

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

September 6, 2026



“If there were love of neighbor there would be no terrorism, no repression, no selfishness, none of such cruel inequalities in society, no abductions, no crimes.

Love sums up the law. Not only that, it gives Christian meaning to all human relations.”

- The Violence of Love (The Idol of Self, September 10, 1978)

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

*15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2026 11:00 AM*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Choral I”

Cesar Franck

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sally Broughton

One: A new song awaits us;

All: God’s Spirit is coming.

One: We can hear the music; we’re ready to move!

All: God’s praise will be on our lips!

One: Neighbors from far and wide
will pour out from their doorways.

All: God’s joy will be alive in the streets;

One: friends and strangers will gather.

All: All will rejoice;

One: together, we will breathe a deep sigh of peace

All: as we turn our hearts toward the justice of the Lord.

*OPENING HYMN 203

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

CHEREPONI

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;

show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. (Refrain)

2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race;
neighbors are near us and far away. (Refrain)

3 These are the ones we should serve;
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. (Refrain)

4 Loving puts us on our knees,
willing to wash others’ feet;
this is the way we should live like you. (Refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Beautiful Savior, you have made your law clear: Love. Love one another. Owe one another nothing but love. Do no wrong to a neighbor. But we have not mastered what it is to love. We have fallen short, causing harm to others through careless action and thoughtless lack of action. Forgive us. Teach us how to love more fully, more perfectly, as generously as you love, following your law and fulfilling your will.

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 119:33-40

SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:8-12

SERMON

Rev. Jessica Rigel

***HYMN OF PRAISE 703**

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

ST. CATHERINE

1 Jesus, thy boundless love to me
no thought can reach, no tongue declare;
O knit my thankful heart to thee,
and reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live;
myself to thee entirely give.

2 O grant that nothing in my soul
may dwell, but thy pure love alone;
O may thy love possess me whole,
my joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove;
may every act, word, thought be love.

3 O Love, how gracious is thy way!
All fear before thy presence flies;
care, anguish, sorrow melt away
where'er thy healing beams arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I see,
nothing desire, or seek, but thee.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Communion of the people

We will receive communion by intinction. When instructed, come forward through the center aisle; receive the bread, dip it in the cup, partake of the elements; return to your pew by the outside aisle. Please raise your hand if you would prefer to be served at your seat, and servers will bring the elements to you. All bread is gluten-free and the cup is unfermented grape juice.

Prayer after Communion & 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 300

"We Are One in the Spirit"

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

1 We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2 We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain)

3 We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: (Refrain)

4 All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (Refrain)

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Trumpet Voluntary" William Goodwin

*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: Chrisann Ohler

Liturgist: Sally Broughton

Fellowship Time: Elaine Barnes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS If you are worshiping 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: John Bishop, Derron & Susan Daugherty, and Brent Roberts for their work on landscaping around the chapel this week ◦ **Our new Chapel Crew** is back with two new crew members: **Magali Michua-Zacaula** and **Addison Grissett!**

We remember in prayer: **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.

STUDENT LED SERVICE & POTLUCK Next week is the student led worship service and the Welcome Back Potluck. Please be here to support and meet students from WWC as they partner with us for worship and fellowship! Sign up for the potluck is in the narthex.

OUR DAILY CHANGE The Daily Change offering will be received today. This offering was formerly known as the Nickel a Meal offering, part of the PCUSA Hunger Program. Place your offering in the Daily Change Red Basket on the offering table in the rear of the sanctuary. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. This offering is collected on the first Sunday of every month. Mason jar banks and tent prayers are available on the back table for you to pick up and put on your dining table. Please use these as reminders of the spiritual practice of feeding the hungry.

SVCMB has a few volunteer needs. If you would like to help, reach out to their volunteer coordinator at savanna@svcmblackmountain.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.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Hydeia Beck, future owner of Asheville Habitat for Humanity House of Faith #6, will visit us for a Moment for Mission at the Sept. 27 service. We will receive a special offering to help with materials for the house and any donation helps. Ways to contribute: 1) through our church website (click Give Online button - top right corner), 2) by check with "Habitat offering" written on the memo line and put in an offering plate or mailed to the church office, or 3) by Qualified Charitable Distribution from an IRA or check from a Donor Advised Gift Fund sent to the Church office and designated for "Habitat Offering".

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS The Adult Education Class has its first fall session on Sunday, 9/13 from 9:15-10:15, in the Adult Ed. Classroom. We will be discussing "The Great Search" by John Philp Newell. Please read the Introduction and Chapter 1 in advance of our first class. If you haven't ordered your book in time, no worries. Come anyway. The themes are universal enough for everyone to be able to participate and benefit from the discussion. We look forward to welcoming you to our new study when we "turn to earth and soul in the quest for healing and home".

CHANGE HAPPENS How do you go about dealing with change? Remember the joke "how many Presbyterians does it take to change a light bulb?" Answer: "One to change it and 11 to form a bulb-changing committee." But change is no joke. Change will come. The question is how to prepare for it. Gain some insights into change in the church by attending Change Happens: Adaptive Resources for Today's Challenges, at Black Mountain Presbyterian Church 10 AM-3PM, Tuesday, Sept. 29. Additional info on the table in the narthex. RSVP at tinyurl.com/PWNCregistration by September 24.

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

The week ahead at WWPC

9/6	2:00 (UFH)	Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting
9/7	N/A	Church Office Closed
9/7	2:30 (LFH)	Tai Chi/Qigong
9/8	11:00 (UFH)	Congregational Life
9/8	3:30 (AdEd)	AMT
9/9	N/A	NO Community Yoga
9/9	12:00 (UFH)	Church-College Relations
9/9	3:30 (AdEd)	Communications
9/10	12:00 (UFH)	Book Group
9/11	N/A	NO Community Yoga
9/13	9:15 (AdEd)	Adult Education Class

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!*