

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

October 4, 2026



“May your roots grow deep in truth,
Anchored firm through storm and sun,
Fed by grace in hidden places,
Bearing fruit when days are done.”

from “A Blessing for Fruitfulness”
by Sarah K. Howley

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026 11:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Pie Jesu” Andrew Lloyd Webber Mandana Owzar

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Dennis Riley

One: We gather with hope in our hearts,

All: for something happens here that teaches us God is present.

One: We know this place is sacred,

**All: for something happens here that teaches us
God is our center.**

One: We gather with joyful praise,

**All: for something happens here that teaches us
God is forever faithful.**

One: Let us worship our loving God!

***OPENING HYMN 336** “We Gather Together” KREMSER

1 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

2 Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!

3 We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the law and the prophets, we do not want to admit all the commandments we have broken. We worship idols of money, success, and power. We use your name to justify whatever we do. We do not honor each other; we covet, we lie, we wish evil upon others, and sometimes even enact evil upon others. Our sins are too many to name. Forgive us. Speak to us and we will listen, remembering that you are our freedom and deliverer.

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.***

ANTHEM

“Hymn Concertato on 'Old Hundredth’”

Louis Bourgeois, Arr. Robert Lay

Stanzas 1-4 are in the Hymnal, #385, for reference meditation.

Please stand and join the choir in singing the fifth and final verse:

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from all and from the angel host, be praise and glory evermore.**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Children and youth of all ages are invited to come forward.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 5:1-7

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 21:33-46

SERMON

***HYMN OF PRAISE 509**

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

HOLY MANNA

1 All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

2 All who hunger, never strangers,
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

3 All who hunger, sing together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

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 John LaMotte

*Life-giving God, unseen but always with us,
you are the Holy One who calls us your children,
and comes to us in love!*

*Come take charge of our lives! Teach us what to be and do,
so we may all live as you want us to!*

Provide for our needs so we may share with others.

*Forgive our sins as you enable us
to forgive those who sin against us.*

Lead us, but not into trials too hard to bear.

Deliver us from the evil in ourselves and in others.

*For to you, Lord, belong all authority,
and power, and glory forever. Amen*

*CLOSING HYMN 768

“Somos el cuerpo de Cristo”
SOMOS EL CUERPO DE CRISTO

Refrain/Estrillo

Somos el cuerpo de Cristo.

We are the body of Christ.

Hemos oído el llamado;

we've answered “yes” to the call of the Lord.

Somos el cuerpo de Cristo.

We are the body of Christ.

Traemos su santo mensaje.

We come to bring the Good News to the world.

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Michael Burkhardt

“Toccata on 'Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*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: Dennis Riley

Elder of the Day: Don Collins

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!

We remember in prayer: The family of **Bill Christy**, former WWC President. A service will be here on October 8 at 2:00 with a reception following. **Arden Starnes** was recently moved to Stone Creek Rehab Center following a fall.

HOMEcoming POTLUCK The Homecoming Service and Potluck lunch is today. 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.

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 today at Swannanoa First Baptist at 2:00 with a block party following.

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<https://act.library.vanderbilt.edu/artworks/58484> [retrieved September 28, 2026]. Original source: Peter Winfried (Canisius) Koenig, <https://www.pwkoenig.co.uk/>.

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

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Later in the fall, the congregational nominating committee will present nominees to the congregation for 2 elders for the session class of 2029 and 2 members of the congregational nominating committee for the class of 2029. Please give your suggestions to the Congregational Nominating Committee for those who will lead us forward in the work of our church by placing this slip in the offering plates.

Your name (optional)_____

I suggest_____ to be an elder.

I suggest_____ for congregational nominating committee.

<please place your selections in the offering plate.>

The week ahead at WWPC

10/4	12:00 (UFH)	Homecoming Potluck
10/4	2:00 (Off Site)	SVCM Walk for Your Neighbor
10/4	2:00 (UFH)	Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting
10/5	1:15 (AdEd)	Staff Meeting
10/5	N/A	NO Tai Chi/Qigong
10/6	10:30 (AdEd)	Worship & Music
10/6	1:30 (Parlor)	Togather
10/7	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
10/7	4:30 (UFH)	Spiritual Nurture
10/7	6:00 (Chapel)	Handbells
10/7	7:00 (Chapel)	Choir
10/8	12:00 (UFH)	Book Group
10/8	2:00 (Chapel)	Bill Christy Memorial
10/9	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
10/11	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!*