

# Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

February 8, 2026



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## Student Led Worship

February 8, 2026 11:00 AM

### GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Souper Bowl of Caring  
Cadence Cowal

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

“I Will Arise”

Stella Fowler Heon

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Maria Perez

Leader: Shout it out—

**People: There is truth that needs to be spoken.**

Leader: Shout to the weary, the overlooked, the worn-thin:

**People: With courage, we gather.**

With voices, we speak words of life.

Leader: Shout to the hearts carrying hidden weight,

**People: The Holy One meets us here in our honesty.**

Leader: Shout to the systems that press people down,

**People: Their power is not the final word.**

Leader: A new song is rising—

**People: A song that frees, a rhythm that restores,**

With voices, we speak words of life.

Leader: Shout to the builders, the dreamers, the stubbornly hopeful:

**People: The time has come for burdens to lift,**

With voices, we speak words of life.

**for the grip of harm to loosen,**

**for the rebuilding of what has been broken.**

Leader: Come, Beloved Community, Come.

Bring your resolve, your compassion,

your wide-awake faith.

**All: Let us worship God and be transformed**

**again and again by the Good News.**

#### \*HYMN 401

“Here in This Place”

GATHER US IN

1 Here in this place the new light is streaming;  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken;  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young; our lives are a mystery.  
We are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;  
give us the courage to enter the song.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water;  
here we will take the bread of new birth.  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away:  
here in this place the new light is shining;  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever;  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Alex Curcio

**Calling Presence who knows our hidden places, we admit that  
we have not always chosen the path that frees.  
We have stayed silent when truth asked for our voice;  
We have protected our comfort when compassion asked for our  
hands; We have waited for others to do the work you entrusted  
to us.**

**Loosen our resistance, lift the habits that keep us from seeing  
one another clearly, and break the patterns that bind us to what  
harms.**

**Teach us the courage to act with mercy.**

**Teach us the discipline of repair.**

**Teach us the way of releasing what we cling to  
so that others may breathe more easily.**

**Let this moment mark a turning—**

**a turning toward your justice, a turning toward your  
tenderness,**

**a turning toward the shared life you imagine for us.**

**In your grace, make us new. Amen**

# WORDS OF GRACE

The One who calls us out in truth,  
meets us not with shame,  
but with mercy that lifts what is heavy  
and compassion that steadies our steps  
When we turn toward justice,  
God's healing begins working in us.  
When we loosen what harms,  
God loosens the weight within us.  
When we offer ourselves to repair,  
God says to us, "Here I am."  
In this promise, receive your freedom.  
In this grace, begin again.  
Amen.

## 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

## SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 5:13-20

## REFLECTIONS Mictehautl Overla & Maria Perez

## **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.**

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Mictehautl Overland

We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives; whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth; whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all; and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.

Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, we trust that love. And in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves in the service of others: to seek justice and to live in peace; to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness; to live in the freedom of forgiveness and in the power of the Spirit of Love; and in the company of all the faithful – past, present, and yet to come – so to be the Church, for the glory of God. Amen.

**\*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**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Alex Curcio

\*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

**Elder of the Day:** Sally Broughton

**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 this Spring

**We remember in prayer: The Lytle Family** following the death of **Dennis, Rodney's brother** on January 19. **◦ 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

**HELPERS STILL NEEDED** to assist Habitat for Humanity construction crews 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 available for Friday, Feb. 27, and full day shifts (8:15 - 3) for Saturday, 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.

**SOUPER BOWL** In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat." Since then, close to \$200 million has been generated for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that transforms the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and caring for those in need. Through this mission, people learn they can make a positive difference in the world as they collect food, raise money and serve at hunger-relief charities and show caring and compassion in local communities across the country. Share in God's love for our neighbors in need and give generously on Souper Bowl Sunday during worship on **Today**. All of the donations collected will go toward feeding programs in the Swannanoa Valley. Donations can still be made next week.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** The next newsletter is planned for release by Lent, which means the deadline for submission is tomorrow. Please let Andrew know if you have any submissions..

**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.

**MOVIE DISCUSSION** Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting will host a public film screening of "Racist Roots" and a panel discussion with NC Coalition for Alternatives to the Death Penalty at Ransom Fellowship Hall on Sunday February 15 at 3:45 PM. A free simple supper will follow the program. We kindly request RSVPs to ensure we provide enough food.

**BMCA FUNDRAISER** On February 23 at 7:00 PM at the Monte Vista Hotel there will be the Beer and Hymns Fundraiser for Black Mountain Center for the Arts. Black Mountain Presbyterian Church is a sponsor and their Director of Music, Aaron Price, will lead the event.

**SHROVE TUESDAY** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be February 17th at 6:00PM, one last hurrah before we begin Lent! A signup sheet is in the narthex for pancake cookers. Please bring a protein, egg casserole (meat, vegetarian, or vegan), or fruit. King cake will be provided. Please join us for a fun evening and wear those Mardi Gras beads!

**THANK YOU** to **Shannon Spencer and all of the WWC Students** that contributed to today's service. Student Led Worship is always a highlight and we are thrilled to share such meaningful worship with them!

### The week ahead at WWPC

2/8	2:00 (UFH)	Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting
2/9	1:15 (AdEd)	Staff Meeting
2/9	2:30 (LFH)	Tai Chi/Qigong
2/10	11:00 (UFH)	Congregational Life
2/10	1:30 (Parlor)	Togather
2/10	3:30 (AdEd)	AMT
2/11	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
2/11	12:00 (AdEd)	Church-College Relations
2/11	6:00 (AdEd)	Handbells
2/11	7:00 (Chapel)	Choir
2/12	8-8 (UFH)	WWC Board of Trustees
2/12	12:00 (AdEd)	Book Group
2/13	7-5 (UFH)	Verner Center Training
2/13	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
2/14	9:30 (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!*