

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church  
and College Chapel

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

December 11, 2016

11:00 a.m.

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

*Resolve to keep happy and your joy and you shall form an invincible  
host against difficulties.--Helen Keller*

**The Gathering of the People**

**THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE PRELUDE**

Eliza Sydney, harp

*Reverie Alphonse Hasselmans  
Preludes 1 and 3 Marcel Grandjany*

**THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

**Darcy and Doug Orr**

Leader: In a season of darkness, and a season of busy-ness,  
we call upon you, O God, to come.

People: **In a world where joy can feel like a luxury,  
we call upon you, God of light and joy, to come.**

**(The third candle, the Candle of Joy, is lit.)**

Leader: In this season of Advent, we wait for the coming of Joy  
into our world. We await the birth of the Anointed One,  
the Promised Child, who comes into our lives and into  
our world in a new way.

**SUNG RESPONSE (Verse 3 only)**

**GTG# 85**

*Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*

(TIF IN VELDELE)

People: **Come, O God of peace, and be with us and for us.**

**\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE (women verse 5, men verse 6) GTG #88**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

(VENI EMMANUEL)

**\*THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

**Rev. Beth Newman**

**\*THE ADVENT CONFESSION (Unison)**

**O God of hope, of peace, of joy, we feel the long winter night  
gathering around us, and we run in the wrong direction. We head  
not to Bethlehem, where the light of your star is shining down  
upon the world, but out into the darkness where our vision and  
our faith sometimes fail us. Your heralds invite us to be at peace,  
and we remain anxious. Your angels invite us to believe good  
news of great joy, and we doubt them. Be gracious to us and guide  
us when we wander. Be patient when we do not understand. And  
be born anew in us once again. Through Christ we pray.**

*(Silent prayer)*

**\*THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

**\*THE GLORIA**

*Now let our voices raise; Alleluia! Amen!  
To give to God our praise; Alleluia! Amen!  
Mercy and grace abound! In God our lives are found!  
Long may our joy resound; Alleluia! Amen!*

**The Proclamation of the Word**

**THE TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL**

*All those children and youth who are present are invited to come  
forward at this time. After, children six and under, may go to the  
nursery. Children's bulletins and worship bags are available for older  
children in the Narthex of the Church to use during the service.*

**THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**A READING FROM THE PROPHETS**

Isaiah 35:1-10

**THE ANTHEM**

Magnificat (Song of Mary) Shephard  
*Magnificat, anima mea Dominum*  
(*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord*)

**The Chapel Choir**  
**Vivian Hare director, organist**

**A READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Luke 1:46-55

**THE MESSAGE**

**Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**

*The Bare Essentials*

**\*THE HYMN OF PROCLAMATION**

**GTG #100**

*My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*  
(STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN)

**The Response to the Word**

**\*THE ADVENT AFFIRMATION (Unison)**

**We believe in the infinite God of creation, who uttered the earth and heavens into existence with a word and who breathed humans into life in God's likeness.**

**We believe in the Jesus of history, who entered the world in a season like this to bring light in the darkness, to restore us to life in God's image and to show us the way of peace.**

**We believe in the Christ of faith, who calls us to create communities of love and justice and to join our hands, our hearts and our faith together to realize God's reign on earth.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who fills us with energy and joy, and sends us forth to break barriers, overcome obstacles, and be light in the world.**

**THE PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE GIFTS OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**THE OFFERTORY**

*Feuillets D'Album Henriette Renie*

**\*THE DOXOLOGY (Old Hundredth)**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above you heavenly hosts;  
Praise God and Christ and Holy Ghost.*

**\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**The Sending**

**\*THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

**GTG #129**

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*  
(ES IST EIN'ROS')

**\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BLESSING**

*Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* Haugen

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Hark, the Glad Sound!* Held

\*Please stand as you are able

**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Liturgist: **Rev. Beth Newman**

Ushers: **Barbara & Larry Griswold, Catherine Showalter**

Wassail Hosts: **Gina Marvin, Fran Roberts**

Elder of the Week: **Ned Guardenier**

Advent Candle Lighters: **Darcy & Doug Orr**

## CHAPEL STAFF

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt, Minister  
Rev. Beth Newman, Associate in Ministry  
Donna Eagle Joslin, Church Administrator  
Vivian Hare, Director of Music and Organist  
Tom Eller, Ray Stock, Treasurers  
Alisa White, Assistant Treasurer  
Nan Woodard, Book Keeper



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**IT IS A PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU IN OUR MIDST** this morning! Please sign the Friendship Book which is on the inside edge of each pew. Be sure to take a copy of our newsletter, *The Extended Family*, from the display rack in the Parlor.

### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR

**PRAYERS:** Mary Fran Spencer; Neil & Marion Satterfield; Barbara Robinson, Jack Ballard's mother; Chuck & Lue Stephenson and Mary Moorrees.

**HARPIST** We welcome Eliza Sydney as instrumental soloist (harp) in our worship today. Eliza is a Warren Wilson alumni graduating in 2008 and is so grateful for all the wonderful experiences the WWC Presbyterian Church provided while attending school. She began studying the harp at age 8. Eliza has been a guest soloist with the New Jersey Youth Symphony, was a founding member of the Bucks County Youth Orchestra in Pennsylvania, played onstage with the band Weezer and enjoys playing Weddings and other events in the Asheville area.

**WASSAIL** Let us sip a cup of steaming wassail and share a plate of appetizers as we celebrate the beginning of our Christmas season. Our wassail bowl will be ready today, December 11th following church in our Fellowship Hall. Come join the celebration!

**WWPC CRAFTERS** WWPC Crafters will hold the 3rd annual craft fair during the Wassail. Twenty percent (20%) of our sales goes to the Social Outreach Committee for whatever need is greatest at this time.

**CHRISTMAS TEA** We will be sharing in a Christmas Tea with our members and friends at Highland Farms on Tuesday, December 13th from 2:00-4:00 in the dining room in the health care center. Join us if you can for some delicious treats, Christmas music, and good fellowship.

### ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**Wassail and Craft Sale:** Following worship today, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Children's pageant:** during worship on Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Christmas Eve:** Lessons and Carols will begin this year at 9:00 p.m.

**Christmas Day:** Service at 11:00 in Chapel

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BOB KEENER** Please join us on Saturday, December 17 at 3:00 as we gather to celebrate the life of Bob Keener. A reception will follow immediately after the service in the fellowship hall. The Congregational Life committee would welcome the congregation's support for the reception. Please contact Sarah Anne Eller or Vicki Collins if you would like to contribute.

**CHILDREN'S PAGEANT** Our children will be sharing a Christmas Pageant with us in worship on Sunday, December 18th.

**ADULT EDUCATION/NURSERY SCHEDULE** There will be no church school or nursery on December 25th and January 1st.

**STAR WORDS** Please join us as we celebrate Epiphany and share about our star-words on Sunday, January 1st during the 11:00 service.

**NURSERY BRIGADE** Consider joining the Nursery Brigade. Each week a member reads a bible story to our Nursery Children. The Bible Leaflets are available in the Nursery and can be taken a week ahead. Walk to the Nursery with the children, read the Bible Story and return to the sanctuary for our service. A Sign-up Sheet is in the Narthex.

**TAI CHI CLASS** Tai Chi Class beginning at WWPC in January! The class meets Wednesdays, **Jan. 11 - March 15, 2017, 9:30-10:30 AM.** To register, go to [wnctaichiarthritis.com](http://wnctaichiarthritis.com).