

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church  
and College Chapel

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas*

December 31, 2017

11:00 a.m.

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

*“Those blessings are sweetest that are won with prayer  
and worn with thanks.”*

Thomas Goodwin

**The Gathering of the People**

**THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE PRELUDE**

**Vivian Hare**

*What Is This Lovely Fragrance French carol/Manz*

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Rev. Grace Boyer**

Leader: Wonder of wonders, God has come to us!

People: **Not as a judge, but as a Savior,**

Leader: Not in power, but as a servant.

People: **Not in silence, but in the word made flesh;**

Leader: Not in the shadows, but bringing light.

All: **Wonder of wonders! Emmanuel, God with us!**

**\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

**GTG #132**

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*  
(IN DULCI JUBILO)

**\*THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

**Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**

**\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**God of wonder, you surround us with signs of your glory and surprise us with your presence, yet we often miss the marvels you place before us. Forgive our dull-heartedness and make us alert to the ways you make yourself known, that we might be witness to your good news and proclaim your extravagant love; through Jesus Christ, Our Savior.**

*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** Angels We Have Heard on High (Refrain)

*Gloria in Excelsis Deo!*

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**The Proclamation of the Word**

**A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**

*All those children and youth who are present are invited to come forward at this time. After, children are encouraged to stay with their families during the worship service (no nursery today), or go to the parlor with a parent if that is more comfortable. Crayons and paper will be provided for young children. 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 RESPONSIVE READING FROM THE PSALMS**

Psalm 148:1-13

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise the Lord in the heights! Praise the Lord, all his angels; praise the Lord, all his hosts!

People: **Praise the Lord, sun and moon; praise the Lord, all you shining stars! Praise the Lord, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

People: **Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together!

All: **Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; the Lord's glory is above earth and heaven.**

**THE CHRISTMAS HYMN**

**GTG #128**

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*  
(W ZLOBIE LEZY)

**A READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Luke 2:25-40

**THE MESSAGE**

**Rev. Grace Boyer**

*When The Waiting Is Over*

**The Response to the Word**

**\*THE HYMN OF PROCLAMATION**

**GTG #314**

*Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*  
(CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT)

**\*THE AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTMAS (Unison)**

**When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
The work of Christmas begins:**

**to find the lost,  
to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among the people,  
to make music in the heart.**

*(Howard Thurmond, The Work Of Christmas)*

**THE PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE GIFTS OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**THE OFFERTORY**

*Noël Nouvelet*

*French carol*

**\*THE DOXOLOGY (IN DULCI JUBILO)**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Christ, all people here below  
Praise the spirit evermore  
Praise Triune God whom we adore.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**The Sending**

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

**GTG #136**

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*  
(GO TELL IT)

**\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BLESSING (Verse 1 only)**

**GTG #545**

*Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace*  
(LAND OF REST)

*Lord, bid your servant go in peace; your word is now fulfilled.  
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, this child so long foretold.*

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Joy to the World*

*Gehrke*

\*Please stand as you are able

#### CHAPEL STAFF

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt, Minister  
Rev. Grace Boyer, Associate in Ministry  
Donna Eagle Joslin, Church Administrator  
Vivian Hare, Director of Music, Organist  
Patrick Sanderson, Sound Engineer  
Ray Stock, Jerry VanEman, Treasurers  
Alisa White, Assistant Treasurer  
Nan Woodard, Bookkeeper

#### THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ushers: **Mike & Pat Levi**

Liturgists: **Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt, Rev. Grace Boyer**

Elder of the Week: **Kathy Rouse**



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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:** Marion Satterfield and family, on Neil's death; Milt Butterworth; Pam, CC's daughter-in-law; Salyna Morgan; Barbara Higgins; Edythe Wiener; Dr. Steven Williams; Barbara Robinson; Chuck & Lue Stephenson and Mary Moorrees.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE** Adult Education: Would you like to brainstorm topics for Adult Education this Winter and Spring? Then join Steve Runholt and Grace Boyer in the Adult Classroom on Wednesday January 3rd at 2:00 pm (or send them your suggestions). Final decisions will be made during class time on Sunday January 7th.

No Nursery Today: We are giving our Nursery workers a well deserved Christmas holiday on December 24 and December 31. Children are encouraged to stay with their families in the sanctuary throughout the worship service, but there is also the option of going to the parlor with a parent if that is more comfortable. The worship service is piped into the parlor, and crayons and paper will be provided. Nursery will resume on January 7.

**SVCM HOMELESS SHELTER** WWPC will provide food for the shelter at Black Mountain First Baptist Church the week of Dec. 31, thru January 6. Call Betty Siviter at 298-2390 for more information.

**WEBSITE UPDATES:** Do you have a group that meets regularly here at WWPC (or are you planning a one-off event)? If so, be sure to get the information about it posted on our website. We are always looking for additional content, so if you take photos or have a desire to write articles (like a blog), please get in touch with John Bishop or email details of your event/photos to [wwpc.comm@gmail.com](mailto:wwpc.comm@gmail.com).

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED** A volunteer is needed to work with Pat Wilson in the clothing room on the third Monday of each month at ABCCM between 12:30pm and 3:00pm. A checklist is provided to guide you on the needs of each individual who visits the clothing room. Needs are assessed by a counselor before they can get clothing. Some folks are homeless, living outside and need blankets or coats; others are looking for work clothing to enable them to get a job. Contact Pat Wilson for more information.

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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!*