Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

January 26, 2025



I prayed for reconciliation:
Lord, make it all better

I really wanted restoration:
Lord, make it all the way it was before.

I was blessed by redemption:
Lord, you make all things new.

Answered Prayer
by Kathy K. Grow

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 26, 2025 11:00 AM

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 19:1-2, 7-10, 14 Barbara Griswold

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.
Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.
The law of the Lord is perfect,
Reviving the soul;
The decrees of the Lord are sure,
Making wise the simple;
The precepts of the Lord are right,
Rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the Lord is clear,
Enlightening the eyes;
The fear of the Lord is pure,
Enduring forever;
The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

***HYMN 394** "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"
WESTMINSTER ABBEY

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and our confidence alone.

2 To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come, with all your loving-kindness;
hear your people as we pray,
and your fullest benediction
shed within these walls today.

3 Here bestow on all your servants
what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you, forever
with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.

4 Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory
while unending ages run!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

...in the name of Jesus, the resurrection and the life, let us declare:
We are baptized; our sins are forgiven; we live in grace.

***RESPONSE** (sung) Hymn 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

***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 of all ages are invited to come forward.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

ANTHEM "You Are Sealed With The Spirit" Kaye Saunders

You are sealed with the Spirit. You have put on Christ.
Sing alleluia, alleluia, sing alleluia, sing!

SECOND READING Luke 4:14-21

SERMON "The Spirit" Rev. Schaap Freeman

***HYMN #182** **"**I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"
KINGSFOLD

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found him in a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till traveling days are done.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison) The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

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

***HYMN #610** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
AZMON

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace!

2 The name of Jesus charms our fears,
and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears,
brings life, and health, and peace.

3 Christ speaks, and listening to his voice
new life the dead receive;
the mournful waken to rejoice;
the poor in heart believe.

4 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

5 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able

CHURCH STAFF
Laurie Furr-Vancini, Transitional Pastor
Ted Stewart, Interim Director of Music
Andrew Tripp, Church Administrator
Leslie Sayyar and Brent Roberts, Treasurers
Barbara Escalante, Bookkeeper

Elder of the Day: Sharon Lytle
Coffee Hour Host: Anne Dale
Sound/Video: Derron Daugherty
Liturgist: Barbara Griswold

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

GUEST PREACHER We welcome Rev. Schaap Freeman to our pulpit. Rev. Schaap Freeman earned a B.A. in Economics at Davidson College and worked in banking in Charlotte, NC prior to attending Columbia Theological Seminary. Rev. Freeman has served congregations and ministries in Charleston Atlantic Presbytery, Charlotte Presbytery, Providence Presbytery, the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, Holston Presbytery, Abingdon Presbytery, and the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. Schaap has also served the church in retreat settings as a keynote speaker, conference chaplain, workshop leader, and worship leader. Rev. Freeman lives in Black Mountain, NC where she enjoys trail running and hiking with her family.

OFFERING Plates are available just inside the doors to the chapel as you enter and exit. Our gifts take many forms: open-hearted presence here, voices lifted in song, the prayers that rise in us, the material gifts we share with neighbors, and our willingness to live in a world as allies and advocates for those whose needs are overlooked. The monies we bring symbolize the offering of our lives in all circumstances.
A separate labeled basket is available each week to receive Our Daily Change offerings, formerly known as Five Cents a Meal hunger offering.

COMMUNITY JOYS AND CONCERNS: If you would like to add or update a prayer request, please contact the church office.

We remember in prayer: The family of **Patrice Lytle, Rodney and Sharon's neice,** following her death. ◦ The family of **Jack and Sue Allison,** on the death of **Jack's brother Robin.** ◦ Mary Craig as she recovers from shoulder surgery ◦ **Salyna Morgan,** recovering from surgery for a broken arm ◦ **Dina Taylor, Barbara Escalante's sister,** recovering from surgery in California on December 2, for a brain bleed. ◦ **Wynee Bullerdick, daughter of Rodney and Sharon Lytle** as she collaborates with her doctor to determine the cause of her illness. ◦ all who continue to be affected by loss caused by recent storms. In our congregation, we remember especially **Andrew Tripp, Cindy and Dennis Riley, Jackie Wintle, Joyce Cucinella,** and **Bob, the father of Natalie's partner Jeff** ◦ **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 ◦ **Jackie Ligon Cole** ◦ **Pat Crumpler** ◦ **Martha Dugger** ◦ **Rick Garrison** ◦ **Houston Huggins** (**Beth Meriwether's brother**) ◦ **Erika Lytle** ◦ **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 IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH Faith partner volunteers, including 10 from our church, made great progress helping Habitat build new affordable homes in Arden last fall, and there is a new opportunity for volunteers to help from February 4-March 22. We have spaces reserved on the volunteer schedule for Fridays Feb 14 and March 7, and Saturdays Feb. 15 and March 8, and many other dates are available. No special skills or tools are needed, only a willingness to help. If you have questions about this important mission project, contact Larry Griswold (larrygris@gmail.com).

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS We meet **Sundays at 9:30 in the Adult Ed room**. The book that we are currently focusing on is John Pavlovitz's Worth Fighting For: Finding Courage & Compassion When Cruelty is Trending. This book seems particularly relevant in these days in which we are living. Contact Beth Meriwether (828-777-2867) with any questions. All are welcome.

TOGATHER We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month through May at 1:30 PM in the chapel parlor. Please know that all are welcome and there are no expectations. This is a time to build and strengthen relationships, spend some time in quiet reflection and prayer, learn and practice calming and relaxation skills, and share resources. January would be a great time to begin.
Contact Beth Meriwether (828-777-2867) for information.

MISSION STUDY QUESTIONNAIRE You should have received an email from the church with a Mission Study Questionnaire attached. The Questionnaire is our final data gathering piece and important to the study. Your participation will give our congregation a more complete understanding of our congregation in this time and place! It will take about 10 minutes to complete and submit online. If you would rather complete a hard copy of this questionnaire, there are hard copies in the narthex today. All Questionnaires are due (online and hard copies) on January 31. If you did not receive an email, please contact Andrew in the church office.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING The Annual Congregational Meeting of Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church will be on February 9, 2025 at the end of our 11:00 worship service. We will: receive a 2024 written annual report from our ministry areas, be given the 2025 budget for information, and hear an update on the Mission Study.

The bulletin cover artwork titled "Detalle Del Mosaico De Los Apóstoles," created by Byzantine Mosaics around the year 425, is a significant piece from the Early Byzantine art movement (c. 330–750). Rendered in the medium of mosaic, this creation depicts themes central to Byzantine and Early Christian art. It is classified within the genre of animal painting and forms part of the artwork series located within the Mausoleum of Galla Placidia in Ravenna, Italy.

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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!