

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

July 26, 2026



“To wait on yeast is to feed, keep house,
keep it warm, clean its air, empty its
garbage, and cater to its whims.
Getting angry at its failings does not help.”

- Edward Espe Brown

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026 11:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Prelude in C Major”

J S Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dennis Riley

One: O Lord, your loving-kindness is better than life.

**All: There is nothing that can separate us
from your enduring love.**

One: O Lord, all glory, power, and majesty are yours.

All: So we celebrate by drawing together to honor you.

One: Let us join as one to praise our gracious Lord.

All: Let us worship the God we adore!

*OPENING HYMN 401

“Here in This Place”

GATHER US IN

1 Here in this place the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young; our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, intercede when we fall short of your glory, when we do not deserve your promises, when we do not act like those who have been called your family. When our words wound, when our silence speaks volumes, when our actions are a far cry from what you would have us do, guide us to become the people you call us to be. Merciful One, break forth into our lives, forming us in the way only you can, reminding us of your presence and abiding love.

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

Matthew 13: 10-17

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

SERMON

Rev. Jessica Rigel

***HYMN OF PRAISE 771**

“What Is the World Like”
NEW WORLD

1 What is the world like when God's will is done?
Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive:
roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun.
This is how God moves us each to believe.

2 What is the world like when God's will is done?
Witness the wandering child coming home;
watch as the parent breaks into a run.
This is how God longs for us when we roam.

3 What is the world like when God's will is done?
No more is neighbor just ally or friend;
peace thrives in places where once there was none.
This is how God works when rivalries end.

4 What is the world like when God's will is done?
Ready for feasting, we watch through the night,
tending our lamps till the new day's begun.
This is how God readies us for the light.

5 These are the stories that Jesus imparts,
filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.
Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts,
this is a new world where God's will is done.

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 176**

“If You Only Had Faith”
SI TUVIERAS FE

*If you only had faith, just like a little seed of mustard:
this is what Jesus has said.*

*You would be able to tell this mountain:
Move away! Move away!*

*And then the mountain will move away,
will move away, will move away.*

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in C Major”

J S Bach

*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: Leslie Sayyar

Liturgist: Dennis Riley

Fellowship Time: Sally Broughton

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 We are hosting the Chamber Music Society of the Carolinas in our sanctuary. They will be holding many rehearsals and four different concerts each Saturday night through August 1 at 7:30. More information and tickets are available at cms-carolinas.org/

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.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS TRAINING Today at 3:30 the Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting will have Cheryl Williams from the League of Women Voters in our Fellowship Hall to do a training to register voters and will begin writing 140 nonpartisan Get Out the Vote

postcards to be mailed in October. Participants will have opportunities to sign up to staff "Voter Registration" tables in August and September. More information is on the flyer in the narthex.

AUGUST 2 WORSHIP Next week WWPC will gather for worship at Montreat 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!

PRESBYTERY EVENT Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Presbytery-wide opportunity for folks to hear more about the decisions made at our denominational body's General Assembly, which was held earlier this summer in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Please let Pastor Jess know if you're available to help with set-up or clean-up or hospitality for this special event, which will take place from 9am-2pm on Saturday, August 29th. Look for more details and registration information soon!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE The next Newsletter will go out mid-August as school gets started. Please have any submissions and suggestions into the church office by Monday, August 10.

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

◦ ***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 rumpled, 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!

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

Two weeks ahead at WWPC

7/26	2:00 (UFH)	Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting
7/27	1:15 (AdEd)	Staff Meeting
7/27	2:30 (UFH)	Tai Chi/Qigong
7/27	6:00 (UFH)	Immigration Justice Together
7/29	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
7/31	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
7/31	6:35 (AVL)	Asheville Tourists Game
8/1	7:30 (Chapel)	Chamber Music Society Concert
8/2	10:30 (Mont)	Worship at Montreat
8/2	N/A	No Worship at WWPC
8/3	2:30 (LFH)	Tai Chi/Qigong
8/5	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
8/5	11:00 (AdEd)	Church College Relations
8/7	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga

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

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



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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!*