

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
and College Chapel
SERVICE OF WORSHIP
7th Sunday after Epiphany
February 24, 2019
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“It is easy enough to be friendly to one's friends. But to befriend the one who regards himself as your enemy is the quintessence of true religion. The other is mere business.”

Mahatma Gandhi

The Gathering of the People

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE **Dr. David Foster**
Concerto in G Major (Allegro) Count Ernst/Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**

Choir: God welcomes all, strangers and friends
God's love is strong, and it never ends.

One voice: Love bids us come,
to be ourselves, just as we are.

Many voices: **God welcomes all, strangers and friends**
(sung) **God's love is strong, and it never ends.**

One voice: Christ bids us come,
to become all that we can be.

Many voices: **God welcomes all, strangers and friends**
(sung) **God's love is strong, and it never ends.**

One voice: God bids us come,
to be energized, renewed and inspired.

ALL: **Let us worship the living, loving God!**

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE** **GTG #761**
Called as Partners in Christ's Service
(BEECHER)

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION** **Tacci Smith**

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, you have come to us in Christ to lead us in the way of wholeness, yet we sometimes prefer the unhealthy outcomes of our broken world. Forgive us. You command us to love not only our neighbors, but even our enemies, yet we sometimes fail to love even those who are closest to us. Pardon us. You invite us to make peace, yet we sometimes add to the world's discord instead. Have mercy on us, and renew us in the ways Jesus taught. Through Christ we pray... (Silent Prayer...)

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Responsive)

One voice: This is the good news of the gospel, and it is for us all.

Many voices: We are accepted, we are welcomed.

We are washed clean, we are raised up.

We are forgiven, we are set free.

By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are loved forever.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

*THE GLORIA

(MADRID)

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

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

All those children and youth who are present are invited to come forward at this time. Afterward, younger children 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 **Tacci Smith**

A READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

THE ANTHEM

How Blest Are They

Richard Proulx

The Chapel Choir

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 6:27-38

THE MESSAGE **Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**

Outgunned, Outmanned, Outnumbered, Outplanned

The Response to the Word

*THE HYMN OF PROCLAMATION

In an Age of Twisted Values

(HYFRYDOL)

In an age of twisted values we have lost the truth we need.

In sophisticated language we have justified our greed.

By our struggle for possessions we have robbed the poor and weak.

Hear our cry and heal our nation; your forgiveness, Lord, we seek.

*We have built discrimination on our prejudice and fear.
Hatred swiftly turns to cruelty if we hold resentments dear.
For communities divided by the walls of class and race,
Hear our cry and heal our nation; show us, Lord, your love and grace.*

*When our families are broken, when our homes are full of strife,
When our children are bewildered, when they lose their way in life,
When we fail to give the aged all the care we know they need,
Hear our cry and heal our nation; help us show more love, we plead.*

*We who hear your word so often choose so rarely to obey.
Turn us from our willful wandering; give us truth to light our way.
In the power of your spirit come to cleanse us, make us new;
Hear our cry and heal our nation till our nation honors you.*

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)** **Tacci Smith**
We believe in God, our, Creator,
who gives us steadfast love, shares with us our joy,
and sustains us in our suffering.

We follow Jesus Christ, Son of God, Son of woman.
His life is our model, his resurrection is our hope;
in him the Word became flesh;
in him we are offered forgiveness from sin,
renewal from failure,
reconciliation from brokenness,
release from despair.

We are guided by the Holy Spirit, God's presence in the world.
By the Spirit we are joined in Christ's body, the church,
and called to celebrate God's love,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
to share with him in Baptism and to eat at his Table.

We affirm our covenant to live in community,
to walk together in faith and hope,
to care for one another with love,
and to serve our neighbors with compassion.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER **Rev. Grace Boyer**

THE GIFTS OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

Son of God, Eternal Savior Theodore Beck

***THE DOXOLOGY** (DUKE STREET)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

The Sending

***THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
(I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN)

GTG #729

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING (2x)**

God Welcomes All

GTG #399

*God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.*

***POSTLUDE**

Concerto in G Major (Presto) Count Ernst/Bach

*Please stand as you are able

CHAPEL STAFF

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt, Minister
Rev. Grace Boyer, Associate in Ministry
Donna Eagle Joslin, Church Administrator
Dr. David Foster, Interim Director of Music, Organist
Ray Stock, Leslie Sayyar, Treasurers
Alisa White, Assistant Treasurer
Barbara Escalante, Bookkeeper

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ushers: **Natalie Cowal, Bob & Corise Gambrell, Derron Daugherty**

Liturgist: **Tacci Smith**

Coffee Hour Host: **The Daugherty Family**

Elder of the Week: **Susan Daugherty**



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WELCOME VISITORS! We are pleased to have you with us this morning. We invite you to join us for a cup of coffee after the service, and to stop by our Visitors Information Station in the Narthex. There you will find copies of recent newsletters and sermons, and a welcome packet that will tell you more about who we are, what we believe, and what we do. Thanks for joining us for worship today, and we hope to see you again soon!

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR

PRAYERS: Ray Stock; Ron Wilson; Barbara Higgins; Dr. Steven Williams and Mary Moorrees.

NURSERY The nursery is available in the CE building beyond Ransom Fellowship Hall from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM The Children and Youth meet in the Youth Room (below the nursery) for music and lesson.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS February 10-March 3 "Angels & Demons". Dr. Marc Mullinax, professor of Religion at Mars Hill University, will lead the class in exploring the questions: what is "good", what is "evil", and how do we know? Religion and spirituality have a great deal to say about these categories to us. Come learn how our worldviews shape how we view the angelic and the demonic.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH In celebration of African American History Month we are singing at least one spiritual song from the African American tradition every Sunday in February.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER Please celebrate our monthly Newsletter *The Extended Family* by receiving it via e-mail, going to our website www.warrenwilsonchurch.org, or by picking up a hard copy in the Parlor after church! (Our information station has been moved to the other end of Parlor)

PANCAKE SUPPER! Join us on Tuesday, March 5 for our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper at 6:00 pm in Ransom Fellowship Hall. This is always a favorite event which features our many pancake professionals and Marti Gras atmosphere!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE Please join us for our Ash Wednesday service in the Chancel area of the Chapel at 6:00 pm on March 6, 2019.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING REPORT This year on Super Bowl Sunday we collected 42 food items and \$727.00 in monetary donations to address the issue of hunger in the greater Asheville community. Session approved a recommendation from our youth that this year's collection be donated equally to Manna Food Bank and Body and Soul. (Since only fresh food items are used by Body and Soul our collected food items were delivered to Manna Food Bank). Thanks to all who supported this one-day national effort to address the hunger issue in our local communities.

SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday March 27, 3:00 PM. The Second Annual Madhatter's Tea at Highland Farms. Everyone is invited.

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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!