

# Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

May 17, 2026



When  
we  
abandon each  
other  
we lose our greatest  
power  
the  
ability  
to  
love

- Kate Baer



3 Whenever I am tempted,  
whenever clouds arise,  
when song gives place to sighing,  
when hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to him,  
from care he sets me free:  
his eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know he watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know he watches me. (Refrain)

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

**Christ our Savior, as you ascended, you left the work to us. You called us to keep the movement going, to witness to the ends of the earth, to pray, to heal, to glorify you through our thoughts, words, and deeds, to show the world a glimpse of the goodness you have given us. We have fallen short of this call. We have hidden ourselves in fear, sought our own comfort, and resigned ourselves to the status quo. Forgive us, and strengthen us to do your will, that we may be signs of your coming reign.**

*Silent moment for personal confession*

## **A PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS & PEACE**

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

### **\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
# 606 OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
Praise God all Creatures Here Below  
Praise God above the Heavenly Host  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## **A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES**

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

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST LESSON**

Psalm 21:1-7

### **ANTHEM**

“Jesus Shall Reign”

Rachel Aarons

*See Hymn #265 for reference meditation.*

### **SECOND LESSON**

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

### **SERMON**

Rev. Jessica Rigel

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE 468**

“In My Life”  
LORD, BE GLORIFIED

1 In my life, Lord,  
be glorified; be glorified.  
In my life, Lord,  
be glorified today.

2 In our song, Lord,  
be glorified; be glorified.  
In our song, Lord,  
be glorified today.

3 In your church, Lord,  
be glorified; be glorified.  
In your church, Lord,  
be glorified today.

4 In your world, Lord,  
be glorified; be glorified.  
In your world, Lord,  
be glorified today.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our God in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
Your 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 Yours is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**\*CLOSING HYMN 823**

“Shall Tribulation or Distress”  
ROMANS 8

1 Shall tribulation or distress,  
shall persecution, fire, or sword,  
or any peril of this world—  
or even death,  
or even death—  
shall any power of earth or heaven  
divide us from your love,  
O Christ?

2 Shall illness, hunger, or despair,  
shall lonely grief or anxious fears,  
or deeds of hatred and disdain—  
or even death,  
or even death—  
shall any power of earth or heaven  
divide us from your love,  
O Christ?

3 No, neither angel hosts nor thrones,  
nor height nor depth of evil's reach,  
nor present things, nor things to come—  
not even death,  
not even death—  
not any power of earth or heaven  
can part us from your love,  
O Christ.

**\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“March Sortie”

Flor Peeters

\*Please rise in body and/or spirit

**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Jessica Rigel, Pastor  
Ted Stewart, Director of Music  
Andrew Tripp, Church Administrator  
Leslie Sayyar and Brent Roberts, Treasurers  
Barbara Escalante, Bookkeeper

**Elder of the Day:** Natalie Daugherty

**Liturgist:** Barbara Griswold

**Fellowship Time:** Chris Nugent & Sarah Anne Eller

**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 or scan the QR code on the back of this bulletin. 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: Warren Wilson College graduates! ◦ Our work crew this year: Eloise Hill and Isabella Love**

**We remember in prayer: Derron Daugherty** recovering from surgery ◦ **Jack Ballard** recovering after a fall ◦ **Natalie Daugherty** for continued recovery ◦ **Jackie Wintle** for continued recovery

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME CHANGE** The Adult Education Class meets in the Adult Classroom in the Education Building on Sundays from 9:15-10:15. The class will begin studying “One Day, Everyone Will Have Always Been Against This” by Omar El Akkad. All are welcome!

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** Our next newsletter will be covering the summer, especially June through the start of the next school year. If you have any suggestions or submissions please get them to Andrew in the church office by May 26.

**PERSONNEL REVIEW TEAM** Each year WWPC completes a review of its staff - Andrew and Ted for 2026 since Jess has just joined us. The Administration Ministry Team named Brent Roberts, Derron Daugherty, and Jim Storey as the action team to prepare this year’s annual review. To complete its work, the team needs input from the entire congregation. Please share with the team your words of praise for the work our staff have done in the past year and your suggestions as to how we can improve our ministry in the future. You may send your responses to Jim Storey by email at [jstorey57@gmail.com](mailto:jstorey57@gmail.com), by mail to the church office, or by delivery to the AMT mailbox in the office. Please submit your responses to the team before the end of May so it can complete its report for the Session in a timely matter.

## **GRADUATING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NEEDS**

**TEMPORARY HOUSING** The Church College Relations team was recently approached about an opportunity for our congregation to step up and help some international students awaiting work permits, which are forthcoming, but who need temporary housing. One of the students has already graciously received housing from one of our team members (HOORAY!), but we are still seeking housing for David, a student from Nigeria. Please see further information in the request below. The need is imminent, so the sooner you could reach out to Taelyn or Joel, the better!

David, a Nigerian student who just graduated from WWC needs temporary housing for the early summer before he begins his PhD studies. David comes highly recommended from the college administrators and needs a space from May 20th (this WEDNESDAY!) through July 1st. If anyone has a spare bedroom that would be available, please contact Taelyn Reid, the Assistant Director for Community and Global Engagement ([treid@warren-wilson.edu](mailto:treid@warren-wilson.edu)) or Joel Bluml, WWC Vice President for Student Engagement ([jbluml@warren-wilson.edu](mailto:jbluml@warren-wilson.edu)), ASAP!

**THE PFAFF HOUSE** has a revitalized mission to support women transitioning out of incarceration in an initiative led by the Swannanoa Valley Transitional Housing Committee, the Ministry of Hope, and the Western Carolina Correctional Center for Women. To volunteer, donate, or learn more contact [carolsasserdalton@gmail.com](mailto:carolsasserdalton@gmail.com) or visit [svth.org](http://svth.org).

**WWC NICARAGUA TRIP** WWC Spiritual Life is having an intergenerational trip to Nicaragua August 7-16. More information on the flyer in the narthex.

**PRESBYTERY GUATEMALA TRIP** The Presbytery is hosting a trip this November to Guatemala. The contact is Sarah Robinson Bryan who is the PWNC Guatemala Partnership Coordinator. More information in the narthex.

**JULY 4TH POTLUCK** The annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Potluck will be after worship on Sunday, July 5. Come celebrate with your church family!

**PENTECOST – WEAR RED** Pentecost is next week: May 24. Remember to wear red as part of this special celebratory day!

*Cover image: "The Two Fridas" painted by Frida Kahlo*

*words from Kate Baer's poetry collection, I hope this finds you well.  
The poem is titled, "Re: Personal Branding"*

## The week ahead at WWPC

5/17	2:00 (UFH)	Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting
5/18	1:15 (AdEd)	Staff Meeting
5/18	2:30 (LFH)	Tai Chi/Qigong
5/19	6:00 (AdEd)	Session
5/20	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
5/20	7:00 (Chapel)	Choir
5/22	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
5/22	All Day	Verner Center in UFH
5/24	9:15 (AdEd)	Adult Education Class

UFH - Upper Fellowship Hall

AdEd - Adult Classroom in the Education Building

LFH - Lower Fellowship Hall

Parlor - Chapel Parlor

Youth - Lower Classroom in the Education Building



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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!*