

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

May 24, 2026



“The right words come today in their right order
And every word spells freedom and release
Today the gospel crosses every border
All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace.”

- Malcolm Guite

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2026 11:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire”

Lyndell Leatherman

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Larry Griswold

One: God sent forth the Spirit, and all creation rejoiced.

God’s breath filled the skies, the sea, the land, and all creatures.

All: May the glory of the Lord endure forever!

One: Let us sing to the Lord as long as we have breath.

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN 280

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

EBENEZER

1 Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
come with Pentecostal power;
give the church a stronger vision;
help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation,
Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
still the church is called to mission
that God's love shall be made known.

2 We would raise our alleluias
for the grace of yesteryears;
for tomorrow's unknown pathway,
hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.
In the church's pilgrim journey
you have led us all the way;
still in presence move before us,
fire by night and cloud by day.

3 Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you,
glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Three in One: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas
now and through eternity.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Infinite God, you come to us in many colors, shapes, and languages. You speak to each of us in the way we can understand. You reach out to us and meet us where we are. But we are quick to limit you to what we can understand and control. Forgive us, and set your Spirit loose among us. Challenge us, surprise us, and open us to your power, that we might know you more deeply, follow you more faithfully, and love you more fully.

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

Acts 2:1-13

ANTHEM

“Veni Creator Spiritus”
9th Century Pentecost Gregorian Chant
Chapel Choir and Handbell Ensemble

*Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy seven-fold gifts impart.*

*Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight.*

*Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee, of both, to be but one;
That through the ages all along thy praise may be our endless song!*

Praise to thine eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

Acts 2:14-21

SERMON

Rev. Jessica Rigel

***HYMN OF PRAISE 66**

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”
PENTECOST

Refrain:

Every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.

1 Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,
till I asked my Lord if all was mine.
(Refrain)

2 Jordan River, chilly and cold,
it chills the body but not the soul.
There is but one train upon this track.
It runs to heaven and then right back.
(Refrain)

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 300**

“We are One in the Spirit”
THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

1 We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2 We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain)

3 We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: (Refrain)

4 All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (Refrain)

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Poco vivace" Hermann Schroeder

*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: Chrisann Ohler
Liturgist: Larry Griswold
Fellowship Time: Vicki and 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 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: Another fantastic year from **The WWPC Church Choir** ◦ **Rodney Lytle** will be getting a new hip this week ◦ **Natalie and Derron Daugherty** are both back at church following surgery ◦ **Jackie Wintle** is currently cancer free

THE WARREN WILSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHOIR will close their season today and return this Fall. Great thanks for this year's beautiful music and leadership. Soli Deo Gloria!

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 is 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 this Tuesday, 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, 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.

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 or visit 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.

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The week ahead at WWPC

5/24	2:00 (UFH)	Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting
5/25	N/A	Church Office Closed
5/25	11:00(Chapel)	Rauch Memorial Service
5/25	2:30 (LFH)	Tai Chi/Qigong
5/26	N/A	Newsletter Deadline
5/26	1:30 (Parlor)	Togather
5/27	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
5/28	10:00(Chapel)	TLC Graduation (All Day)
5/29	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
5/30	All Day	Pettit Memorial (both buildings)
5/31	9:15 (AdEd)	Adult Education Class
5/31	11:00(Chapel)	Guest Pianist - Eunice Stackhouse

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!*