

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

October 12, 2025



We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to believe the gospel.

-(from A Brief Statement of Faith)

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18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 2025 11:00 AM

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY Stewardship-Pat Hardy & Jack Allison

PRELUDE “Blest Be The Tie” Wilbur Held

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Lamentations 3) Jack Allison

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
with mercies that are new every morning.

Great is your faithfulness, O God, and the source of all hope.

You are good to those who wait upon you, O God,
and whose souls seek the Lord

It is good that one should wait for the salvation of the Lord.

Let us worship God.

***HYMN 39** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” FAITHFULNESS

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning, new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
(Refrain)

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
(Refrain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you gift us with mercy, but sometimes we fail to feel thankful. Hear us as we pray for healing. Rid us the vanity that clutters our often self-centered lives. Help us to hear once again how the humble receive mercy, the sick are healed, and the rejected are loved and forgiven. Then, help us believe it. Amen.

*RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

“Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand” #832

*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

Luke 7:18-23

ANTHEM

“For the Troubles and the Sufferings”

Rodolfo Gaede Teto

See Hymn #764 for reference meditation.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 17:11-19

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Laurie Furr-Vancini

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

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*HYMN 346

”For the Healing of the Nations”

ST. THOMAS (Wade)

1 For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

2 Lead us forward into freedom;
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

3 All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

4 You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness,
bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

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 306**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

DENNIS

1 Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

2 Before our *Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

3 We share our mutual woes;
our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

4 When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

5 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Concerto del Sigr. Tomaso Albinoni

Trans. Johann Gottfried Walther

*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: Don Collins

Fellowship Time: Don & Vicki 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.

STEWARDSHIP Today marks the beginning of our Stewardship Season at Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church. Our Stewardship Theme is:



You will be hearing from our Stewardship Team in a variety of ways through November 16 as we consider the offering of gifts of our time, talent, and treasure that makes Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church's work vibrant and future oriented. This week, there are letters in the back for members and friends. Following worship today, please stop by the table in the back and pick up your letter. If your letter is not picked up, it will be mailed tomorrow, but picking it up will save us postage.

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

We celebrate: All that participated in the Homecoming service last week ° All that helped with the Celebration of Billy Edd Wheeler's life

We remember in prayer: Mary Craig for continued healing and strength ° Warren Wilson students during their Fall Break travels

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE The November/December Newsletter deadline is Monday, October 27. If you have any submissions or suggestions, please get them into the church office by then.

COMMUNITY YOGA We are hosting the Riceville Community Yoga that lost their usual meeting place to Helene. This class is open to anyone and meets Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:00 AM in the downstairs youth room of the Education Building

PIANO FORUM The Asheville Area Piano Forum Benefit Recital is happening in our chapel on Sunday, October 19 at 3:30. This concert features area piano teachers and performers with funds going towards scholarships for young pianists. Free tickets are available to WWPC members by signing up on the sheet in the narthex or by talking to Ted Stewart.

A WEEKEND OF LISTENING, LEARNING, & LEADING We are partnering with WWC to host Katy Schafer in a series of events. Katy and her husband, Mac Schafer, have served churches in the Raleigh area and recently moved to Doylestown, PA. They have four children, one of whom, Hunter Schafer, is a well-known actor and transgender activist. October 24 at 6:30 is a meal and Q&A entitled “Beyond Pink & Blue: Widening the Welcome” at Canon Lounge. October 25 is a breakfast and discussion entitled “Safe Space, Brave Space” in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM. Katy will also be preaching on October 26.

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.

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.>

PNC UPDATE The Pastor Nominating Committee continues to move through the nominating process over the past month. We completed interviews with two candidates, and have extended the offer to several others at this time. We've also met again with our Presbytery liaisons to share our progress so far, and gain new insights as we move further into the process. This is an exciting time and we look forward to learning more about the candidates!

TRUNK OR TREAT It's that time of year again! On November 2nd from 3:00 to 5:00 PM, we'll host our annual Trunk or Treat. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex for Trunks as well as space to help with refreshments and crafts! We look forward to the return Trunk or Treat!

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.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION WWPC is turning 100!! Here are some of the ways we are celebrating:

- November 9, 3:30 – Tribute of Thanks Concert
by Friends of Steve Williams
- November 13, 5:30 – Preservation Society Lecture in the Chapel
- November 23, 12:00 – Anniversary Celebration and Reception

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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!*