

# Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
September 18, 2022  
11:00 a.m.

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*“According to the Talmud, every blade of grass has its own angel bending over it, whispering, ‘Grow, grow.’”*

Barbara Brown Taylor

## THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE PRELUDE

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

**Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**

One voice: God summons us to wake up and see,  
To follow the light that shines on the path of life.

**Many voices: May the light of God shine on us today.**

One voice: Here we open our eyes in wonder.  
Here we open our hearts in praise.

**Many voices: May the presence of God flow through everything we say.**

One voice: Here our wounds are cared for.  
Here we know we are loved for who we are.

**Many voices: May the love of God mend things that are not okay.**

One voice: We walk this way together,  
On a journey of wonder, healing and love.

**Many voices: May the Spirit of God guide us on our way.**

**All: Let us worship the living God!**

**\*HYMN 19** “God of Great and God of Small”  
Text and Music: Natalie Sleeth, 1973  
**GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL**

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Barbara Griswold**

Merciful God, despite our best intentions we confess that we sometimes wander off track. We get distracted by shiny things, or confusing things, or painful things, and we get lost. Once lost, we often grow afraid. Afraid, we often hunker down, too fearful to move, unable to hear or respond to your voice. When we stray, come to find us. Set us back safely on the right path, the path that leads to life. Through Christ we pray (*silent prayer...*)

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One voice: Hear this good news – the ancient stories we share tell of God who forgives again, and again, and again.  
This one who creatively finds new ways to reveal grace upon grace and love upon love.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL** **Rev. Sarah Grace Montgomery**  
*All those children and youth who are present are invited to come forward at this time.*

**A READING FROM THE PSALMS** Psalm 119:169-176

**ANTHEM** “Children of the Heavenly Father”  
Arranged by Austin C. Lovelace

*Children of the Heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather,  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge ne'er was given.*

*God his own doth tend and cherish; in his holy courts they flourish;  
From all evil things he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears them.*

*Neither life nor death may ever from the Lord his children sever;  
Unto them his grace he showers, and their sorrows all he knoweth.*

*Though he giveth or he take the, God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.*

**A READING FROM THE GOSPELS** Luke 15:1-10

**THE SERMON** **Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**  
*“Every Time, Every Time, Every Time”*

**\*HYMN 385** “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”  
Text: William Kethe, 1560  
Music: Attr. Louis Bourgeois, 1551  
**OLD HUNDRETH**

### \*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God around us,  
Creator of all things, sustainer of all life**

**We believe in Christ beside us,  
Healer and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.**

**We believe in Spirit deep within us,  
Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.**

**We believe in God’s promised reign,  
Where all things are made whole,  
And all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.**

**We believe in God around, beside, within,  
God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one, the one in three,**

**We believe in God.**

Adapted from *Journey into Wholeness* by Christine Sine.

## THE PASTORAL PRAYER

**\*HYMN 299** “You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”  
Text: Charles Wesley, 1744  
Music: Anon.; *A Suppliment to the New Version of the Psalms*, 1708  
**HANOVER**

### \*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## THE POSTLUDE

\*Please stand as you are able

## CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt, Minister  
Rev. Sarah Grace Montgomery, Associate in Ministry  
Joel P. Rogers, Music Director, Organist  
Donna Eagle Joslin, Church Administrator  
Leslie Sayyar, Brent Roberts, Treasurers  
Barbara Escalante, Bookkeeper

**Coffee Hour Host:** Janice Collins  
**Liturgist:** Barbara Griswold  
**Elder of the Day:** Kay Stockdale



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**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you are worshiping here for the first time today, welcome! We are glad to have you with us on this joyous day.

**PRAYERS GO OUT FOR:** Gina Marvin; Barbara Howell and her husband Loren Gifford, Carla Greenfield's sister and brother in law; Kip Smith, Tacci's father; Pat Crumpler; Milt and Sandee Butterworth, and family; Tim Joslin, Blake's brother; Shane Reece, Nancy Garrison's son; Pat Wilson's son, Kell; Gina Marvin; Bartley and Phyllis Spencer, Sandy Brauer's brother and sister in law; ; Erika Lytle; Jackie Ligon Cole; Rick Garrison; Fran Roberts' sister-in-law, Linda Briggs; Flo Bishop; Jon Hettrick and his family; Jon's mother, Marjorie Hettrick; Mark Laabs, friend of the Griswolds; Kim Reece, daughter of Nancy and Rick Garrison.

