

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

August 30, 2026



“When we are overcome by sadness, fear, or suffering; when the pains of loss overwhelm us; when evil seems to have taken power; let us look to the cross and be filled with peace, knowing that Christ has walked this road and walks it now with us and with all our brothers and sisters.”

— St. Teresa of Avila

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026 11:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY Our Daily Change Paulette Heck

PRELUDE "Aria" Alice Jordon
Beth Meriwether, flute

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Jamie Dale

One: We come to worship this morning from different places.

All: O God, do not be far from us.

One: We come to worship this morning for different reasons.

All: O God, do not be far from us.

One: We experience the presence of the Spirit in different ways.

All: O God, do not be far from us.

One: We hear Jesus' words with different ears.

All: O God, do not be far from us.

One: "Deny yourselves."

"Take up your cross."

"Follow me."

**All: O God, we thank you for drawing near to us in this place,
in our lives.**

***OPENING HYMN 718** "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"
BOURBON

1 Take up your cross, the Savior said,
if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart,
and humbly follow after me.

2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak spirit with alarm;
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame,
and let your foolish pride be still;
the Lord for you accepted death
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength,
and calmly every danger brave:
it guides you to abundant life
and leads to victory o'er the grave.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sometimes it sounds too hard: deny ourselves, take up our crosses, lose our lives? Forgive us, Savior, but we'd rather you do it for us. Forgive us, Christ, but we are overwhelmed with what you ask of us. We long to see you come in glory, but fear the road we must take. Have mercy on our weakness. Be patient with our stumbling. Do not leave us behind, even when we are slow to follow, and lead us in your ways of peace.

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

Romans 12:9-21

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 16:21-28

SERMON

Rev. Jessica Rigel

***HYMN OF PRAISE 727** **"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"**
THE SERVANT SONG

1 Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

2 We are pilgrims on a journey;
we're together on the road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

4 I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

5 When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

6 Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

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 826**

“Lift High the Cross”
CRUCIFER

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain)

2 All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. (Refrain)

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally. (Refrain)

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“March”

Henry Smart

*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: Sally Broughton

Liturgist: Jamie Dale

Fellowship Time: Elizabeth Cook

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 left 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 the first Sunday of the month 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: Our new Chapel Crew has begun for the new school year and we have two new crew members: **Magali Michua Zacula** and **Adison Grissett!** Please join us in welcoming them ◦ **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** ◦ **Betty Holden** is moving to assisted living in Charlottesville, VA ◦ **Pat Meehan** as he navigates continued health challenges ◦ **Mary Craig** who is recovering from pneumonia at home

PASTOR JESSICA RIGEL'S INSTALLATION is set for September 23 at 6:00 in the Chapel 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. There will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall after the installation. Please e-mail the church office at info@warrenwilsonchurch.org to RSVP.

WALK FOR YOUR NEIGHBOR SVCMM'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 SVCMM's vital ministries is a great way to help serve and be a part of our community.

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

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.

SVCMM has a few volunteer needs. If you would like to help, reach out to their volunteer coordinator: savanna@svcmmblackmountain.org

- The Crisis Ministry needs a *Hairstylist/Cosmetologist*: so they can offer free haircut service. *Clothing Closet*: Mon 12-3, Thurs 12 - 3, Fri 12 – 3. *Front Desk* Mon 12 - 3, Friday 12 – 3. *Intake Counselor*: Tue 12 – 3. *Data Entry* substitutes needed. *Spanish Interpretation* volunteers are needed that can commit to a regular schedule throughout the week to assist reception/intake with interpreting for Spanish-speaking neighbors.

- Hammer & Heart free urgent home repair program needs volunteers with relevant skillsets who are interested in being on call for projects here.

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.

OUR DAILY CHANGE YOU have Centsability! Support efforts to end hunger in your community; and help end hunger and poverty around the world through the Presbyterian Hunger Program. A Daily Change (formerly 5 Cents a Meal) collection will be taken next Sunday, Sept. 6th. Make your donation in the red basket near the collection plates. Many thanks!

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

The week ahead at WWPC

8/30	2:00 (UFH)	Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting
8/31	10:30 (AdEd)	Staff Meeting
8/31	2:30 (LFH)	Tai Chi/Qigong
9/1	9:30 (UFH)	Swannanoa Communities Together
9/2	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
9/2	10:30 (AdEd)	Worship & Music
9/2	4:30 (UFH)	Spiritual Nurture
9/3	7:30 (FlatRk)	Odd Couple at Flat Rock Playhouse
9/4	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



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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!*