

Warren Wilson
Presbyterian Church

January 11, 2026



Mandala of Water
by Anja Berloznik

"Preach the Gospel at all times and
when necessary, use words"

- attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

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Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 11, 2026 11:00 AM

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "All Who Believe and Are Baptized" Johann Sebastian Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Don Collins

In the beginning when God created –

**A wind swept over the waters, a breath warmed the dark voids,
a Spirit called forth creation.**

God gave, in grace:

Let there be light for all to see. Let there be water for all to splash in.

Let there be life in the midst of death.

Yes, let there be life beyond death.

And God invited and invites us to respond, rejoicing!

It was good, It was awesome and awe-filled,

It is very good.

***HYMN 265**

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

DUKE STREET

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

5 Let every creature rise and bring
honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONESSION (unison)

We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord. We have entered the season in which Your Light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet we dwell on our own problems, our own needs, our own desires.

Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance. Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you.

Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our being the people you call us to be. Let us receive the blessings offered in creation, in the birth and baptism of Jesus, and in the ministry of the saints of light.

(silent confession) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE

“There Is Now a New Creation” #774 Verses 1&2 David Gambrell

*There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ,
peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life.*

*Call the lost and found together; tell the news to everyone:
now the past is gone forever and a new life has begun.*

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

Acts 10:34-43

ANTHEM

”All Who Believe and Are Baptized”
Thomas H. Kingo (1634-1703)

*All who believe and are baptized shall see the Lord’s salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ, they are a new creation:
Through Christ’s redemption they will stand
Among the glorious Heavenly band of every tribe and nation.*

*With one accord, O God, we pray, Grant us your Holy Spirit;
Help us in our infirmity through Jesus’ blood and merit;
Grant us to grow in grace each day
That as is promised here we may eternal life inherit.*

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON

Rev Dr Laurie Furr-Vancini

***HYMN 610**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
AZMON

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

2 The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.

3 Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive,
the mournful waken to rejoice, the poor in heart believe.

4 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

5 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

***HYMN 22**

“God of the Sparrow”
ROEDER

1 God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise

2 God of the earthquake
God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save

3 God of the rainbow
God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks

4 God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life

5 God of the neighbor
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace

6 God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “Jesus Shall Reign” H. Alexander Matthews

*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

Liturgist: Don Collins
Fellowship Time: Paulette Heck, Chris Nugent
Elder of the Day: Don Collins

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 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: Donna Eagle Joslin and Sherrie Meehan for planting daffodil bulbs in the Peace Garden which will be a joy to us in the Spring ◦ The ongoing work of the **Pastor Nominating Committee**

We remember in prayer: Betty Siviter healing following cataract surgery ◦ **Blake Joslin**, who fell on 12/29 and fractured his right clavicle, now regaining strength at the Laurels ◦ **Mary Fran Spencer** home now following a stay at the hospital

MORE HELPERS NEEDED to assist the Habitat for Humanity construction crew build House of Faith #5 in West Asheville. Many spots have been filled by church members, but we still have unfilled half day (8:15 - noon) shifts reserved for this Friday, Jan. 16 (1) and Feb. 27 (3), and full day shifts (8:15 - 3) on Saturday, Jan. 24 (2) and Feb. 7 (1). 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.

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.

INCLEMENT WEATHER As we start the new year, we recognize that adverse weather conditions can make having worship challenging. On those Sundays where there are changes to worship we will begin using text and/or e-mail to let you know. If you're unsure if the church has your updated phone number or e-mail address please contact the church office.

Worship Notes:

Artist Statement - Mandala of Water by Anja Berloznik:

“Water is life, it represents cleaning, health and love. It renews your being, cleans it of bad energy and spreads love throughout you. Without water, there is no life. The element of water represents cleaning health and love.”

During the season of Epiphany, the Response following the Assurance of Pardon will be two verses of “There Is Now a New Creation” written by David Gambrell, son of Bob and Corise Gambrell.

For more information about Margaret Grun Kibben:

[youtube.com/watch?v=uqQPF987INA&authuser=0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uqQPF987INA&authuser=0)

<https://chaplain.house.gov/chaplaincy/index.html>

The week ahead at WWPC

1/11	2:00(UFH)	Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting
1/12	1:15 (AdEd)	Staff Meeting
1/12	2:30 (LFH)	Tai Chi/Qigong
1/13	11:00 (UFH)	Congregational Life
1/13	1:30 (Parlor)	Together
1/13	3:30 (AdEd)	AMT
1/14		No Yoga
1/14	12:00 (AdEd)	Church College Relations
1/14	4:30 (AdEd)	Spiritual Nurture
1/14	6:00 (AdEd)	Handbells
1/14	7:00 (Ch)	Choir
1/16		No Yoga

UFH - Upper Fellowship Hall

AdEd - Adult Classroom in the Education Building

LFH - Lower Fellowship Hall

Ch - Chapel

Parlor - Chapel Parlor



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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!*