

**Warren Wilson
Presbyterian Church
Student Led Service**

September 7, 2025



Prayer For the Life of the World

For everything that emerges from the earth
Thanks be to you,
O God, Holy Root of being Sacred Sap that rises
Full-bodied Fragrance of earth's unfolding form.
May we know that we are of You
may we know that we are in You
may we know that we are one with You together one.
Guide us as nations to what is deepest
open us as peoples to what is first
lead us as a world to what is dearest
that we may know the holiness of wholeness
that we may know the strength of humility
that together we may live close to the earth
and grow in grounded glory.

From: Praying with the Earth: A Prayerbook for Peace by John Philip Newell

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Student Led Service
13th Sunday after Pentecost
September 7, 2025 11:00 AM

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Laurie Furr-Vancini

Introduction of Chapel Crew Eloise Hill & Isabelle Love

PRELUDE “Sweet Hour of Prayer” Lauren Holding, piano

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Maeve Williams

We are called to worship in community

Love shines brightest in company

When ways of the world call us to live apart from community

We pray to walk a different path

When the world rewards hoarding and exploitation

We pray to be fair and generous in thought and action

When the world seeks division, condemnation, and hatred

We pray to seek unity, grace, and love

When the ways of the world attempt to separate us from God

We pray to walk a different path

We gather in this place to profess God's love

We gather to emulate His love here on Earth

***HYMN 401** “Here in This Place” GATHER US IN

1 Here in this place the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young; our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Mictehuatl Overla

Coming together as God's family, let us ask for our Father's
forgiveness, and take a moment to reflect on our sins.

<Pause for Reflection>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, I stand before you a sinner, fallen short of your
glory, and ask for your mercy O Lord

**In my thoughts, my words, my actions and inaction, I have
failed my siblings and neighbors by way of not embodying your
love and grace. Let me remember this suffering will pass, and
you shall bring peace eternal. O my Lord, guide me by your
wisdom and justice, that I may go forth and model your virtues.
As I do for you now, my siblings and neighbors, I ask you to
pray for me to the Lord our God. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me” #582

*1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*
2 World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Children and youth of all ages are invited to come forward.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 59:14-16 Hannah Johnson

SECOND LESSON Psalm 9:15-20 Alex Collins

MOMENT OF MEDITATION Maple Alvarez

THIRD LESSON Mark 12:13-17 Alex Curcio

SERMON Marshall “Mac” Ware

***HYMN 300** ”We Are One in the Spirit”
THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

1 We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2 We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain)

3 We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: (Refrain)

4 All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (Refrain)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Olivia Wamsley

Our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ is both wholly Son of God and wholly Son of Man; thus, he saves us not only by his power and grace, but by his example of the most perfect humanity. He, born without sin and dying the embodiment of it, has – not with gold or silver, but with his own blood – set us free from our evils and washed us clean. His resurrection defeated death and promised the everlasting life of the world to come. In his footsteps and by his example we are called to love above all else, to love without judgment, exception, or hesitation. It is by heeding this call, with the help of the Holy Spirit, and professing our faith in the Almighty God, that we become one together in the Lord's precious and all-encompassing love, the truth of life eternal.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Words of Institution
Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

*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.*

Invitation to the Table
Receiving the Bread and Cup
Prayer

***HYMN 766** “The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound” MC KEE

1 The church of Christ cannot be bound
by walls of wood or stone.
Where charity and love are found
there can the church be known.

2 True faith will open up the door
and step into the street.
True service will seek out the poor
and ask to wash their feet.

3 True love will not sit idly by
when justice is denied.
True mercy hears the homeless cry
and welcomes them inside.

4 If what we have we freely share
to meet our neighbor's need,
then we extend the Spirit's care
through every selfless deed.

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***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “Rock of Ages / All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”
Lauren Holding, piano

*Please rise in body and/or spirit

CHURCH STAFF

Laurie Furr-Vancini, Transitional Pastor
Ted Stewart, Director of Music
Andrew Tripp, Church Administrator
Leslie Sayyar and Brent Roberts, Treasurers
Barbara Escalante, Bookkeeper

Elder of the Day: Jim Storey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS If you are worshipping here for the first time today, welcome! We are glad to have you with us. Please fill out a visitor information card, located on the right as you enter the chapel, and place it in the offering plate.

OFFERING Plates are available just inside the doors to the chapel as you enter and exit. Our gifts take many forms: open-hearted presence here, voices lifted in song, the prayers that rise in us, the material gifts we share with neighbors, and our willingness to live in a world as allies and advocates for those whose needs are overlooked. The monies we bring symbolize the offering of our lives in all circumstances. A separate labeled basket is available each week to receive Our Daily Change offerings.

COMMUNITY JOYS AND CONCERNS: If you would like to add or update a prayer request, please contact the church office.

We celebrate: **Spiritual Life Crew, Chapel Crew, and all the students** who are part of our worship leadership today ◦ the return of the **Chapel Choir** under the direction of **Ted Stewart**, following their summer break ◦ Two new members of the Chapel Work Crew: **Eloise Hill** and **Isabella Love**

We remember in prayer: **Mary Craig** recuperating at home ◦ **Salyna Morgan** in the hospital with pneumonia ◦ **Pat Crumpler** at rehab at Highland Farms following a fall ◦ **The Lytle family**, as **Isaiah Bullerdick** recovers from knee surgery

PRAYER REQUESTS With intentionality and caring for our church members, family, and friends; we have developed these guidelines to use for the Celebrations and Concerns Prayer list: To add a recipient's name to the prayer list, please contact the church office (info@warrenwilsonchurch.org)/(828) 298-9092) or the Pastor with the concern. The recipient's name can be kept on the list for three weeks. You can request an additional 2-3 weeks if you would like to keep the recipient's name on the list.

CHOIR RESUMES The Chapel Choir is back. We always welcome new singers, so if you've been wanting to give it a try, this is the time! Rehearsals are the choir loft Wednesdays at 7:00.

HANDBELLS The WWPC Handbell Choir is back in action starting this week. We are always wanting more ringers, so please consider joining us! Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6 in the Adult Classroom in the Fellowship Hall building. For more information, contact Natalie Daugherty (forestchick07@gmail.com or (336) 413-9071).

BONE MARROW REGISTRATION DRIVE The Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church-College Relations Team has scheduled a Bone Marrow Registration Drive for September 11, 2025, 11 am – 3:00 pm in Canon Lounge. Bone marrow registration is simple: in addition to filling out the registration form, each individual will be asked to take 4 cheek swabs. About one in 1000 potential donors will be called to donate their blood cells to help save a life. To increase the chance of patients receiving the life-saving treatment, many registrants are needed. Registrants will be eligible to become donors until the age of 61. We will need volunteers to handle and collect the materials and cheek swabs from the potential donors. More information may be found at projectlifemovement.org.

PHOTO REQUEST The Centennial Celebration team still wants more photos. If you have any photos of church events or Youth activities, please get them to the church office or directly to Chrisann Ohler by September 15.

LOST AND FOUND Cash was found following worship last week, August 31. Contact church office to identify amount missing by September 10. It will be added to the loose plate offering of the church if not claimed.

WELCOME STUDENTS POTLUCK Today we are welcoming students back to campus officially with our Potluck Lunch following worship. Please join us as we welcome our friends old and new with some much-missed home cooking!

OUR NEW WORK CREW Today we are welcoming the two new students on the Chapel Work Crew:

Eloise Hill from Chapin, SC is studying Fiddle Music and Creative Writing.

Isabella Love from Cary, NC is studying Social Work



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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!*