

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

August 9, 2026



“Let silence take you to the core of life.”

– Rumi

“Social media exists to terrify us of quiet and solitude. My phone had become a postmodern crack pipe: I knew it was killing me, yet I couldn’t put it down. I felt ill from talking and noise. But that’s all I knew how to do.”

- Boris Fishman,

“To Find Happiness, I Stopped Talking. It Helped.”
NY Times, August 1, 2026

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026 11:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Arioso in A”

J. S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 46

Dennis Stockdale

One: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**All: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult. *Selah***

One: Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

**All: She makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
she burns the shields with fire.**

One: “Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth.”

**All: The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah***

*OPENING HYMN 10

“Sing Glory to the Name of God”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

1 Sing glory to the name of God,
whose holy splendor shines abroad.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Enthroned above the crashing waves,
the God of grace and glory saves.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 The name of God is full of might:
resounding thunder, flashing light.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The wilderness cannot contain
the echoes of the great refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 The name of God is wild and free,
awhirl in holy mystery.
Alleluia, alleluia!
A secret wrapped in smoke and fire,
still chanted by the temple choir:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 May God forever be our peace;
may hymns of glory never cease:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Let all the faithful people come;
sing praise to God, the Three-in-One:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves.
Forgive us.

Silence

Lord, have mercy on us. **Lord, have mercy on us.**

Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Heal us.

Silence

Christ, have mercy on us. **Christ, have mercy on us.**

Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves.

Restore us.

Silence

Lord, have mercy on us. **Lord, have mercy on us. Amen.**

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

Mark 6:6b-13

SECOND LESSON

1 Kings 19:9-18

SERMON

Rev. Jamie Dale

SILENCE *Take time to reflect on the Word heard and preached,
or just be in God's presence.*

***HYMN OF PRAISE 410** “God Is Calling through the Whisper”
W ZLOBIE LEZY

1 God is calling through the whisper
of the Spirit's deepest sighs,
through the thrill of sudden beauties
that can catch us by surprise.
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder;
hush of stillness, rush of wonder:
God is calling—can you hear?
God is calling—can you hear?

2 God is calling through the voices
of our neighbors' urgent prayers,
through their longing for redemption
and for rescue from despair.
Place of hurt or face of needing;
strident cry or silent pleading:
God is calling—can you hear?
God is calling—can you hear?

3 God is calling through the music
of sublime and human arts,
through the hymns of earth and angels,
and the carols of our hearts.
Lift of joy and gift of singing;
days and nights our praises bringing:
God is calling—and we hear!
God is calling—and we hear!

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from A Brief Declaration

In life and death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

The love of God,

And the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel,

whom alone we worship and serve.

In a broken and fearful world

the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and

Savior,

to unmask idolatries in church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love

of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 543**

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

GREEN TYLER

1 God, be the love to search and keep me;

God, be the prayer to move my voice;

God, be the strength to now uphold me:

O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

2 Bind to myself the Name of Holy,

great cloud of witnesses enfold;

prophets, apostles, angels witness:

O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

3 Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,
flashing of lightning, strength of wind,
depth of the sea to soil of planet:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

4 Walking behind to hem my journey,
going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above, and all ways:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Postlude”

Johann Baptist Crame

*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 Stockdale

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.

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

We remember in prayer: Ken and Eloise Murchison following the loss of his beloved sister, **Marcia Murchison Magee** ° **Rachel Sparling** had hip replacement surgery on August 7 ° prayers for pain management and swift healing for **Donna Eagle Joslin** for non surgical fractures in two vertebrae ° WWC graduate and friend **David Iyleh**, who has been staying with Sarah Anne and Tommy Eller this summer. We celebrate that David got his work authorization forms, but mourn that the funding for his PhD program failed to materialize. David is currently seeking local data-related work, analysis, reporting, workflow support, or similar roles. If you have any connections that might help him, please email Pastor Jessica. ° There are several health needs in our spiritual community that remain unspoken. Please lift up those members requesting anonymous prayers for healing, trusting that our benevolent Maker knows their needs.

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.

HELP WANTED Do you have a green thumb and some spare time? The Peace Garden Task Force could use some help. We have designed, created, and dedicated the John E. Koegel Peace Garden in front of the Fellowship Hall. We have come to realize, however, that the aging joints of our team are making it hard to maintain the garden over time. If you would be willing to help with routine maintenance (weeding, pruning, and watering), please notify Chrisann Ohler (chair) at drchrisann@aol.com.

VRQ:

° The journey to rebuild the VRQ is underway, and they want you there to celebrate with them for Groundbreaking at 1329 Tunnel Rd on Thursday, August 13 at 11:30 as they gather to officially kick off construction!

° You are invited for a short tour of the Veteran's Village (1430 Tunnel Rd) on Monday, Aug. 24 at 2 p.m. This is where volunteers from our church have served lunch since Hurricane Helene in 2024 while the Veterans' Restoration Quarters (VRQ) is being rebuilt. WWPC volunteers have served the VRQ residents and staff on the fourth Friday every month for more than 16 years.

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!

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

◦ **Saturday, August 15th** Please join us for an evening with Kristin Kobes Du Mez, author of *Jesus and John Wayne* at Montreat Conference Center's Anderson Auditorium the evening of Saturday, August 15 at 7:30! 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 with 15 or more folks. Call or email Pastor Jess to let her know your interest by August 11! We'll arrange car-pooling once we have final numbers!

Cover image: Mount Horeb, Sinai Peninsula, Egypt

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

The week ahead at WWPC

8/9	2:00 (UFH)	Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting
8/10	1:15 (AdEd)	Staff Meeting
8/10	2:30 (UFH)	Tai Chi/Qigong
8/11	10:00 (AdEd)	Worship & Music
8/11	11:00 (UFH)	Congregational Life
8/11	3:30 (AdEd)	AMT
8/12	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
8/12	3:30 (AdEd)	Communications
8/13	N/A	NO Book Group
8/13	6:00 (AdEd)	Session
8/14	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
8/15	7:30 (Mont)	Evening w/ Kristin Kobes Du Mez

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

Mont - Montreat Conference Center



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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!*