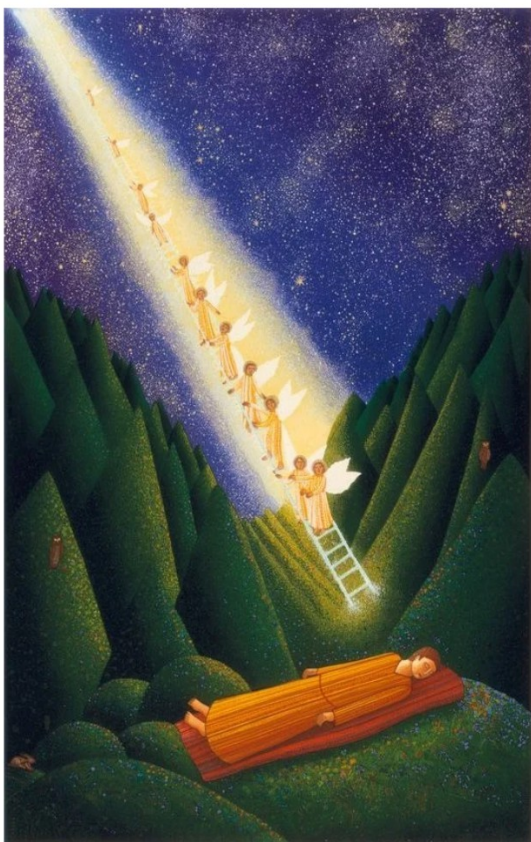


Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

October 25, 2026



In placid hours well-pleased we dream
Of many a brave unbodied scheme.
But form to lend, pulsed life create,
What unlike things must meet and mate:
A flame to melt—a wind to freeze;
Sad patience—joyous energies;
Humility—yet pride and scorn;
Instinct and study; love and hate;
Audacity—reverence. These must mate,
And fuse with Jacob's mystic heart,
To wrestle with the angel—Art.

- “Art” by Herman Melville

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2026 11:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Adagio (Sonata III)” Alexander Guilmant

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Winn Legerton

One: We come. We wait.

All: We long. We hope.

One: We suffer. We pray.

All: We rejoice. We sing.

One: We know we are children of God.

All: We wait for God to give us vision.

One: We worship and wait, listening for God's will.

***OPENING HYMN 405** “Praise God for This Holy Ground”
HEYMONYSTRAAT

1 Praise God for this holy ground,
place and people, sight and sound.

Refrain:

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

God's goodness is eternal.

2 Praise God in whose word we find
food for body, soul, and mind. (Refrain)

3 Praise God who through Christ makes known
all are loved and called God's own. (Refrain)

4 Praise God's Spirit who befriends,
raises, humbles, breaks, and mends. (Refrain)

5 Though praise ends, praise is begun
where God's will is gladly done. (Refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-present God, there is no place where you are not with us. You see us at our worst and at our best. There is much we would hide from you—the ways we harm your creation, the ways we mistreat others, the ways we turn away when we should turn toward. Even as you know us, forgive us. Guide our thoughts, our words, our actions, that you may delight in us as we delight in you.

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

Genesis 28:10-15

ANTHEM “What Shall I Render To My God?” Austin C. Lovelace

*What shall I render to my God For all His mercy’s store?
I’ll take the gifts He hath bestowed And humbly ask for more.
The sacred cup of saving grace I will with thanks receive,
And all His promises embrace And to his glory live.*

*My vows I will to His great name Before His people pay,
And all I have, and all I am, Upon His altar lay.
Thy lawful servant, Lord, I owe to Thee whatever is mine.
Born in Thy family below, And by redemption Thine.*

*Thy hands created me, Thy hands from sin have set me free,
The mercy that hath loosed my bands Hath bound me fast to Thee.
Praise Him, ye saints, the God of love who hath thy sins forgiven,
Till gathered to the church above, We sing the songs of heaven.*

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 28:16-22

SERMON

***HYMN OF PRAISE 821**

“My Life Flows On“

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

1 My life flows on in endless song,
above earth’s lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I’m clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

2 Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

3 What though my joys and comforts die?
I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth. (Refrain)

4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

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 853** “We Are Marching in the Light of God”
SIYAHAMBA

We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing . . .

We are praying . . .

We are singing . . .

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Fughetta on 'These Are The Holy Ten Commandments’”
Johann S. Bach

*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: Winn Legerton
Elder of the Day: Jack Allison
Fellowship Time: Sally Broughton

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.

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.

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. On the first Sunday, 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: The Handbell Choir for leading worship so beautifully last Sunday!

We remember in prayer: The family of Jackie Cole, who passed away on October 16 ° The family of Bill Christy, former WWC President, who passed away on September 30

THE WWC MEAT SALE is here. Order forms available in the narthex.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE The deadline for submissions and/or suggestions for our November Newsletter is Monday, October 26.

JUST ONE CAN Will you help to feed your neighbors when you go to the grocery store? A new food drive has begun, and we are asking that every time you go to the store...you add "Just One Can" to donate to your neighbors in need. Bring it to the church on Sunday, **or** during the week following your shopping trip. Place it in the blue container that you'll see when you walk in the entryway of the church. **If we all add Just One Can per week, we can provide a steady flow of compassion and sustenance to those who need it most.** Contact David Ball at Ittech.ball@gmail.com, or donnaeaglejoslin@gmail.com. THANK YOU!

FALL FEST Join us in the Fellowship Hall for this fun event on Friday, October 30, 6:00 PM. We'll have yummy chili, pumpkin painting, and lots of festivities for the fall season. Many thanks to the Congregational Life and Spiritual Nurture Teams for organizing this event. A chili sign up is available through Susan Daugherty.

HELPERS NEEDED to assist Habitat for Humanity construction crews build House of Faith #6 in West Asheville. No experience is necessary. We have volunteer spaces reserved for half day shifts (8:15 - Noon) at the House of Faith #6 site on Friday, Nov. 13, and full day shifts (8:15 – 3) on Saturday, Nov. 14. Work will be indoors in heated spaces, or outdoors if weather permits. If you have questions or would like to help on these or other dates, contact Larry Griswold.

CHRISTIANITY AT A CROSSROADS Join us immediately after church for a screening of this documentary about the future of the church in America. We will also meet to follow up on November 15.

WWC OWL-O-WEEN On October 25 at 4:00 the college is offering its OWL-O-WEEN Festival, which will include shuttles to early voting, tabling by local organizations, a costume contest, and a Hootin' Hollerin' concert by Reggie Headen, Ray Ring, Derek Sandlin, and Malik Pratt!

EMPTY BOWLS The Community Engagement Office at Warren Wilson College would like to cordially invite you to attend the 28th Annual Empty Bowls Dinner. Let's take this opportunity to gather with community members, share a meal together, and continue the conversation about creating equitable food and housing systems that work for all. Dinner will be served in hand-crafted ceramic bowls created by Warren Wilson students and faculty, and YES, you get to take your bowl home! All proceeds from this event will support World of Abundance, which seeks to inspire under-resourced people to see the abundance in the world around them by providing access, education, and skills to live purpose-filled lives through their community gardens.

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.

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

The week ahead at WWPC

10/25	12:00 (Youth)	Documentary after Worship
10/25	2:00 (UFH)	Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting
10/26	1:15 (AdEd)	Staff Meeting
10/26	6:00 (AdEd)	Session
10/26	6:00 (UFH)	Immigrant Justice Together
10/28	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
10/28	6:00 (Chapel)	Handbells
10/28	7:00 (Chapel)	Choir
10/30	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
10/30	6:00 (UFH)	Fall Fest
11/1	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!*