

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

August 23, 2026



“A rock isn’t the prettiest thing in creation or the fanciest or the smartest, and if it gets rolling in the wrong direction, watch out, but there’s no nonsense about a rock, and once it settles down, it’s pretty much there to stay. There’s not a lot you can do to change a rock or crack it or get under its skin, and, barring earthquakes, you can depend on it about as much as you can depend on anything. So Jesus called Peter the Rock, and it stuck with him the rest of his life. Peter the Rock.”

—Frederick Buechner, *Peculiar Treasures*

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026 11:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Walk for Your Neighbor
Dennis Riley

PRELUDE

“Bunessan”

David Schack

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pat Hardy

One: Lord God, Maker of heaven and earth,
we gather together in your holy name.

**All: We come together today to offer you our worship
and thanksgiving,**

One: We come together today to offer you our praise
and our prayers.

All: Come among us, living Lord.

One: Through the power of your Spirit,
transform our hearts and minds

**All: Help us to recognize your presence, hear your voice,
know your will, and walk in your way.**

*OPENING HYMN 263

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!”

CORONATION

1 All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!

2 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!

3 Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

4 O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, in love You created us, and in love You sustain us, day after day. But we reject that love, failing to recognize who you are and why you came. Forgive us, Holy One. Break down the barriers that divide us from one another. Unite us in our common allegiance to You as Lord and Saviour. Grant us compassion and humility in our relationships. Release the gifts You have given to each one, so that in us and through us, Your kingdom might come and Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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

Isaiah 51:1-6

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 16:13-30

SERMON

Rev. Jessica Rigel

***HYMN OF PRAISE 353** “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”
SOLID ROCK

1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. (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 765** “May the God of Hope Go with Us”
ARGENTINA

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“March”

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: Jim Storey
Liturgist: Pat Hardy
Fellowship Time: Patricia & Patrick Hardy

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.

PLEASE MOVE FORWARD We encourage you to move at least a row or two forward. This helps the congregational experience in many ways.

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

We celebrate: **Jack Ballard** for constructing and installing a very nice new platform for the pulpit that provides Rev. Jess with a more stable place to stand • **Students and teachers** returning to school, including here at Warren Wilson College

We remember in prayer: **Ron Vinson**, who died August 6th at Mountain Ridge and **his wife, Ann** • **Pat Meehan** as he navigates continued health challenges • **Mary Craig** who is recovering from pneumonia at home • **Rachel Sparling** had hip replacement surgery on August 7 • **Donna Eagle Joslin** healing from non surgical fractures in two vertebrae

PASTOR JESSICA RIGEL INSTALLATION is set for September 23 at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall and features the Rev David Black of First Presbyterian Church of Chicago. This will be an important moment for our church and we would love for everyone to be a part of it. Please e-mail the church office at info@warrenwilsonchurch.org to register.

BULLETIN RECYCLING Instead of throwing today's bulletin in the trash or recycling, please give it to Kay Stockdale or place it in the basket in the narthex.

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.

WALK FOR YOUR NEIGHBOR SVCM's Walk for Your Neighbor is October 4 at Swannanoa First Baptist Church. The walk begins at 2:00 with a block party to follow! This important fundraiser for SVCM's vital ministries is a great way to help serve and be a part of our community.

Visit www.svcmlblackmountain.org/walk-for-your-neighbor for more information and to sign up. Deadline is September 14

VRQ You are invited for a short tour of the Veteran's Village (1430 Tunnel Rd) tomorrow, 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.

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

The week ahead at WWPC

8/23	2:00 (UFH)	Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting
8/24	7:00 (UFH)	Verner Center Training
8/24	1:15 (AdEd)	Staff Meeting
8/24	2:30 (LFH)	Tai Chi/Qigong
8/24	6:00 (UFH)	Immigrant Justice Together
8/26	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
8/27	3:00 (UFH)	WWC International Student Dinner
8/28	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
8/29	11 (Cemetery)	Cunningham Memorial
8/29	9:30 (Chapel)	Presbytery Gen Assembly Recap

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!*