

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

November 26, 2023

11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"There is enough for all.

*The earth is a generous mother; she will provide in plentiful abundance
food for all her children if they will but cultivate her soil
in justice and in peace."* *Bourke Coekran*

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt

One voice: Come people of God, join the celebration,
Bring your thanks, and sing your praise.

**Many voices: We join our voices, and we offer our thanks
And praise in worship of the living God.**

One voice: Come people of God, bring your whole self
Into this holy place.

**Many voices: We bring our faith, our doubts, our joy, our sorrows,
Our thanks and our laments.**

One voice: Come people of God, open your hands,
Your arms and your hearts to give love and to receive it.

**Many voices: We open our hearts and our lives
And we offer them in worship of our loving God.**

All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN 645 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"**
MIT FREUDEN ZART

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leslie Sayyar

**Creator God, there are days we do not feel grateful. When we are
anxious or angry. When we feel alone. When we see and know
injustice. When we do not understand what is happening in the
world, or with our neighbors. We struggle to feel grateful. But in
this season of thanksgiving, we choose gratitude. We choose to see
our families and friends with new eyes, appreciating them for who
they are, thankful for our homes whether humble or grand. We will
be grateful for our neighbors and strive to love them as we love
ourselves. We choose to see the whole planet as our shared
commons, the stage of the future of humankind and the ongoing
creation. God. This Thanksgiving season, we do not give thanks.
We choose it.**

Diana Butler Bass (adapted)

*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 NEW TESTAMENT

I Thessalonians 5:16-19

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt

"A Thanksgiving Story"

*HYMN 14

“ For the Beauty of the Earth”
DIX

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God around us,
Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.**

**We believe in Christ beside us,
Healer and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our world.**

**We believe in Spirit deep within us,
Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.**

**We believe in God’s promised reign,
Where all things are made whole,
And all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.**

**We believe in God around, beside, within,
God yesterday, today and forever,
The three in one, the one in three,**

We believe in God.

Adapted from Journey into Wholeness by Christine Sine

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN 36

“For the Fruit of All Creation”
AR HYDY NOS

*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: Leslie Sayyar

Coffee Hour Hosts: The Daugherty Family

Elder of the Day: Beth Meriwether



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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.

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. Today is the last day to place an order. 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

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. Bring your favorite cookies to share. All are welcome!

BLUE RIDGE ORCHESTRA The Blue Ridge Orchestra will hold its annual BRO Revels! concert featuring a blend of classical works combined with seasonal favorites in the Chapel on December 10. The concert begins at 3:00 pm and will continue until 5:00 pm with an intermission in the middle. For more information or to purchase tickets, go to **Info:** <https://blueridgeorchestra.org/bro-revels-2023-dec-23>

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.

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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!