Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

November 3, 2024
24th Sunday after Pentecost



Lee Milton Dugger • December 10, 1955 - November 5, 2023
Betty Nance Smith • October 15, 1926 - December 1, 2023
John Roland Showalter • April 3, 1942 - December 30, 2023
Mary Ross Anderson Kells • January 16, 1934 - January 14, 2024
Fitzhugh McMaster Legerton • June 20, 1926 - February 7, 2024
Flora Annette Bishop • March 30, 1934 - March 1, 2024
Thomas Darrell Spencer • December 14, 1934 - March 9, 2024
Caroline Babb Stewart • September 24, 1927 - May 29, 2024
Thomas Richard Cannon • April 20, 1945 - May 30, 2024
Henry Franklin Barnes, Jr. • August 11, 1946 - June 21, 2024
Milt Thomas Butterworth, Jr. • February 22, 1944 - June 26, 2024
Edythe May Wiener • February 19, 1937 - August 23, 2024
Billy Edd Wheeler • December 9, 1932 - September 16, 2024

Oh, only for so short a while you have loaned us to each other,
because we take form in your act of drawing us,
and we take life in your painting us,
and we breathe in your singing us.
But only for so short a while have you loaned us to each other.

- Aztec Indian prayer

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Isaiah 25:6-9 Don Collins

God speaks through the prophet, saying:
"On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food,
a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow,
of well-aged wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
It will be said on that day:

Lo, this is our God;
we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

***HYMN 802** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
ST. COLUMBA

1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.

2 Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God,
As we remember friends whose baptisms are now complete,
we sense the urgency of our own days.
As we pledge commitment to your work in the world,
we give thanks for those who lit our path.

Come to us now, and meet us where we live.
Move in the stories we tell,
the offerings we bring,
and the keeping of our watch;
for we would honor you in the living of our days.
Make us bold for the sake of your name.

Silent prayer

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

…in the name of Jesus, the resurrection and the life,
let us declare:
Our stories are known; our sins are forgiven;
our work has just begun.

***RESPONSE (Hymn 700)** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

1 I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

2 I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

3 I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

Children and youth are invited to come forward.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING (responsive) Psalm 146

Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,

who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord!

ANTHEM Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me arr. K. Lee Scott

Gracious spirit, dwell with us, I would gracious be,
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee,
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
And, with actions bold and meek, For Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
And with actions brotherly, Speak Christ's sincerity.
Holy Spirit dwell with me, I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly, Make me more like thee;
Separate from sin, I would And cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be, Give him who gave me thee.

Mighty spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be:
Help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee;
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

SECOND READING Mark 12:28-34

SERMON Margaret LaMotte Torrence

AFFIRMATION Romans 8:38-39

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE

This morning, we remember beloved ones who died in the last twelve months. As you are ready, please come to the small table in the front of the church, speak the name of your loved one into the microphone, and light a candle on that person's behalf.
In life and in death, we belong to God.

HYMN 686 "God of Our Life"
SANDON

1 God of our life, through all the circling years,
we trust in thee.
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears,
thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
we own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

2 God of the past, our times are in thy hand.
With us abide.
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land.
Be thou our guide.
With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
and faith's fair vision changes into sight.

3 God of the coming years, through paths unknown
we follow thee.
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone.
Our refuge be.
Be thou for us in life our daily bread,
our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

The Lord's Supper

The Invitation

The Table Prayer *(responses below)*

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors:
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing a Taste of Home

The bread is gluten-free; the juice is not fermented, with the hope that all may freely participate.

