

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

January 4, 2026



Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord
has risen upon you.

- Isaiah 60:1

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2nd Sunday of Christmas
January 4, 2026 11:00 AM

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “In Dulci Jubilo” J. S. Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive) Sally Broughton

This is the year that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We are gathered together on the first Sunday of 2026.

Christmas still rings in our hearts and minds as we follow the star
and learn from wise ones.

With ones of old and in the here and now,

Let us worship God.

***HYMN 121** “O Little Town of Bethlehem”
ST. LOUIS

1 O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king,
and peace to all on earth.

3 How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in;
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

***A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING AND CONFESSION**
(unison)

Almighty God, another year has passed.
For the times we experienced your mercy, we give you thanks.
(Silent Reflection)
For the times we did not acknowledge your grace, we ask
your forgiveness.
(Silent Reflection)
For the times we took bold steps of faith, we give you thanks.
(Silent Reflection)
For the times we ignored your calling in our lives, we ask
your forgiveness.
(Silent Reflection)
For the times we learned more about you, we give you thanks.
(Silent Reflection)
For the times we were too proud, rather than humbled, to see
you at work around us and in us, we ask your forgiveness.
(Silent Reflection)
Merciful God, guide us in this new year, help us to see you
more clearly than ever before. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***RESPONSE** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” #119 Verse 3

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king!”

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

Rev Dr Laurie Furr-Vancini

*HYMN 744

“Arise, Your Light is Come!”
FESTAL SONG

1 Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God,
which shines on you today.

2 Arise, your light is come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captives' liberty,
good tidings to the poor.

3 Arise, your light is come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.

4 Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God's power will make us strong.

COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer

***HYMN 749**

**“Come! Live in the Light!”
WE ARE CALLED**

1 Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called
to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom
of the city of God.

Refrain:

We are called to act with justice;
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.

2 Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called
to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and violence
will be no more. (Refrain)

3 Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign,
and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers
united in love. (Refrain)

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

**“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”
Dietrich Buxtehude**

***Please rise in body and/or spirit**

CHURCH STAFF

Laurie Furr-Vancini, Transitional Pastor
Ted Stewart, Director of Music
Andrew Tripp, Church Administrator
Leslie Sayyar and Brent Roberts, Treasurers
Barbara Escalante, Bookkeeper

Liturgists: Sally Broughton
Fellowship Time: Don and Vicki Collins
Elder of the Day: 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 as you enter and exit. 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.

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

We celebrate: All the opportunities that come with the New Year ◦ The ongoing work of the **Pastor Nominating Committee** ◦ **Sharon Lytle** for her term on Session

We remember in prayer: **Blake Joslin** at Mission Hospital following a fall, as he regains strength ◦ **Mary Fran Spencer** home now following a stay at the hospital

HELPERS NEEDED to assist the **Habitat for Humanity** construction crew build House of Faith #5 in West Asheville. We have half day (8:15 - noon) shifts reserved on the volunteer calendar for Friday, Jan. 16 and Feb. 27, and full day shifts (8:15 - 3) on Saturday, Jan. 24, Feb. 7 and Feb. 28. Work will be indoors in heated spaces, or outdoors if weather permits. No experience is needed, only a willingness to help. Contact Larry Griswold if you have questions or to sign up.

NAMETAGS It's time again to update our nametags for Sunday mornings. If you don't have a nametag or yours needs refreshing, please sign up in the narthex.

FELLOWSHIP TIME Thanks to all who hosted our Fellowship Time after each service throughout the year! Your efforts are very much appreciated! If you can host please sign up in the narthex. It's a great way to help us build community. If you have questions, please reach out to Susan Daugherty or ask today's host.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be at the end of worship on Sunday, January 25. We will receive our Annual Report and our budget for 2026. In addition, there will be a report from the Pastor Nominating Committee. Mark your calendars and plan on attending.

The week ahead at WWPC

1/4	2:00(UFH)	Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting
1/5	1:15 (AdEd)	Staff Meeting
1/5	2:30 (LFH)	Tai Chi/Qigong
1/6	10:30 (AdEd)	Worship & Music
1/7		No Yoga
1/7	4:00 (AdEd)	Communications
1/7		No Handbells
1/7	7:00 (Ch)	Choir
1/8	12:00 (UFH)	Book Group
1/9		No Yoga

UFH - Upper Fellowship Hall

AdEd - Adult Classroom in the Education Building

LFH - Lower Fellowship Hall

Ch - Chapel



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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!*