

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

Student Led Service
September 13, 2026



Prayer For the Life of the World

For everything that emerges from the earth
Thanks be to you,
O God, Holy Root of being Sacred Sap that rises
Full-bodied Fragrance of earth's unfolding form.
May we know that we are of You
may we know that we are in You
may we know that we are one with You together one.
Guide us as nations to what is deepest
open us as peoples to what is first
lead us as a world to what is dearest
that we may know the holiness of wholeness
that we may know the strength of humility
that together we may live close to the earth
and grow in grounded glory.

From: Praying with the Earth: A Prayerbook for Peace by John Philip Newell

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STUDENT LED WORSHIP

*16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026 11:00 AM*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Pie Jesu” Andrew Lloyd Webber Mandana Owzar

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive) Benji Fuld

One: We come to worship because we long for mercy.

All: We long for community. We long for God.

One: We come to worship because we need a good word.

All: We need connection. We need reminders.

One: We come to worship because we are in between: hope and grief, faith and doubt, joy and longing, curiosity and conviction.

One: So we come to worship and God meets us here.

All: Surely, we are not alone. Thanks be to God for meeting us in the middle. Amen!

***OPENING HYMN 404**

“What Is This Place”
KOMT NU MET ZANG

1 What is this place, where we are meeting?

Only a house, the earth its floor.

Walls and a roof, sheltering people,
windows for light, an open door.

Yet it becomes a body that lives
when we are gathered here,
and know our God is near.

2 Words from afar, stars that are falling.

Sparks that are sown in us like seed:

names for our God, dreams, signs, and wonders
sent from the past are what we need.

We in this place remember and speak
again what we have heard:

God’s free redeeming word.

3 And we accept bread at his table,
broken and shared, a living sign.

Here in this world, dying and living,
we are each other’s bread and wine.

This is the place where we can receive
what we need to increase:

God’s justice and God’s peace.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Chelsea Gerhken

O Gracious God, who calls us to be your people in this age, forgive us when we keep Christ in the past, and the Gospel as letters on a page, and the church as an organization in which we may or may not participate. Forgive us when fellowship and mission is meant for and delivered to those we already know and love and we become a social club instead of your church. Forgive us and have mercy upon us, O God. Let your risen Christ reside here with us, and the Gospel be the power of our life, and the church be a people and place of showing your love wherever we may be. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Maeve Williams

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 Exodus 14:19-31

Gabe Ranke

SECOND LESSON Matthew 18:15-35

Ella Hedges

SERMON

Mictehuatl Overla & Maria Perez

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (responsive)

Addison Grissett

One: Together let us affirm our common faith:

All: We are not alone, we live in God’s world. We believe in God who has created and is creating; who has come to us in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new; who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church, to celebrate God’s presence; to live with respect in creation; to love and serve others; to seek justice and resist evil; to proclaim Jesus’ message of hope, inclusion, and grace. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

***HYMN OF PRAISE 444**

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”
DETROIT

1 "Forgive our sins as we forgive,"
you taught us, Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.

2 How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let
old bitterness depart?

3 In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew:
what trivial debts are owed to us,
how great our debt to you!

4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
and bid resentment cease.
Then, by your mercy reconciled,
our lives will spread your peace.

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.

Communion Hymn 527

“Eat This Bread”

BERTHIER

Eat this bread; drink this cup;
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread; drink this cup;
trust in me and you will not thirst”

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 314

“Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness” CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain:

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice. (Refrain)

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. (Refrain)

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. (Refrain)

5 Many the gifts, many the people,

many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. (Refrain)

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Amazing Grace” Alex Curcio & Eloise Hill

*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

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 celebrate: All of the students helping to lead worship today!
◦ John Bishop, Derron & Susan Daugherty, and Brent Roberts for their work on landscaping around the chapel

We remember in prayer: Betty Holden is moving to assisted living in Charlottesville, VA

CAROLINE STEWART MEMORIAL SERVICE is on Sunday, September 27 at 2 PM at the WWPC Cemetery Ash Garden

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.

FAITH WHEN THE WORLD IS ON FIRE Join the Revs Jess Rigel of WWPC and David Black of 1st Presbyterian Chicago on 9/23 at 4 PM in the WWC Library for a conversation about the role of faith in addressing the realities of our present moment.

PIANO FORUM The Asheville Area Piano Forum recital is October 11 at 3:30 in the Chapel. See Ted for ticket information.

SVCM needs volunteers. Contact savanna@svcmblackmountain.org
- The Crisis Ministry needs *Hairstylist/Cosmetologist, Clothing Closet & Front Desk help, Intake Counselor, Data Entry, and Spanish Interpreters*
- Hammer & Heart free urgent home repair program needs volunteers with relevant skillsets who are interested in being on call for projects here.

WELCOME STUDENTS POTLUCK Today is the Welcome Back Potluck. Please join us for food and fellowship following worship!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE The deadline for submissions to the church office for the October Newsletter is September 23.

WALK FOR YOUR NEIGHBOR is October 4 at Swannanoa First Baptist Church. The walk begins at 2:00 with a block party to follow! There is a one mile and a 2+ mile option. This is a fundraiser for SVCMM and is a great way to help serve and be a part of our community. Visit www.svcmmblackmountain.org/walk-for-your-neighbor to sign up. Deadline is 9/14. **WWPC Friends** - Are you registering to walk? Contact Sally if you'd like to walk with a WWPC team, and wear matching WWPC tee shirts (we need to place the order soon).

COLLEGE VIEW OBSERVATORY OPEN HOUSE with Don Collins. On Friday, September 18, 2026 at 8:00 PM all interested people are invited to the Collins' at 138 College View Dr to view planets, nebulae, distant galaxies, and star clusters. These objects will be instantly photographed with a CCD astronomical camera and the images viewed on a monitor. The planets – Venus and Saturn – will be viewed visually directly with a telescope. The deep sky objects will be viewed with the CCD camera on the 14” telescope. Come for some astronomical treats and learn about these mysterious objects in the sky. Visit collegeviewobservatory.blogspot.com for up-to-date information on weather conditions. If cloudy, the observing will be scheduled for the following evening.

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 meets on Sundays 9:15-10:15, in the Adult Ed. Classroom. We are discussing “The Great Search” by John Philip Newell. Even if you haven't been reading, please 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".

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

The week ahead at WWPC

9/13	12:00 (UFH)	Welcome Students Potluck
9/13	2:00 (UFH)	Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting
9/14	1:15 (AdEd)	Staff Meeting
9/14	2:30 (LFH)	Tai Chi/Qigong
9/15	6:00 (AdEd)	Session
9/16	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
9/16	4:30 (AdEd)	Spiritual Nurture
9/16	6:00 (AdEd)	Handbells
9/16	7:00 (Chapel)	Choir Rehearsal
9/18	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
9/20	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!*