

Warren Wilson

Presbyterian Church

September 27, 2026



You have to imagine it:

Who said you were too dark/too
Large? Too queer/too loud?

Who said you were too poor/
Too strange? Too fat?

You have to imagine it:

Who said you must keep quiet?
Who heard your story, then
Rolled their eyes?

Who tried to change your name
To invisible?

You've got to imagine:

Who heard your name
And refused to pronounce it?
Who checked their watch
And said "not now"?

- from "Proof" by Cornelius Eady
written for the inauguration of Zohran Mamdani, Jan 1, 2026, NYC.

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

*18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2026 11:00 AM*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Habitat for Humanity
Hydeia Beck & Larry Griswold

PRELUDE

“Partita on 'Hymn to Joy'”

Charles Callahan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Addison Grissett

One: Listen, people of God!

All: Hear the wonders of our Creator!

One: God split the sea;

All: walls of water towered above.

One: God guided our ancestors in faith:

All: clouds by day, lightning by night.

One: God split open the rock;

All: water flowed like rivers.

One: God split open the heavens and met earth.

All: God meets us still.

*OPENING HYMN 415

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”
RESTORATION

1 Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and power.

Refrain:

I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

2 Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome;
God's free bounty glorify,
true belief and true repentance,
every grace that brings you nigh. (Refrain)

3 Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all. (Refrain)

4 Let not conscience make you linger,
nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth
is to feel your need of him. (Refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess to you: We are not of the same mind. We do not share the same love. We act in selfish ambition and do not regard others as better than ourselves. We have not looked to the interests of others instead of ourselves. We do not embrace the humility of Jesus Christ. Forgive us. Continue to be at work in us, that we might serve each other as you served us, and reflect your glory in this world.

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 78:1-4

ANTHEM

“Jubelate!”

Michael Beadford

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 21:23-32

SERMON

***HYMN OF PRAISE 697**

“Take My Life”

HENDON

1 Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

4 Take my sliver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

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 296**

“Go in Grace and Make Disciples”
WONDROUS LIGHT

1 Go in grace and make disciples.
Baptize in God's holy name.
Tell of death and resurrection;
Easter's victory now proclaim.
Christ's commission sends us forth
to the nations of the earth.
Go in grace and make disciples,
midwives for the world's rebirth.

2 Go and follow Christ's example,
not to vanquish, but to heal.
Mend the wounds of sin's divisions.
Servant love to all reveal.
Roles and ranks shall be reversed;
justice flow for all who thirst.
Go and follow Christ's example.
Forge a world of last made first.

3 Go in Pentecostal spirit,
many tongues and many gifts.
Feed the hearts of hungry people.
Spread the gospel that uplifts.
Till the day of Christ's return,
as disciples, teach and learn.
Go in Pentecostal spirit:
let God's flame of witness burn.

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Hymn to Joy' Finale" Charles Callahan

*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

Liturgist: Addison Grissett
Fellowship Time Host: Anne Dale
Elder of the Day: Leslie Sayyar

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.

DAILY CHANGE Donations for "Daily Change" are collected at WWPC on the first Sunday of each month. Please place this offering in the Red Basket on the back table near the offering plates. Mason jar banks and prayer tents are available for you to take home and place on your dining table as a reminder of the spiritual practice of feeding the hungry. If you write a check for your donation, please write "Daily Change" on the memo line. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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

We celebrate: Our officially installed pastor, **Jess Rigel** and all who helped with such a spectacular installation! ◦ **Don Collins** for welcoming us to use his telescope

We remember in prayer: **Arden Starnes** was recently moved to Stone Creek Rehab Center following a fall.

LAURSEN MEMORIAL We are having a service of remembrance for Pat and Ernst Laursen on October 2 at 2:00 with a reception following in the Fellowship Hall.

CAROLINE STEWART MEMORIAL SERVICE is today at 2 PM at the WWPC Cemetery Ash Garden

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE We invite alumni, faculty, and friends to join Revs. Shannon Spencer and Jessica Rigel in the Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church cemetery for a Service of Remembrance honoring WWC alumni. The service will take place from 9:30-10:30 on Saturday, October 3rd. A shuttle will be available in front of the Chapel at 9:15 for anyone who would like a ride.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY **Hydeia Beck**, future owner of Asheville Habitat for Humanity House of Faith #6, is with us for a Moment for Mission today. We will receive an offering to help with materials for the house and any donation helps. Ways to contribute: 1) through our church website, 2) by check with "Habitat offering" 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".

HOMECOMING POTLUCK The Homecoming Service and Potluck lunch is next week, October 4. Signup sheet for bringing a dish is in the narthex. Please join church and college friends in fellowship!

BENEFIT PIANO RECITAL presented by Asheville Area Piano Forum and the Church Music Department. The recital raises funds for piano lessons for children in need. Hear 10 of the finest pianists in the area! **Sunday, October 11, 2026 at 3:30 pm in the Chapel.** Free Tickets for church members and friends - available by signing the Signup Sheet on the table in the narthex (Questions? Contact Music Director Ted Stewart—stewart.smith@att.net). Reception follows in the Fellowship Hall.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS The Adult Education Class meets on Sundays at 9:15 in the Adult Ed. Classroom. We are discussing “The Great Search” by John Philip Newell. Even if you haven't been reading, please come - the themes are universal enough for everyone to be able to participate and benefit from the discussion. We welcome you!

TOGATHER Jesus invites us to come to him and to come together to share our burdens and find rest. You are invited to join the Together Group, meeting the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:30 in the church parlor for a time of sharing, contemplation, and prayer. Contact Beth Meriwether for more information.

COLLEGE VIEW ASTRONOMY The next College View Observatory open viewing with Don Collins will be Friday, October 9 (backup date Oct. 10) - 7:30 PM at 138 College View Dr. All are welcome!

WALK FOR YOUR NEIGHBOR is October 4 at Swannanoa First Baptist Church. The walk begins at 2:00 with a block party to follow! **WWPC Friends** - Are you registered to walk? Contact Sally if you'd like to walk with a WWPC team.

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<https://act.library.vanderbilt.edu/artworks/59243> [retrieved September 21, 2026]. Original source: Estate of Frank Wesley, http://www.frankwesleyart.com/main_page.htm.

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

The week ahead at WWPC

9/27	2:00 (Ash)	Stewart Memorial
9/27	2:00 (UFH)	Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting
9/28	1:15 (AdEd)	Staff Meeting
9/28	2:30 (LFH)	Tai Chi/Qigong
9/28	4:30 (AdEd)	Nominating Committee
9/28	6:00 (UFH)	Immigration Justice Together
9/30	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
9/30	6:00 (Chapel)	Handbells
9/30	7:00 (Chapel)	Choir
10/2	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
10/2	2:00 (Chapel)	Laursen Memorial
10/4	9:15 (AdEd)	Adult Education Class
10/4	12:00 (UFH)	Homecoming Potluck
10/4	2:00 (Off Site)	SVCM Walk for Your Neighbor

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

Ash - WWPC Cemetery Ash Garden



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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!*