

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

September 28, 2025



“Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break,
the sound prolong”

- Samuel Francis Smith, 1831

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16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 28, 2025 11:00 AM

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Intermezzo” Mark Sedio

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 91) Don Collins

You who live in the shelter of the Most High will say,
“My God in whom I trust.”

**No evil shall befall those who make the Lord their refuge,
the Most High their dwelling place.**

God will deliver those who love the Lord and call on God’s name.

**When they call, God will answer, be with them in trouble,
and show them true life abundant.**

Let us worship God!

***HYMN 267** “Come, Christians Join to Sing” MADRID

Come, lift your hearts on high:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky:

Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend;

to us he'll condescend;

his love shall never end:

Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again:

Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain:

Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore

his goodness we'll adore,

singing forevermore:

Alleluia! Amen!

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE MARKING THE YEAR

(responsive)

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, merciful Lord, although our hearts are heavy with the memory of the waters of Helene raging through a year ago, because of destruction and loss, because of the sorrow and grieving, we, and our community still remain. By your power and glory, we can rejoice even in the midst of our all our emotions

We can give thanks in all circumstances.

For calling us to be the Church of Jesus Christ in this place,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For giving us the Love of Christ to share in our community,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For the efforts of the people of our community services and emergency units; for those who gathered from afar offering themselves and help.

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For helping neighbors and comforting friends, and empathetic strangers,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For sharing for a time the lives of those we mourn,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For blessing our community with a rich past, and giving the promise of hope for our future,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

And for our very lives, which are of more value than brick or wood, silver or gold, memorabilia or furnishing, and that you have saved us,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE (responsive)

We will dwell in your house, O God forever. Your Spirit enlightens our way. We live our lives on the path set before us by Jesus, our Way Shower. In the waters of baptism, we are given, we make, and we live our lives. And these waters, these waters, hold us and sustain us all of our days.

We give you thanks, O Lord.

***RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE**

“Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand”

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*Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He's the solid rock of my life.
He's the solid rock of my life. He's the solid rock of my life.*

*There's no other place I can hide til the storm that rages subsides.
I'm redeemed, and all of my days, Jesus Christ will be my heart's
praise.*

*Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He's the solid rock of my life.
He's the solid rock of my life. He's the solid rock of my life.*

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

1 Timothy 6:6-12

ANTHEM

“O Lord, You Know Me”

Georg Phillipp Telemann, Arr: Hal H. Hopson

O Lord, You know me through and through, all my past and future.

You know my rest and when I rise.

All my thoughts, all my words, Lord, You know.

You shall forever be all knowing, Lord, I trust in You.

Where shall I go? Where shall I flee from You?

Lord, should I soar, surely You would be with me.

Should the long night appear, You, there too, would be near.

You are the One Creator, My God and Father.

O Lord, I trust in You.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 16:19-31

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Laurie Furr-Vancini

***HYMN 286**

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

TRENTHAM

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER – CELTIC VERSION

*Holy One beyond all names
Eternal Wellspring
May love rise again in us today
With food for every table
Shelter for every family
And reverence for every life.
Forgive us our failings in love
And free us from all falseness
That the light of our souls may shine
And the strength of our spirits endure
For Earth and all its people.
This day, tonight, and forever. Amen.*

***HYMN 314**

“Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain:

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. (Refrain)

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. (Refrain)

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. (Refrain)

5 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. (Refrain)

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Cortege”

Gordon Young

*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: Chrisann Ohler
Fellowship Time: Sally Broughton
Liturgist: Don Collins

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 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: Wonderful progress being made with the Chapel staining ° Celebrating glorious weather, inviting us to open windows and spend time outdoors as the seasons transition.

We remember in prayer: Peggy Rada, who is now in skilled care nursing and for her husband, **Heath Rada**, a former moderator of the general assembly. They live at Highland Farms. ◦ **The Pastor Nominating Committee** as they begin interviews. ◦ **Dennis Riley's friend, Carlin**, who is unhoused and facing chronic health conditions.

BILLY EDD WHEELER You are invited to a Celebration of Life for Billy Edd Wheeler on Friday, October 3 at 2 PM in the Chapel.

SPIRITUAL RETREAT John Philip Newell, internationally acclaimed Celtic teacher, speaker, and author, and Cami Twilling will be leading a 3-day spiritual retreat at Montreat, October 22-24. The Spiritual Nurture Team has designated some partial scholarship funds for those interested. Please call/text Beth Meriwether (828-777-2867) or bethmeriwether@gmail.com. Retreat info at montreat.org/events/ses25 and for John Philip Newell www.earthandsoul.org.

MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES Both the Chapel Choir and the Handbell Choir are back for the fall and both would love to have you join! If you are interested, join an upcoming rehearsal and see all the fun you've been missing! Handbells are Wednesdays at 6:00 in the Adult Classroom of the Fellowship Hall. Choir is in the Choir Loft Wednesdays at 7:00.

TOGATHER “Come, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest,” Matthew 11:28 - Jesus invites us to come to him and to come together to share our burdens and find rest. You are invited to join the Togather Group, meeting the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:30 in the church parlor for a time of sharing, contemplation, and prayer. Please note Together will NOT be meeting 10/28.

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Later in the fall, the congregational nominating committee will present nominees to the congregation for 2 elders for the session class of 2028 and 2 members of the congregational nominating committee for the class of 2028. Please give your suggestions to the Congregational Nominating Committee for those who will lead us in the beginning of our next 100 years!

Your name (optional)_____

I suggest_____ to be an elder.

I suggest_____ for congregational nominating committee.

<please place your selections in the offering plate.>

HOMECOMING SERVICE & POTLUCK Next week, October 5th, is the Homecoming worship service followed by a Potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall. If you know what dish you'll be bringing, please sign up in the narthex. And of course all are welcome!!

IMMIGRATION LECTURE On September 29 at 7:00 there will be a lecture from Dr. Stephanie Madison entitled "Immigration: Opportunities for Mission". Stephanie is a professor at Clemson University and a volunteer at EL REFUGIO, a hospitality house serving the families of detainees at the Stewart Detention Center in Lumpkin, GA. She'll provide some context for the current practice of detaining people and how our churches might offer support to detainees and their families. The event is happening at the Walkup Building, Community Circle, Montreat, NC. Please bring donations of new adult underwear, socks, and backpacks.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS Bring your furry (or scaly or slimy) family members to the Church/College co-sponsored Blessing of the Animals. The service will take place at the WWC Pavillion at 6 PM on October 1.

SVCM COLLECTION The Community Engagement Ministry of WWPC has been made aware of a shortage of items that cannot be purchased with SNAP/food stamps that are needed at SVCM. Through November we are collecting toilet paper, laundry soap, paper towels, shampoo, and other general personal care items. Items will be collected in our Narthex and delivered to SVCM at the end of November.



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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!*