

Warren Wilson

Presbyterian Church

July 19, 2026



“A weed is a plant whose virtues
have yet to be discovered.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026 11:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Larghetto: Thanks Be To God” G. F Handel

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Pat Levi

One: There is goodness within us that grows like fresh wheat.

All: There is also sin within us that chokes that wheat like weeds.

One: Let us bring all of who we are to God,

All: who can separate out what is good,
so that we are not overcome with evil.

One: Let us trust that God's great Spirit guides our lives

All: And allow God's great love to guide our actions.

***OPENING HYMN 453** “Open Your Ears, O Faithful People”
YISRAEL V'ORAITA

1 Open your ears, O faithful people;
open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood;
God has come to you.

Refrain:

God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!
 God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!
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 Torah ora, Torah ora, hallelujah!
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2 They who have ears to hear the message,
they who have ears, now let them hear;
they who would learn the way of wisdom,
let them hear God's word. (Refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Ever-present God, there is no place where you are not with us. You see us at our worst and at our best. There is much we would hide from you—the ways we harm your creation, the ways we mistreat others, the ways we turn away when we should turn toward. Even as you know us, forgive us. Guide our thoughts, our words, our actions, that you may delight in us as we delight in you.

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 86:11-17

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

SERMON

Rev. Jessica Rigel

***HYMN OF PRAISE 367**

**“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”
ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR**

1 Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest home.

2 All the world is God's own field,
fruit in thankful praise to yield,
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from each field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
give the angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in God's garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home.
Gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there forever purified,
in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come;
raise the glorious harvest home!

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 680**

“Soft Rains of Spring Flow”
PCOCS

1 Soft rains of spring flow through the fields;
earth awakes and greets a new year.
Deep within the soil of our hearts
seeds of love begin to take root.
Summer brings floods, tempest and storm;
sun breaks forth; birds tend their young.
Then the day of harvest will come,
when we gather all that God gives.

2 Tender young shoots, green in the sun,
glisten with the beauty of spring.
God will watch and care for each one,
bring the growth and strength to bear fruit,
speaking the word, quenching their thirst,
hearing their prayer, feeding their souls.
God will love and care for each one,
till the bright day harvest will come.

3 Our hearts are filled: God gives us grace;
overflowing we give our praise.
We come humbly bringing our thanks,
bring our hearts and offer them back.
Our harvest here on God's rich earth,
all is a gift God freely makes.
Lord and Savior, we sing your praise,
thank and bless you all of our days.

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Trumpeting in B-flat Major" James Melby
(Premier hearing of our new Trumpet Stop—swell manual)

*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: Pat Levi

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 summer and remember in prayer all those in our community who are traveling or spending time in rest and renewal with friends and family.

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY Once again we are hosting the Chamber Music Society of the Carolinas in our sanctuary. They will be holding many rehearsals over the next few weeks and four different concerts each Saturday night through August 1 at 7:30. More information and tickets are available at cms-carolinas.org/

SVCM 50th ANNIVERSARY Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry (SVCM) will mark its 50th anniversary with a free community celebration on Friday, July 24, 2026! SVCM will host the celebration at Hammer & Heart's new workshop at 695 NC-9 in Black Mountain. Live music, food, and children's activities will run from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., with an official blessing and ribbon cutting at 6 p.m. All are invited!

AUGUST 2 WORSHIP On Sunday, August 2nd WWPC will gather for worship at Montreat Camp & Conference Center's Anderson Auditorium (off of Assembly Dr on Look Out Rd) led by Dr. Jacqueline Lapsley, Pastor Jessica's Old Testament professor and current President of Union Presbyterian Seminary in Virginia. The service is a bit earlier than our normal gathering time; worship begins at Montreat at 10:30. Communion will be served and the Word will be preached, just at a different location! Please join us for this special opportunity to share in worship together with our wider community & Presbyterian family!

CALENDARS It's that time of year where we order the 2026-27 Presbyterian Planning Calendars (they cover September '26-December '27). Many of you have used these in previous years and know what valuable resources they can be. If you would like one for the coming year and want to be a part of the church's bulk pricing let Andrew know. They are \$16 each. Deadline to order is Monday, July 27.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES Mark your calendars and get ready for a good time!

◦ **Friday, July 31st** we're taking it out to the ball game! Join us for a fun evening of \$1 hotdogs, fireworks, and of course, baseball at the Asheville Tourists game at Hometrust Park! First pitch is at 6:35 and tickets are only \$11 if we have 20 or more folks interested! Call or email Pastor Jess to reserve your spot by July 22nd!

◦ **Saturday, August 15th** Please join us for an evening with Kristin Kobes Du Mez, author of *Jesus and John Wayne* at Montreat Camp & Conference Center's Anderson Auditorium the evening of Saturday, August 15 at 7:30! Dr. Du Mez is known for writing that "explores the intersection of religion, gender, and politics in an 'urgent and sharp-elbowed' way that does not refrain from presenting the hard truths that history has to offer Americans—and especially American Christians. Her unflinching examination of the American church, however, is ultimately a call to confession, a call to lament, and a call to greater faithfulness."

Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased at montreat.org/events/an-evening-with-kristin-kobes-du-mez. If you'd like to join folks to go dutch for dinner beforehand, please let Pastor Jessica know!

◦ **Thursday, September 3rd** we'll go see *The Odd Couple* at the Flat Rock Playhouse! Join us for this, "classic cocktail of chaos and charm. Meet Felix: impeccably pressed, emotionally distressed, and suddenly single. Meet Oscar: charmingly ruffled, habitually late, and blissfully allergic to coasters. When Felix moves in with his old pal Oscar after a marital meltdown, neatness meets nonsense and the sparks fly....as laughter fills the living room in Neil Simon's effervescent comedy of friendship, forgiveness, and the fine art of driving each other crazy." The show starts at 7:30 and tickets are \$58 with a group discount available if we have 15 or more folks sign up. Call or email Pastor Jess to let her know your interest by July 31st! We'll arrange car-pooling once we have final numbers!

Cover image: Title: "Blasts" from The Ram's Horn, 1902

Most of our worship services are live streamed and may be permanently hosted on our YouTube channel.

The week ahead at WWPC

7/19	2:00 (UFH)	Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting
7/20	1:15 (AdEd)	Staff Meeting
7/20	2:30 (UFH)	Tai Chi/Qigong
7/22	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
7/24	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
7/24	5:00 (Blk Mtn)	SVCM 50 th Anniversary
7/25	7:30 (Chapel)	Chamber Music Society Concert

The Chamber Music Society will be rehearsing in the Chapel throughout July with concerts on Saturday nights through 8/1.

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!*