

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
and
College Chapel
SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Transfiguration of the Lord
February 23, 2020
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*“Listen to Jesus and follow him.
That’s the message of the Transfiguration.”*

Pope Francis

The Gathering of the People

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE *“Adagio”* by John Bennett

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

Leader: We are called to journey to the mountaintop,
and we are called to travel through the valley.

People: **We will follow where God leads us.
We will trust and will not be afraid.**

Leader: We are called to believe what we can see,
and we are called to believe what we cannot see.

People: **We will not limit God to what we can understand.
We will open our eyes, our minds and our hearts
to the divine mystery.**

Leader: We are called to admit our doubts,
and we are called to live by faith.

All: **Let us worship God!**

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE **HYMN #673**
Jesus, Light of Joy (LAUDA ANIMA)

*THE CALL TO CONFESSION

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)
**God of the mountain peaks, forgive us when we stay below. God
of dazzling light, be patient with us when we fail to see. God of the
clouds, guide us when we lose our way. God of movement and
wonder, have mercy on us when we confine and limit you. When
we falter, restore us; when we are afraid, comfort us; when fail to
understand, instruct us that we might follow and believe, through
Christ we pray (silent prayer . . .)**

*THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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

Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry be to God on high!
¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, en las al - tu - ras a Dios!

And on earth peace to all peo-ple in whom God is well pleased.
Y en la tie - rra, paz a la gen - te que a - ma el Se - ñor.

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 worship bags are available for children in the
Narthex of the Church to use during the service.*

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES
Exodus 24:12-18

THE ANTHEM *“O light of life”* by C. Ratcliff

*O light of life, love given birth; Jesus, Redeemer of the earth,
More bright than day your face did show,
your raiment whiter than the snow.*

*Two prophets, who had faith to see, with your elect found company;
The heavens above your glory named,
Your Father’s voice his Son proclaimed.*

*May all who seek to praise aright through purer lives show forth your
light. To you, the King of glory, now all faithful hearts adoring bow.*

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS
Matthew 17:1-9

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

The Response to the Word

*THE HYMN OF PROCLAMATION **HYMN #193**
Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain (UNSER HERRSCHER)

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

**We follow Jesus Christ, Son of God, child of Mary,
His death is our victory, 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 called into Christ’s Church,
to celebrate his 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.**

**Because we are his disciples, his pilgrim people,
we joyfully covenant with each other to walk together in love,
to pray for one another, to care for one another,
to live in Koinonia, in life, in death, in life beyond death.**

God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER **Rev. Grace Boyer**

THE GIFTS OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY *“I Bind My Heart”* arranged by Richard Proulx

*I bind my heart this tide to the Galilean’s side,
To the wounds of Calvary, to the Christ who died for me.
I bind my heart this tide to the Galilean’s side.
I bind my soul this day to the brother far away,
And the sister near at hand in this town and in this land.
I bind my heart this tide to the Galilean’s side.*

*I bind my heart in thrall to the God, the Lord of all,
To the God, the poor one’s friend, and the Christ whom he did send.
I bind my heart this tide to the Galilean’s side.
I bind my heart to peace, to make strife and envy cease;
God, knit secure the cord of my service to the Lord.
I bind my heart this tide to the Galilean’s side.*

***THE DOXOLOGY** (Sung to the tune PUER NOBIS NASCITUR)
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.*

***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

The Sending

***THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT** HYMN #741
Guide My Feet (GUIDE MY FEET)

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

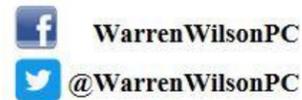
***THE POSTLUDE** “Trumpet Tune” by Thomas Sanders Dupuis

*Please stand as you are able

CHAPEL STAFF

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt, Minister
Rev. Grace Boyer, Associate in Ministry
Joel P. Rogers, Music Director, Organist
Donna Eagle Joslin, Church Administrator
Jack Ballard, Leslie Sayyar, Treasurers
Barbara Escalante, Bookkeeper
Tess Newman, Sound Tech

Ushers: **Barbara & Larry Griswold**
Coffee Hour Host: **Vicki Collins**
Elder of the Week: **John Laney**



The Announcements

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 of the Chapel. 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: Pat Levi and the Levi family on Mike’s death; The family of Mary Moorrees on her death; Kim Reece, daughter of Nancy and Rick Garrison, who is in the hospital, and Pat Crumpler.

NURSERY The nursery is available from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm in the Christian Education Wing beyond the Fellowship Hall.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS 9:45 am Lent/Easter Book Study. *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again.* Author Rachel Held Evans explores the life shaping power of storytelling and literature, diving deep into eight biblical stories. Each story stands on its own, so you do not need to read every chapter to participate. Ask Grace Boyer for a book and schedule.

CHILDREN/YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL We meet in the youth room below the nursery. Music Time: 9:45-10:00 am. Lesson: 10:00-10:45 am.

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.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR DISHES! If you have left a food container of any kind at the church from Thanksgiving, Wassail, or any other event, please pick it up from the table near the drinking fountains outside the Fellowship Hall kitchen. All of these items will be taken to the Free Store on campus at the end of February. Thanks!

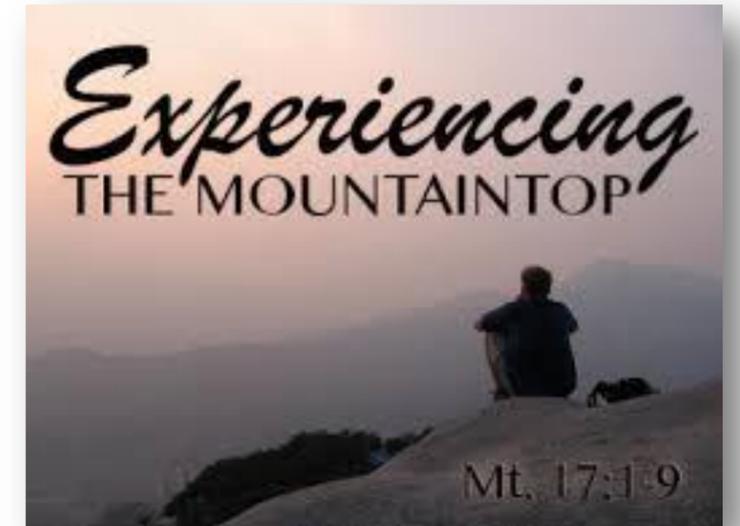
PANCAKE SUPPER FEB 25 AT 5:30 PM (Also known as Shrove Tuesday or Mardi Gras). Sign-up in the Narthex to bring fruit, egg casseroles or other favorite sides. Come for food, fellowship, and fun in the Fellowship Hall!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE On Wednesday, February 26 we will hold our Ash Wednesday service in the Chancel area of the Chapel beginning at 6:00 pm. As we begin our Lenten journey, this is a very meaningful service that ends with the imposition of ashes before leaving the Chapel in silence.

LENTEN LUNCH SERIES The 2020 Community Lenten Worship Series schedule is available for pick up in the Narthex.

JOIN US FOR LUNCH! The Visitor Welcome Planning Team would like to invite you to join them for a catered lunch, following worship on Sunday, March 1st. We will explain the program, and share the goals we have for it. We will also be glad to answer any questions you may have. This plan is an important priority for our Session. It's one of our main “New Growth Initiatives” for this year, and it will depend on broad support from the congregation to be as successful as we hope it will be. For planning purposes a sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Thank you in advance from the planning team: Jack Ballard, Sandy Brauer, Milt and Sandee Butterworth and Nancy Garrison.

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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!