Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
2nd Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2024
11:00 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Calvary (Give Me Jesus)
Arr. Richard Billingham

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Alex Curcio

Thus says the LORD:
Stand at the crossroads, and look,
and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies;
and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. *Jeremiah 6:16*

You have drawn us here, Holy One.
Light the road in front of us,
and grant us the courage to follow.

***HYMN 450** "Be Thou My Vision"
SLANE

***CONFESSION (Unison)** Margaret LaMotte Torrence

Life-giving God,
We are quick to adopt the world's ways:
to divide into camps,
to hold our neighbor at a distance,
to imagine our hearts above the fray.

You invite us to a different path.
Come to us now;
write your will upon our hearts,
until we find our life by giving it away,
and so discover what it means to follow you.

(silent prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)**

…In the name of Jesus, God's love in motion, let us declare:

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

***HYMN 437** "You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!"
WAYFARING STRANGER

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL
Children and youth are invited to come forward.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 121:1-6, 10-11

THE ANTHEM King of Kings
Arr. Alfred H. Johnson
Solos: Rodney Lytle & Alisa White

Refrain:
He is King of Kings He is Lord of Lords.
Jesus Christ the first and last. Nobody works like him.

Call:
I know how my Redeemer lives. And by His love sweet blessings give.
Refrain
He builds a platform in the air. And calls the saints from everywhere.
Refrain
O sinner if you will believe, Grace of the Lord, you will receive.
Refrain
I know that my Redeemer lives!
Refrain

SECOND READING Mark 8:31-38

SERMON Margaret LaMotte Torrence
A Follower's Life

***HYMN 274** "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"
PICARDY

***AFFIRMATION (Unison)** A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN 314** "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"
CWM RHONDDA

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE** "We Will Walk With God"
SIZOHAMBA NAYE

We will walk with God together;
we will walk with God.
We will walk with God together;
we will walk with God.
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.

POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able

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: Vicki & Don Collins
Liturgist: Alex Curcio
Elder of the Day: Natalie Daugherty

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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. Please fill 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: Vernon Daugherty, Sr., Derron's father: 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.

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.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE A service giving thanks to God for the life of Fitz Legerton will be held in our chapel on Saturday, March 9 at 2:00 PM. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.
In life and death, we belong to God.

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THANK YOU WWPC! We outdid our previous best! On Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, we collected 280 food items for MANNA Food bank, and $1,695 in monetary donations for Bounty and Soul. This is the highest amount collected in the 15 years we've participated in this event. If you were unable to participate, you may put monetary donations to Bounty and Soul in the offering plate.

MEMBERSHIP However you found us, we are glad you are here.
If you are interested in joining this loving community, you may contact Margaret at 828-298-9092, or MLTorrence@warren-wilson.edu .

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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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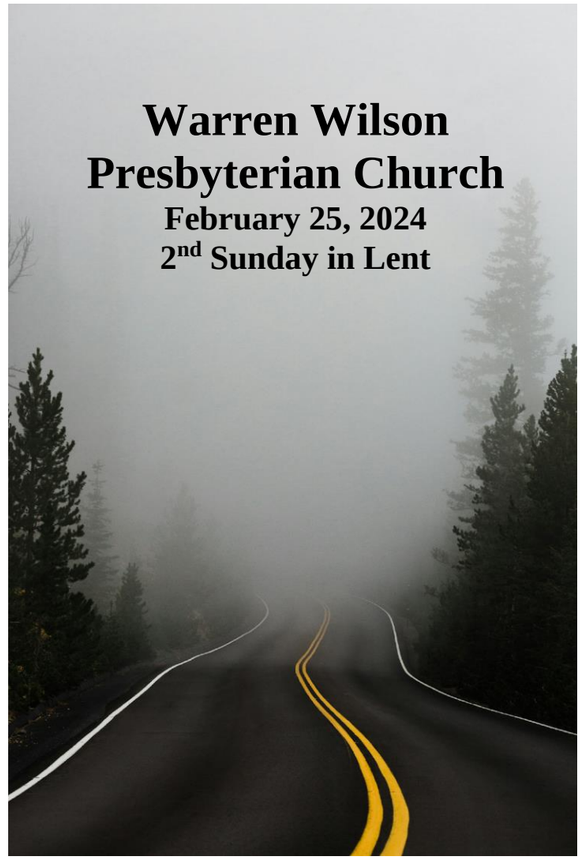

"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."

Thomas Merton, *Thoughts in Solitude*