

**Warren Wilson
Presbyterian Church**

December 7, 2025



PEACE

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2025 11:00 AM

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” Wayne Wold
(Reference: Hymn #85)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear the words that bring peace from the prophet Isaiah:

“Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.”

We hear Mary, proclaiming her message of peace:

**“Our Creator has brought down rulers from their thrones,
but has lifted up the humble.”**

***HYMN 83** “Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus” STUTTGART

1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.

2 Israel’s strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

3 Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4 By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

CANDLE LIGHTING

PRAYER (unison)

We wait with expectation for a God that brings love to our being, truth to our lips and a stirring in our hearts until the manifestation of peace comes. We wait with anticipation and lament, courage, and longing for peace that shows itself to us, and surpasses a world that does not understand. This peace we long for, we bid you come. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE & PEACE

*ADVENT RESPONSE

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
#88 Verse 7

*O come, Desire of nations, bind
All people in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

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

Psalm 72:1-7

ANTHEM

“Come, Thou Redeemer Of The Earth”
Richard Shephard

*Come thou Redeemer of the earth, And manifest thy virgin birth:
Let every age adoring fall, Such birth befits the God of all.*

*Begotten of no human will, But of the Spirit, thou art still,
The Word of God in flesh arrayed,
The promised fruit to God displayed.*

*O equal to the Father thou! Gird on thy fleshly mantle now;
The weakness of our mortal state with deathless might invigorate.*

*The cradle here with glitter bright,
And darkness breathe a newer light,
Where endless faith shall shine serene, And twilight never
intervene.*

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10

SERMON

Rev Dr Laurie Furr-Vancini

*HYMN 92 “While We Are Waiting, Come” WAITING (Cason)

1 While we are waiting, come;
while we are waiting, come.

Refrain:

Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting, come.

2 With power and glory, come;
with power and glory, come. (Refrain)

3 Come, Savior, quickly come;
come, Savior, quickly come. (Refrain)

COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayers of the People and 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.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer

*HYMN 118

“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

Verses 1, 2, 5, & 6

CHRISTMAS

1 While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around,
and glory shone around.

2 “Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind:
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and humankind,
to you and humankind.

5 Thus spoke the seraph, and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song,
addressed their joyful song:

6 “All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good will to all from highest heaven
begin and never cease,
begin and never cease!”

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!”
Malcolm Archer

*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

Liturgists: Paulette Heck, Don and Vicki Collins, Anne Dale

Fellowship Time: Don and Vicki Collins

Elder of the Day: Jim Storey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS If you are worshiping 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: All that made the Community Thanksgiving Meal a success ° A big thank you to our **Stewardship Team** for their great work on our annual stewardship campaign: **Jack Allison, Vicki Collins, Pat Hardy, Pat Levi, Sharon Lytle, Ken Murchison**

We remember in prayer: The family of **Howard Boswell** (Warren Wilson College class of 1980) on his death November 17 ° **Jackie Wintle** at home recovering from pneumonia ° **Natalie Daugherty** as she waits to hear next steps on her health journey ° **Ernst Laursen** at Aston Park ° **Barbara Escalante** after breaking her wrist

POINSETTIAS Order a poinsettia in honor or in memory of your loved ones. These will be displayed in the front of the chapel to help celebrate the Christmas season, and can be taken home after the service on Christmas Eve. Each poinsettia costs \$12 and orders can be sent to Andrew in the church office by noon tomorrow (December 8) or look for the order forms and envelope in the narthex today.

COOKIES AND CAROLS Today at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall we will celebrate a festive holiday tradition: Cookies and Carols! Enjoy delicious Christmas treats and join in singing some favorite Christmas songs with the Warren Wilson community.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE 100 Years of Service: The FUTURE is calling! This was the theme of this year's Stewardship Campaign. We are pleased to announce that Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church heard the call to the future and responded with generosity. Our current commitment total is just under \$236,000, which is almost 5% over our goal. We still have a couple of more commitments that we are expecting, SO GREAT JOB! In January we will have our annual congregational meeting where the 2026 budget will be presented to you and will make sure to let you know where the "above and beyond" money was allocated!

HELPERS NEEDED to assist the **Habitat for Humanity** construction crew build House of Faith #5 in West Asheville. We have half day (8:15 - noon) shifts reserved on the volunteer calendar for Friday, Jan. 16 and Feb. 27, and full day shifts (8:15 - 3) on Saturday, Jan. 17, Feb. 7 and Feb. 28. Work will be indoors in heated spaces, or outdoors if weather permits. No experience is needed, only a willingness to help. Contact Larry Griswold if you have questions or to sign up.

NAMETAGS It's time again to update our nametags for Sunday mornings. If you don't have a nametag or yours needs refreshing, please sign up in the narthex.

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

TAI CHI/QIGONG PRACTICE CLASS Improve your balance, bone & muscle strength, flexibility, posture, range of motion, breathing fitness, concentration, and stress level using gentle, fluid, easy-to-follow stretching and exercise. Mondays, 2:30 PM, in the WWPC Lower Fellowship Hall.

BLUE RIDGE ORCHESTRA The Blue Ridge Orchestra returns to the WWPC Chapel TODAY at 3:00 for their Holiday Concert. Tickets available at:

blueridgeorchestra.org/bro-revels-2025-a-british-holiday-dec25

WASSAIL Here we go a wassailing! Join us in the narthex next week after the church service for Wassail. Bring your favorite holiday finger food to share!

CHRISTMAS EVE Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship service will be at 7:00 PM on December 24 in the Chapel.

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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!*