Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church and College Chapel

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 2019 11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Ideals are like stars,
you will not succeed in touching them with your hands,
but like the seafaring man on the desert of waters,
you choose them as your guide,
and following them, you reach your destiny. Carl Schurz

The Gathering of the People

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE Dr. David Foster

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star Dietrich Buxtehude (Star and Magi process in)

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt

Leader: Come, seekers, to meet God here.

Let all who are joyful raise your voice in song.

People: We have come to feel God's presence.

We have come to seek God's Light.

Leader: Come, travelers, to meet God here.

Let all who are sorrowful find hope in this place.

People: We worship God in spirit and in truth.

We worship the God of light and life.

Leader: Come, voyagers, to meet God here.

Let all who believe and all who wonder grow in faith.

People: Let us worship God!

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

GTG #156

Sing of God Made Manifest (SALZBURG)

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION Sally Broughton Eternal God, you have pierced the world's darkness with the light of your own coming. We have seen that light and followed it here, to this time and this place. Like the magi of old, we gladly bow in worship and give you such gifts as we have: our adoration, our questions, our joys, our sorrows. Receive these treasures, O God, and make of them, make of us, what you will. Through Christ we pray... Silent prayer

*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! Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

The Proclamation of the Word

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL Rev. Grace Boyer

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 Sally Broughton

A READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Isaiah 60:1-6

THE ANTHEM Alfred Burt

The Star Carol
The Chapel Choir

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Samuel Mallory

Matthew 2:1-12

THE MESSAGE Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt

We Are all Magi

The Response to the Word

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) Sally Broughton

We believe in a bright and amazing God,

who is both far and near, everywhere and here.

Who created everything that is, packed atoms with power and loaves and fishes with wonder, filling everything that is with the stuff of miracles.

We believe in Christ whose life blazed with the light of God, and who calls us to follow him into the dark places and to be the light of the world.

We believe in the Living Spirit who hovered over the waters at creation,

who makes everything holy, who lives in and through us.

We believe in the power of love to heal, in the power of truth to set us free, and in the power of faith and hope to usher in the Realm of God.

THE GIFTS OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

We Three Kings

Johannes Michel

*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 Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*THE INVITATION

*THE COMMUNION HYMN

GTG #152

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright (PUER NOBIS NASCITUR)

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**Leader: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven.

hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

The Sending

*THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT

GTG #158

Born in the Night, Mary's Child (MARY'S CHILD)

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BLESSING (using Light)

GTG #137

He Came Down (HE CAME DOWN)

He came down that we may have light (3x) Hallelujah forevermore.

*POSTLUDE

O Morning Star How Fair and Bright Michael Burkhardt

*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

Liturgical Artists: Children and Youth
Ushers: Sandee & Milt Butterworth,
Bitsy Singer, Kent Spillman
Liturgist: Sally Broughton
Coffee Hour Host: Vicki Collins
Elder of the Week: Kay Stockdale



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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: Diana Sanderson and family, on the death of her mother; Ray Stock; Ron Wilson; Barbara Higgins; Dr. Steven Williams and Mary Moorrees.

NURSERY The nursery is available today in the CE building beyond Ransom Fellowship Hall from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Classes for children and adults will resume on January 13.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS January 13 & 20th Jane Corbin will lead a two session class on "Mindfulness". Mindfulness is a spiritual practice of focus and paying attention to the present moment.

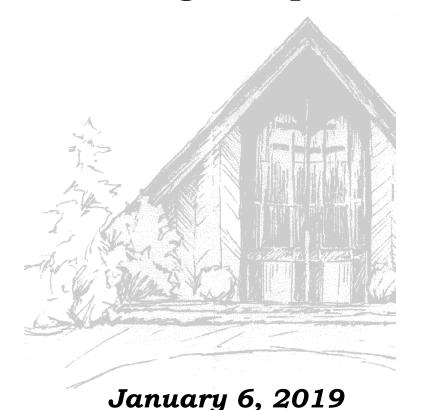
2019 EPIPHANY STAR WORDS Stars and words are available in the narthex. You can randomly (or intentionally) pick a star with a word printed on it for 2019, or you can pick a blank star and add your own word to it. These "star words" can serve as a spiritual focus for the coming year.

NICKEL A MEAL Look for the red baskets this morning as we receive our Nickel A Meal offering which supports our Presbytery's hunger relief efforts in Western NC. Thank you for your support.

LITURGISTS AND USHERS Looking for a simple way to make a meaningful difference? Or an opportunity to engage in genuine ministry that doesn't require a three-year commitment? The Worship Planning Team invites you to consider serving on Sunday morning as a liturgist or usher. If you've never done this before, or if you feel at all nervous about speaking in public, Steve or Grace would be happy to help coach you a bit, and walk you through the basics. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.

LOOKING FOR COFFEE HOUR HOSTS Would you be willing to prepare the coffee hour one Sunday in the next few months and help with this wonderful ministry? (A plate of cookies and something to drink would suffice.) If so, please find the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

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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!