**OFFERING** We will not receive a formal offering during our service however, there are offering plates as you enter the sanctuary, or you may mail your offering to: Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church 101 Chapel Lane, Swannanoa, NC 28778, or make donations directly and securely on our website by going to, [warrenwilsonchurch.org](http://warrenwilsonchurch.org)

**CHOIR** Adult choir has begun rehearsals at 7:30 PM. on Wednesday evenings in the chapel. If you would like to sing and would be interested in joining, just contact [joelprogers1967@gmail.com](mailto:joelprogers1967@gmail.com) or pop up to the balcony any Sunday after church!

**BELL CHOIR** Musical Opportunity! We are currently looking for a couple new members of the handbell choir for this year. We have so much fun and if you like music and might be interested, please consider joining us. Just send an email to [joelprogers1967@gmail.com](mailto:joelprogers1967@gmail.com), or just pop upstairs after church. We meet once a week on Wednesday at 6:30. Come join us!--Joel P. Rogers

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** Our adult class will focus on a historical and theological exploration of some of the classic, and some newer, hymns of our faith. We will listen to the hymns together on YouTube, and then join in a discussion about the historical and cultural context in which they were written, and about the theological themes they convey. **TO START OUT, WE WILL MEET VIA ZOOM AT 9:30.** (This gives time for participants to drive to church after class!) Steve will include the Zoom link in the email he sends out prior to worship every week. If you don't get those emails, and wish to be on our mailing list, please let him know.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Sunday School for Youth and Children has resumed. The playground will open at 9:30 and we will start our lessons at 9:45 in the downstairs youth room. We will have interactive lessons based on the Worship text of the day, plus time for music and fellowship. All are welcome!

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BARBARA HEMPLEMAN** There will be a Memorial Service for Barbara Hempleman at 10:00 a.m. on October 1, in the chapel. All are welcome to this celebration of life. A light reception will follow on the patio of Fellowship Hall.

**CONCERT AND KITTREDGE RECITAL HALL DEDICATION Honoring the late Dr. Steven Williams.** On October 1, from 11:30-1:00 in Kittredge Theater on campus, there will be a concert and dedication of the Dr. Steven Williams Recital Hall. The event is free, but space is limited so please contact the Advancement office on campus to RSVP for this event. [advancement@warren-wilson.edu](mailto:advancement@warren-wilson.edu)

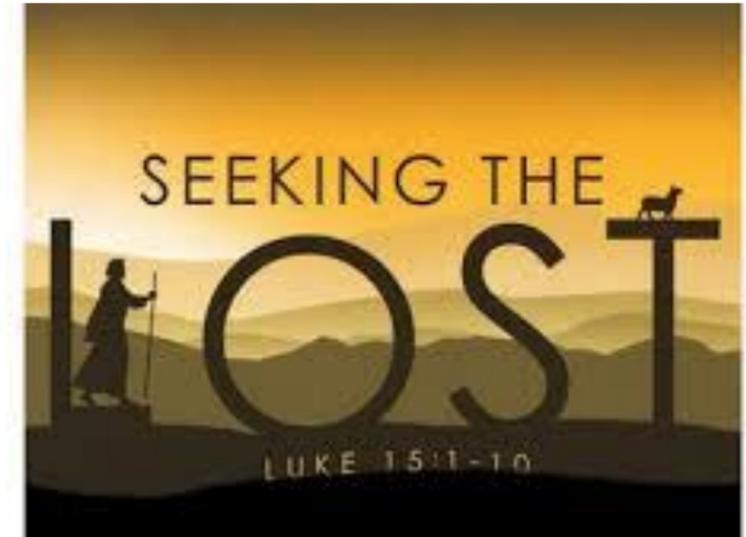
**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** join us on Tuesday, October 4 from 4-6:00 p.m. for The Blessing of the Animals in the grassy area on the sidewalk side of the chapel. We will bless animals from 4-5:00, then share food on the patio of Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in helping, please let Steve or Donna know. All are welcome.

**SVCM** The Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry's WALK FOR YOUR NEIGHBOR is October 9. If you would like to walk, come to sit and visit, or make a contribution, see Allee Williams. Again this year, the funds raised will go for food, utilities, housing, and medical needs for our neighbors in the Swannanoa Valley. If you would like a t-shirt, we ask that you donate at least \$10, due to the cost to SVCM for the shirts. The Walk begins at 2:00 PM, on Sunday, October 9, at First Baptist Church in Black Mountain. The deadline for ordering t-shirts is September 17. Please contact Allee Williams or Corise Gambrell with your pledge and t-shirt order.

**LITURGISTS** We are looking for people who would like to be liturgists. If you are interested, sign up, or call the church office, or email the church administrator at [deagle@warren-wilson.edu](mailto:deagle@warren-wilson.edu).

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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!*