Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

November 15, 2026



"And then we learned–utterly surprised–
That that loud sound of groan came to you.
It was not addressed to you
but it came to you.
It came to you, because you listen and pay attention,
you are like a magnet for need,
you draw hurt,
you elicit groans.
And then…completely outside our categories…
you moved and acted and cared and intervened.
You saved and freed and liberated and rescued
our mothers and fathers.
Our mothers and fathers then had no choice
but to sing and dance
to shake and rattle
in surprise
in delight
in shalom,
Shalom that you give as the world comes new."

- from "On Reading Exodus 1-15" by Walter Bruggeman

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026 11:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Pat Levi

PRELUDE "Intermezzo (Seed Time and Harvest)" John E West

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Addison Grissett

One: For just this hour,
All: Follow me
One: Listen to my word
All: Follow me
One: Think about your life as my disciple every day
All: Follow me
One: Pray & sing
All: Follow me
One: Serve & Share
All: Follow me
One: Come, let us follow in the footsteps of our God.
All: Let us walk with Christ in our lives and in our worship!

***OPENING HYMN 65** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
CWM RHONDDA

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we know you set straight the paths before us, but so often, we stray from your way. You light our route, but we still choose darkness. You shield us from harm, but we still choose to be fearful. Help us, Lord! Help us to trust that your steps are worth following. Help us to share your mercy and love. Shower us with grace when we wander from your call. Strengthen our knees and order our steps so that our lives illuminate your good news for all of Creation.

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 Exodus 13:3-9

ANTHEM "Awake, My Heart and Render To God"
Jane M Marshall

Awake. my heart, and render To God thy sure defender,
Thy Maker, thy preserver,
Will all be upward tending. A song of love and fervor.

Confirm my deeds and guide me:
My day, with thee beside me, Beginning, middle, ending.

My heart shall be my dwelling, With joy and gladness swelling,
Thy word my nurture, thy word my nurture, given
To bring me on toward heaven.

SECOND LESSON Exodus 13: 17-22

SERMON

***HYMN OF PRAISE 377** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light“
HOUSTON

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. (Refrain)

2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. (Refrain)

3 I’m looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. (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 “Festal March” George F. Handel

*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
Elder of the Day: Jack Allison
Fellowship Time: Hamiltons

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!

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

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 updated letters from the stewardship team, budget information, and pledge cards available in the narthex (with a dropbox for the cards).

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Submissions for the December Newsletter are due November 23. This Newsletter will cover Advent with the next deadline falling after New Year's Day.

WWC CHOIR CHANGE The College Choir was going to have its concert in the Sanctuary tomorrow evening (11/16) at 7:30. That concert has been moved to the Williams Recital Hall in Kittredge.

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!

POINSETTIAS This year we have purchased artificial poinsettias to give a consistent look for Advent, which also means the plants will not go home with the honoree. Instead each one will be placed in honor or in memory of a loved one with the money going to an important cause. A folder is in the narthex along with forms for placing a poinsettia in the Sanctuary in December.

This year the money will go to Comfort Zone Camp (CZC), which is a free weekend camp for children 7-18 who have experienced the loss of a parent, sibling, or close loved one. It's held in various states throughout the country, including three annual camps in NC. Through focus on hope and healing, CZC empowers children and families to explore healthy coping mechanisms, build community, and have a full, fun, camp experience.

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

11/15	2:00 (UFH)	Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting
11/16	1:15 (AdEd)	Staff Meeting
11/16	7:30 (offsite)	WWC Choir moved to Williams
11/17	1:30 (Parlor)	Togather
11/17	6:00 (AdEd)	Session
11/18	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
11/18	6:00 (UFH)	Empty Bowls Fundraiser
11/18	N/A	No Handbells
11/18	7:00 (Chapel)	Choir
11/20	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
11/22	9:15 (AdEd)	Adult Education Class
11/22	11:00(Chapel)	Stewardship Sunday

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!