Giving Thanks

***HYMN 326** "For All the Saints"
SINE NOMINE

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able

Interim Music Director: Ted Stewart
Liturgist: Don Collins
Elder of the Day: Sally Broughton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We celebrate: special thanks to **Elizabeth Cook** for the beautiful blooms outside the chapel ◦ a shout-out to **Rodney and Sharon Lytle** for the generous donation of water bottles available to all in the narthex ◦ deep gratitude to all who have been a part of the clean-up efforts: especially **Jim Storey, Derron and Susan Daugherty, and Ken and Eloise Murchison** ◦ thanks to all who led in worship as we recovered from the storm: especially **Ted Stewart, Cindy Riley, Beth Meriwether, Jamie Dale, and the students** who organized the very first of those services on Sept. 29 (thanks to **Mac Ware** for being the catalyst!) ◦ gratitude to the **session** and **Congregational Life Team** for helping us to stay connected following the storm ◦ **the wedding of Kara Nash and Katherine**

Harrod on September 22 ◦ **the wedding of Janice Collins and Jim Storey's son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Kristen,** on September 21

We remember in prayer: the family and friends of **Billy Edd Wheeler**, following his death on September 16 ◦ **Vernon Daugherty, Derron's father,** now receiving hospice care ◦ the family and friends of **Terry Torrence, Lee's mother,** following her death on Oct 2 ◦ all who continue to be affected by damage and loss caused by recent storms. In our congregation, we are aware that the homes of **Andrew Tripp, Cindy and Dennis Riley, and Jackie Wintle** sustained catastrophic damage, as did **Bob, the father of Natalie's partner Jeff** ◦ **Donna Eagle Joslin,** who broke her wrist on Oct. 6 and had a metal plate inserted on Oct. 18. ◦ **Amanda Branscombe,** as she continues to recover from spinal fusion surgery ◦ **Bill Christy,** as he continues to heal following a heart transplant ◦ **Susan Laney**, receiving therapy at home ◦ **Bubba Lytle, Rodney and Sharon's son**, making excellent progress recovering from a serious motorcycle accident ◦ **Thurman Slone**, **Joyce Cucinella's brother,** now under Hospice care ◦ **Carol Lee Joslin, Blake Joslin's mother**, suffering from Alzheimer's ◦ **Jackie Ligon Cole** ◦ **Pat Crumpler** ◦ **Vernon Daugherty, Sr.** (**Derron's father**) ◦ **Martha Dugger** ◦ **Rick Garrison** ◦ **Houston Huggins** (**Beth Meriwether's brother**) ◦ **Erika Lytle** ◦ **Salyna Morgan** ◦ **Fran Roberts' sister-in-law, Linda Briggs** ◦ **Jon Hettrick and his family** ◦ **Marjorie Hettrick** ◦ **Shane Reece** (**Nancy Garrison's son**) ◦ **Pat Wilson's son, Kell**

HABITAT VOLUNTEER DAYS: NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER Volunteer work on Habitat House of Faith #4 in Arden has started and will continue through Dec. 14. Anyone willing to help is welcome and will be given tasks appropriate for them. If you have questions or would like to know more about this important mission project which our Church has supported for a very long time, please talk to Larry Griswold or contact him at larrygris@gmail.com.

TOGATHER "Come, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest," Matthew 11:28 - Jesus invites us to come to him and to come together to share our burdens and find rest. You are invited to join Beth Meriwether for a new group, Togather, meeting Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30, in the Chapel Parlor, starting November 7, for a time of sharing, contemplation, and prayer. If interested, contact Beth at (828) 777-2867 or bethmeriwether@gmail.com.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS Together we read books, watch videos, listen to speakers, and have lively conversations. It's a great opportunity to get to know folks better and expand our knowledge and perspectives. All are welcome. We meet Sundays at 9:30 in the Adult Education class at the end of the hall in the administration

building. Please contact Beth Meriwether at (828) 777-2867 or bethmeriwether@gmail.com if you have questions or need more information. Join us!

Cover by Lisle Gwynn Garrity, *Sanctifiedart.org* - *"In this image, I wanted the landscape to feel refracted, perhaps like a prism, or even a broken mirror. The land rejoices despite forces that try to break it. The horizon expands into all directions. There is no east or west, north or south—the arms of creation reach into the cosmos. In between stars and moons, fruit trees bear their harvest and clap their hands. In many ways, this piece is a song of praise as well as a song of resistance. Creation cannot be quieted. If praise is not on your lips this day, do not fear, for we can trust that all of creation is dancing on our behalf."*