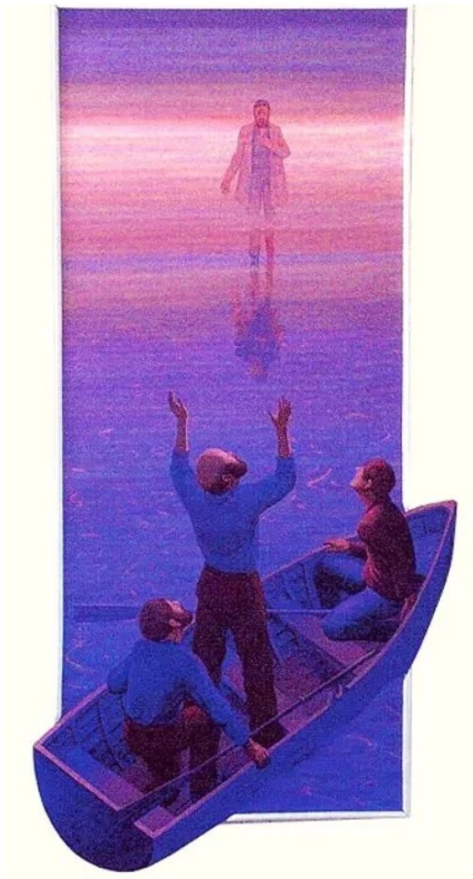
Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

November 22, 2026



"That we will risk
the drenching
by which we
are drawn
toward the voice
that calls us,
the love
that catches us,
the faith
that carries us
beyond the wind,
the wave."

Blessing that Bears the Wind, the Wave by Jan Richardson

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

Christ the King Sunday
November 22, 2026 11:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Jack Allison & Pat Hardy

PRELUDE "We Gather Together" Arr. Healey Willan
Eloise Hill, violin

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Larry Griswold

One: O give thanks to the Lord!
All: Sing to God! Tell of God's wonderful works!
One: Remember all the things God has done!
All: We glory in God's holy name!
One: Seek the Lord, our strength and refuge:
All: we come to be in God's presence.

***OPENING HYMN 515** "I Come with Joy" DOVE OF PEACE

1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.

5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, it is easy to confess with our lips that you are Lord, but it is much harder to believe with our hearts, to live in a way that puts you first. We are quick to trust in idols. We depend on what we can see, touch, and control, instead of waiting to hear your still, small voice. Forgive us, Lord, and help our unbelief, so that what we confess with our lips we may truly believe in our hearts.

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 Matthew 14:22-27

ANTHEM "Now Thank We All Our God"
J.S. Bach (arr Hal Hopson)

(Text for mediation is in Hymn #643)

SECOND LESSON Matthew 14:28-33

SERMON

***HYMN OF PRAISE 743** "O God, You Are My God"
STEP BY STEP

O God, you are my God,
and I will ever praise you.
O God, you are my God,
and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you'll lead me,
and I will follow you all of my days.

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 "All My Heart This Day Rejoices" Helmut Walcha

*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: Larry Griswold
Elder of the Day: Jim Storey
Fellowship Time: Chris & Paulette

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 amazing work done by the Farm Crew on the Harvest Display! ◦ The new improvement to the front doors of the chapel – better handicapped accessibility!

We remember in prayer: Lisa Ohler recovering from breast cancer surgery ◦ **Sharon Lytle** as she prepares for surgery on Monday, November 30th

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

STEWARDSHIP Stewardship Sunday 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).

JUST ONE CAN Will you help to feed your neighbors when you go to the grocery store? As part of a food drive, 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!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The Church Office will be closed on November 26 and 27.

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.

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.

INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL November 29 will be our Intergenerational Class based on the book, "Bear Says Thanks", by Karma Wilson and Jane Chapman. What better way for Bear to say thanks than over a nice big dinner? One by one, Bear's friends show up with different platters of food to share. There's just one problem - Bear's cupboards are bare! What is he to do? Please join us. Support our young people.

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.

COOKIES & CAROLS December 3 at 6:30 is our annual Cookies and Carols. Come to the Fellowship Hall to enjoy delicious Christmas treats and to join in singing some favorite Christmas songs with the Warren Wilson Community.

HANGING OF THE GREENS On December 4 at 11:00 in the Chapel we will meet to decorate the sanctuary for the holiday season. Pizza will be provided.

WASSAIL Wassail is on December 13 after the church service. Please bring your favorite seasonal appetizer or two! It will be in the Fellowship Hall. Gather together at the door to the Fellowship Hall at the front of the sanctuary. We will start singing the Wassail song and commence to the Fellowship Hall.

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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

11/22	2:00 (UFH)	Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting
11/23	1:15 (AdEd)	Staff Meeting
11/23	6:00 (UFH)	Immigrant Justice Together
11/25	N/A	No Community Yoga
11/25	N/A	No Handbells
11/25	N/A	No Choir
11/26	N/A	Church Office Closed
11/26	2:00 (UFH)	Thanksgiving Potluck
11/27	N/A	Church Office Closed
11/27	N/A	No Community Yoga
11/29	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!