

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Transfiguration of the Lord
February 11, 2024
11:00 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Don Collins

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we will be has not yet been revealed.
What we do know is this:
when he is revealed,
we will be like him,
for we will see him as he is.

1 John 3:2

**We have come,
drawn by the mystery of God's love,
longing to see more clearly.**

No one has ever seen God.
If we love one another, God lives in us,
and his love is perfected in us.

1 John 4:12

**God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God,
and God abides in them.**

1 John 4:16

*HYMN 666 "Oh Splendor of God's Glory Bright"
PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*CONFESSION (Unison) Margaret LaMotte Torrence

**Holy, ever-living God,
Forgive us,
for when we look to you
we see projections of our own desires—
for power,
for ease,
for safety.**

**In this stillness, overshadow us—
blind us with mercy,
silence us with expectation—
until we are changed.**

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

Beloved of God,
nothing you have done, nothing you will ever do,
is enough to separate you from the One who loved you into
existence, and who will love you past death.

In the name of Jesus, who shines with God's love, let us declare:

**Our stories are known; our sins are forgiven;
our work has just begun.**

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

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

FIRST READING

Psalm 50:1-6

THE ANTHEM

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

*With a voice of singing declare ye this,
And let it be heard, Alleluia!
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered his people.*

*O be joyful in God, all ye lands,
O sing praises to the honor of his name,
Make his praise to be glorious.
Alleluia!*

SECOND READING

Mark 8:31-35, 9:2-8

SERMON

Margaret LaMotte Torrence

A Shining Life

*HYMN 190

"Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"
GENEVA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH(Unison)

from A Declaration of Faith, PCUS, 1977

**We are certain that Jesus lives.
He lives as God with us,
touching all of human life with the presence of God.
He lives as one of us with God.
Because he shares our humanity
and has bound us to himself in love,
we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.
We declare that Jesus is Lord.**

**His resurrection is a decisive victory
over the powers that deform and destroy human life.
His lordship is hidden.
The world appears to be dominated by people and systems
that do not acknowledge his rule.
But his lordship is real.
It demands our loyalty and sets us free
from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.
We maintain that ultimate sovereignty
now belongs to Jesus Christ
in every sphere of life.
Jesus is Lord!
He has been Lord from the beginning.
He will be Lord at the end.
Even now he is Lord.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN 37

"Let All Things Now Living"
ASH GROVE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able

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CHURCH STAFF

Margaret LaMotte Torrence, Transitional Pastor
Ted Stewart, Interim Director of Music
Donna Eagle Joslin, Church Administrator
Leslie Sayyar, Brent Roberts, Treasurers
Barbara Escalante, Bookkeeper

Coffee Hour Hosts: Congregational Life
Liturgist: Don Collins
Elder of the Day: Beth Meriwether



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. Please consider filling out a visitor information card, located on the right as you enter the chapel.

PRAYERS GO OUT FOR: Winn Legerton and family, on Fitz's death; Martha Dugger; Beth Newman; Darrell Spencer: Susan Runholt, Steve's sister; 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.

ANNUAL MEETING The session has called a congregational meeting to take place following the 11:00 worship service today, February 11. The meeting will provide an opportunity to receive the annual report and congregational updates, and to elect our Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee consists of five persons: two elders currently serving on the session and appointed by that body, Kay Stockdale, Natalie Daugherty; and three members elected by the congregation. The following individuals are willing to serve, if elected by the congregation: Barbara Griswold, Rodney Lytle, and Elaine Barnes.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING For 15 years Warren Wilson Presbyterian has taken part in this one-day event which collects both food and monetary donations to address hunger in our local area. Financial donations will go to Bounty & Soul, food donations will benefit manna Food Bank. Our largest one-day monetary donation from WWPC has been \$1,245.50 and the largest number of food items collected the same day was 167 items. Can we do even better this year? Donations will be collected by our youth, following the worship service.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper is on February 13th at 6:00, one last hurrah before we begin Lent! A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex for pancake cookers (for those who would love to share their favorite pancake recipe), egg casserole, juice, fruit, or protein(meat or vegetarian). Please join in for a fun evening and wear those Mardi Gras beads!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE Ash Wednesday worship has been called "the most honest service of the year," for it brings us face to face with the vulnerability of human life, and invites us to self-examination in the assurance of God's redeeming love. You are invited to a brief service of worship at 6:00 on Wednesday Feb. 14, as we begin this year's journey through the season of Lent. Come reflect, pray, and lift your voices in song. Margaret will offer ashes to those who wish to receive them, on their heads or hands. May God bless you as you open your heart to the one who will never stop seeking you.

WEEKLY LENTEN SERVICES Please make sure to pick up a Weekly Lenten Service schedule from the table in the Narthex. In addition to the schedule, it contains information on where donations will be going this year.

MEMORIAL SERVICE There will be a memorial service in the Chapel on Saturday, March 9 at 2:00 pm. for Fitz Legerton. There will be a reception following the service in Fellowship Hall.



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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!

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Preparation for Worship:

Transfiguration

Suddenly they saw him the way he was, the way he really was all the time, although they had never seen it before, the glory that blinds the everyday eye and so becomes invisible. This is how he was, radiant, brilliant, carrying joy like a flaming sun in his hands.

This is the way he was—is—from the beginning, and we cannot bear it. So he manned himself, came manifest to us; and there on the mountain they saw him, really saw him, saw his light. We all know that if we really see him we die. But isn't that what is required of us? Then, perhaps, we will see each other, too.

Madeleine L'Engle