

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

December 28, 2025



"to you is born this day in the city of David
a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign for you:
you will find a chod wrapped
in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

Luke 2:11-12

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

1st Sunday of Christmas
December 28, 2025 11:00 AM

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE	“Two Nativity Carols” Shepherds Three Kings	Wilbur Held
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*CALL TO WORSHIP	Bob Gambrell
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The God we worship is steady and faithful;
Yet continues to surprise us.
Before we even knew about God,
He knew us and loved us.
Even if we aren't aware of His presence
He promises to be with us,
Even when hope seems lost,
He refreshes us with His grace.
Let us worship the God of hope.

*HYMN 353	“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” SOLID ROCK
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1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. (Refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to you as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE & FORGIVENESS

***RESPONSE** “Once in Royal David's City” #140 Verse 4

*And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.*

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 65:5-13

SECOND LESSON Luke 2:22-40

SERMON Rev Patrick Hardy

***HYMN 134** “Joy to the World”
ANTIOCH

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

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.

***HYMN 69**

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”
HERE I AM (Schutte)

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?
(Refrain)

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?
(Refrain)

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Joy to the World”

Wilbur Held

*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: Bob Gambrell
Fellowship Time: The Daughertys
Elder of the Day: Leslie Sayyar

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.

END OF YEAR GIVING If you plan to make a year-end gift, please note these deadlines: To have your gifts counted as a 2025 donation, you must postmark your checks (or deliver them to the church) by December 31. For online gifts, the Presbyterian Foundation must process the payment by December 31. Thanks be to God for all you have done, are doing, and will do for the ministry of Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church.

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

We celebrate: Pat Hardy for leading worship this morning ◦ All the opportunities that come with the New Year ◦ The ongoing work of the **Pastor Nominating Committee** ◦ Sharon Lytle as her term on Session is ending.

We remember in prayer: Natalie Daugherty ◦ Ernst Laursen ◦ All who are traveling for the holidays

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. 24, 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 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 Mondays, 2:30 PM, in the WWPC Lower Fellowship Hall.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The church office will be closed December 26 and 29 as well as January 1.



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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!*