 24, Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols 7:00 pm Chapel**

COOKIES AND CAROLS Join us on Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall to enjoy treats, and sing Christmas Carols around the piano. All are welcome!

WASSAIL AND CELEBRATION Wassail and farewell party on December 17th! Please bring a generous serving of your favorite holiday finger foods to enjoy at our annual Wassail event that is in conjunction with Steve and Robyn's farewell celebration in Fellowship Hall following our service! We are looking forward to this event!

WWPC Online Directory Warren Wilson Presbyterian is implementing online access to our directory and calendar for church members. This will not only save paper and toner but will provide up to date information when accessed online, or on your phone. Look for information and a link to instructions in the December newsletter.

COVER IMAGE Designed for Stewardship by John Bishop.

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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!