Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

November 8, 2026



"Be joyful
though you have considered all the facts"

- from "The Mad Farmer's Liberation Front"
by Wendell Berry

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026 11:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Sharon Lytle

PRELUDE "Song Without Words" Felix Mendelssohn

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from the Iona community)
Barbara Griswold

O God, you summon the day to dawn,
you teach the morning to waken the earth.
Great is your name.
Great is your love.
For you the valleys shall sing for joy,
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Great is your name.
Great is your love.
Your love and mercy shall last forever,
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.
Great is your name.
Great is your love.

***OPENING HYMN 463** "How Firm a Foundation"
FOUNDATION

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
(From the New Zealand Prayer Book)

Merciful God,
we have sinned
in what we have thought and said,
in the wrong we have done
and in the good we have not done.
We have sinned in ignorance:
we have sinned in weakness:
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry.
We repent and turn to you.
Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,
and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

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** # 606 OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

ANTHEM "God Is My Strong Salvation" Richard Shephard

God is my strong salvation, no enemy I fear; He hears my supplication,
Dispelling all my care:if he, my head and master defend me from above,
What pain or what disaster, can part me from his love?

I fully am persuaded and joyfully declare, I'm never left unaided,
My Father hears my prayer;
He comforts never fail me, He stands at my right hand;
When tempests fierce assail me, they're calm at his command.

The ground of my profession is Jesus and his blood;
He giveth me possession of everlasting good.
To me his Spirit speaketh full many a precious word of rest
to him who seeketh a refuge in the Lord.

My merry heart is springing, it can no more be sad;
With laughter and with singing, in god's own sunshine glad;
For Christ is now preparing his city new and bright,
Where saints his throne are sharing and faith is turned do sight.

SECOND LESSON Psalm 78:1-7

SERMON

***HYMN OF PRAISE 39** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
FAITHFULNESS

1 *Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:
Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
(Refrain)

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
(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.

We are dancing . . .
We are praying . . .
We are singing . . .

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Voluntary" John Stanley

*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: Barbara Griswold
Elder of the Day: Natalie Daugherty
Fellowship Time: Daughertys

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.

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

We celebrate: The new improvement to the front doors of the chapel – better handicapped accessibility! ◦ **Toby Ives** for working on the interior doors of the chapel ◦ **Donna Eagle Joslin** and **David Bell** for coordinating and delivering goods to SVCM through Just One Can ◦ Pastor Jess says, "Thank you for all the cards, cupcakes, and well wishes **the congregation** showed last week!"

We remember in prayer: The family of Jackie Cole, who passed away on October 16

GUEST PREACHER Nate currently serves as Chaplain of Asheville School. He is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, where he met his wife, the Rev. Caroline Sell. Nate and Caroline were also lucky to become friends with Rev. Jess Rigel at Princeton. Nate is the proud father of Allie (age 6) and Abigail (age 4). He enjoys backpacking, canoeing, lacrosse, fly fishing, reading, and writing.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING There will be a Congregational Meeting following worship on November 22. We will be voting on the selection of Elders for the 2027 class and nominees for next year's Nominating Committee.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY – NOV 22 Stewardship Season is here. There are letters from the stewardship team, budget information, and pledge cards available in the narthex (with a dropbox for the cards).

EMPTY BOWLS The WWC Community Engagement Office invites everyone to the 28th Annual Empty Bowls dinner, benefitting World of Abundance, which provides food access, education, and job skills to under-resourced people through community gardening. Dinner will be served in bowls handmade by WWC students and faculty, and all ticket holders get to take their bowls home! The event will be held Wednesday, November 18 from 6-8pm in the WWPC Fellowship Hall. Tickets are $25 for community members, and will be sold in the Narthex today!

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!

FROM THE FRIENDS MEETING The Defense Authorization Bill calls for all 18-26 year olds born Male to be automatically registered with the Selective Service beginning in Dec 2026. Swannanoa and Asheville Friends Meetings are mobilizing to inform the community (including Warren Wilson College students), and support the discernment of potential Conscientious Objectors. Forum on Conscientious Objection: Curt Torell, of Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, has served on the Board of Quaker House for many years and educates young people about Conscientious Objection. Curt will be our Forum leader on Nov. 8 at 3:30, in person at the WWPC Fellowship Hall or via Zoom. Let Sally Broughton know if you need the link.

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK The church is hosting a potluck at 2:00 on Thanksgiving Day. This is an opportunity for us to provide a meal for those that might not be able to return to their families for the holiday, such as the international students. A sign up sheet is in the narthex.

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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

11/8	2:00 (UFH)	Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting
11/10	11:00 (UFH)	Congregational Life
11/10	2:30 (AdEd)	AMT
11/11	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
11/11	12:00 (AdEd)	Church-College Relations
11/11	3:30 (AdEd)	Communications
11/11	6:00 (AdEd)	Handbells
11/11	7:00 (Chapel)	Choir
11/12	12:00 (UFH)	WWPC Book Group
11/13	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
11/15	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!