

# Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

January 18, 2026



"The movement of the Spirit of God in the hearts of men and women often calls them to act against the spirit of their times or causes them to anticipate a spirit which is yet in the making. In a moment of dedication they are given wisdom and courage to dare a deed that challenges and to kindle a hope that inspires."

- Howard Thurman, in Footprints of a Dream: The Story of the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples (2009; 1959)

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

January 18, 2026 11:00 AM

## GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**      “Fairest Lord Jesus”      H. Alexander Matthews

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** from Isaiah 49 (responsive)  
Dennis Stockdale

Listen up, everyone!

God has given us work to do.

**God has called each of us  
before we were even born.**

It was God who named us.

**It is God who claims us.**

The light of God’s love shines in us.

**Let’s shine God’s love into all the world!**

**\*HYMN 12**      “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”      ST. DENIO

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:  
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

## **PRAYER OF CONESSION (unison)**

**Faithful God, you call us to be saints,  
but we are more comfortable with the role of sinner;  
you call us to be your servants,  
but we worry that we lack the skills or energy to do your work;  
you put a new song of praise in our mouths,  
but we stumble on unfamiliar words;  
you show us what needs to be done, but we turn away defiant,  
insisting we have more important things to do.  
Put your song on our lips and in our hearts,  
and remind us of the joy that awaits us when we put our trust in  
you.  
Guide us into the light of your unwavering, never-ending,  
and grace-filled love. 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**      Paulette Heck  
*Children and youth of all ages are invited to come forward.*

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST LESSON**      Isaiah 49:1-7

**ANTHEM**      “The Grace Divine” Arr. Roger Price

*Come let us use the grace divine, and all with one accord,  
in a perpetual covenant join ourselves to Christ the Lord;  
Give up ourselves, thru Jesus’ power, his name to glorify;  
And promise, in this sacred hour, for God to live and die.*

*The covenant we this moment make be ever kept in mind;  
We will no more our God forsake, or cast these words behind.  
We never will throw off the fear of God who hears our vow;  
and if thou art well pleased to hear, come down and meet us now.*

*Thee, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, let all our hearts receive,  
present with thy celestial host the peaceful answer give;  
to each covenant the blood apply which takes our sins away,  
and register our names on high and keep us to that day.*

## **SECOND LESSON**

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

## SERMON

Winn Legerton

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

A New Creed – The United Church of Canada

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.**

### **\*HYMN 451** “Open My Eyes, That I May See” OPEN MY EYES

1 Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

2 Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear.  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

3 Open my mouth, and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere.  
Open my heart, and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

## **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 79 “Light Dawns on a Weary World” TEMPLE OF PEACE**

1 Light dawns on a weary world  
when eyes begin to see  
all people's dignity.  
Light dawns on a weary world:  
the promised day of justice comes.

Refrain:

The trees shall clap their hands;  
the dry lands, gush with springs;  
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!  
We shall go out in joy,  
and be led forth in peace,  
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

2 Love grows in a weary world  
when hungry hearts find bread  
and children's dreams are fed.  
Love grows in a weary world:  
the promised feast of plenty comes.

3 Hope blooms in a weary world  
when creatures, once forlorn,  
find wilderness reborn.  
Hope blooms in a weary world:  
the promised green of Eden comes.

### **\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** “Maestoso (Organ Sonata 3)” Felix Mendelssohn

\*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:** Dennis Stockdale  
**Fellowship Time:** Griswolds  
**Elder of the Day:** Jim Storey

## **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: Ron Vinson** at Mountain Ridge Healthcare, recovering following a fall ° **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

**THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TEAM** will meet after the service today to prepare a recommendation to the Session regarding what funding support the congregation should provide for our ministry partners. All are welcome to attend the meeting to participate in the discussion.

**GUEST PREACHER** Winn Legerton joined WWPC two years ago after being acquainted with the congregation for decades. Her leadership roles in previous churches include a first career serving in campus ministry and as associate pastor (teaching elder, PCUS) in Charlottesville, VA. Later, in Greensboro, NC, for thirty years, she was an active church member at First Presbyterian Church and served as an ordained ruling elder. In both Charlottesville and Greensboro, she spent several years getting to know the Quaker tradition and participating in Friends' Meetings. Winn's move to the mountains in 2018 was initially to Montreat and then to Black Mountain. She is grateful to have landed in the WWPC community.

Winn went to the College of William and Mary (BA in sociology) and Yale Divinity School (MDiv, 1975). After years in professional ministry, she shifted to teaching and facilitation in leadership development and organizational behavior. In Greensboro she was employed at the Center for Creative Leadership as a faculty member, program manager, and project manager in instructional design and product development.

Winn and her husband John J. Young enjoyed a 25-year marriage until his death in 2016. Their family included John's two adult children and their daughter Hannah, who still lives in Greensboro. Winn is close with her two brothers and their extended families in Asheville and eastern NC.

Winn's introduction to the Warren Wilson community came through her parents. Having retired from pastoral ministry in Atlanta, Fitz & Emmy Lou Legerton moved to Montreat and Fitz served as Director of Church Relations at the College (1993-2005). They were devoted to WWPC, with Emmy Lou as a church member for more than twenty years until her death, and then Fitz's continued presence until his death in February 2024.

**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 Friday, Feb. 27, and full day shifts (8:15 - 3) on Saturday, Jan. 24 and Feb. 7. Work will be indoors in heated spaces, or outdoors if weather permits. No experience is needed, only a willingness to help. Contact Larry Griswold to sign up.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER** We recognize that winter weather can make having worship challenging. On icy Sundays 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.

**ANNUAL & CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be at the end of worship next Sunday. We will receive our Annual Report and our budget for 2026. In addition, there will be a report from the Pastor Nominating Committee, as well as a vote on terms of call for our new pastor. Mark your calendars and plan on attending.

*Cover image: Spiral galaxy NGC 5495 in the constellation Hydra. (Image credit: ESA/Hubble & NASA, J. Greene. Acknowledgement: R. Colombari). The picture on the front of the bulletin was captured by the Hubble Space Telescope and includes a spiral galaxy, adorned with the sparkle of two nearby stars within the Milky Way.*

**The week ahead at  
WWPC**

1/18	2:00(UFH)	Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting
1/19		Office Closed
1/19	2:30 (LFH)	Tai Chi/Qigong
1/20	6:00 (AdEd)	Session
1/21	6:00 (AdEd)	Handbells
1/21	7:00 (Ch)	Choir
1/21		No Yoga
1/21	9:00 (LoEd)	Community Yoga

UFH - Upper Fellowship Hall  
AdEd - Adult Classroom in the Education Building  
LFH - Lower Fellowship Hall  
Ch - Chapel  
Parlor - Chapel Parlor  
LoEd - 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!*