

# Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

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**Transfiguration Sunday**

*February 15, 2026 11:00 AM*

## GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** “Chorale & Prelude on 'Awake us, Lord and Hasten'”  
J. S. Bach

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive) Pat Hardy

We come to the mountain as the people of God.

**We come to hear God’s Word!**

We come to proclaim God’s greatness

**for the Lord is righteous and just!**

We come to proclaim God’s goodness,

**for the Lord is the Holy One!**

We come to proclaim God’s brilliance,

**for the Lord is clothed with light!**

We come to the mountain of God

**We gather to worship our Lord!**

**\*HYMN 33** “Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show” LLANFAIR

1 Praise the Lord! God’s glories show, Alleluia!

saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!

angels round the throne above, Alleluia!

all who see and share God's love. Alleluia!

2 Earth to heaven exalt the strain, Alleluia!

Send it, heaven, to earth again, Alleluia!

Age to age, God’s mercies trace, Alleluia!

Praise God’s providence and grace! Alleluia!

3 Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia!

in the concert, bear your parts, Alleluia!

All that breathes, your Lord adore, Alleluia!

singing praise forevermore, Alleluia!

## CALL TO CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**You know, O God, how often we set our mind on human things instead of divine ones. You know the ways we try to force your Spirit to fit our agenda, to manipulate your grace for our own ends. You know that we are prone to thinking of our desires long before we ever consider yours. We confess these things to you, praying that saying them out loud might make us aware of our own brokenness, so that we can also be more aware of your ever-present grace. Startle us with your truth and your love. Set our minds and hearts on you, and lead us to your way.**

(silent confession)

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE #442 verses 3 & 4

*Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!*

*Just as I am, thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!*

## 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

2 Peter 1:16-21

ANTHEM “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” Gordon Young  
*See Hymn #65 for reference meditation.*

### SECOND LESSON

Matthew 17:1-8

### SERMON

Rev Dr Laurie Furr-Vancini

### \*HYMN 450

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## **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 634**      “To God Be the Glory”      TO GOD BE THE GLORY

1 To God be the glory;  
great things he has done!  
So loved he the world  
that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life  
an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate  
that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father  
through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory:  
great things he has done!

2 Great things he has taught us;  
great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing  
through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher  
and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport,  
when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

**\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“Allegro Maestoso (from Organ Sonata III)”  
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

**Elder of the Day:** Leslie Sayyar

**Liturgist:** Pat Hardy

**Fellowship Time:** Joyce, Pat, Amanda, Betty, Mary

## **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 students that helped lead another wonderful Student Led Service last week! ◦ **The PNC's great work** leading us to our new pastor, **Rev Jessica Rigel**

**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** continuing recovery at the Laurels

**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. You can still share in God's love for our neighbors in need and give generously during worship **Today**. All of the donations collected will go toward feeding programs in the Swannanoa Valley.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Both Adult and Youth classes are invited to meet on March 1 through the 29th for an Intergenerational Sunday School gathering. We'll use curriculum from Illustrated Ministries that "invites us into the work of honest turning—facing hard truths, naming injustice, and trusting that transformation is possible even in the shadow of empire." Class will meet at 930 in the Fellowship Hall on these Sundays. Come join us for a time of learning and reflection as we dive into the "The Work of Imagination" together!

**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 today 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!

**ASH WEDNESDAY** Join together at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall for a contemplative Ash Wednesday service, including communion and receiving ashes.

*Cover: Transfiguration mosaic in Aspe, St. Catherine's Monastery, c. 6<sup>th</sup> century, Mount Sinai, Egypt*

*In the desert mountains of Sinai, in Egypt, is St. Catherine's Monastery, the oldest continuously inhabited monastery in the world. In the heart of this Eastern Orthodox monastery, the basilica houses the oldest known depiction of Christ's Transfiguration.*

### **The week ahead at WWPC**

2/15	2:00 (UFH)	Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting
2/16	1:15 (AdEd)	Staff Meeting
2/16	2:30 (LFH)	Tai Chi/Qigong
2/17	6:00 (UFH)	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
2/17	6:00 (UFH)	Session
2/18	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
2/18	6:00 (UFH)	Ash Wednesday Service
2/18	6:00 (AdEd)	Handbells
2/18	7:00 (Chapel)	Choir
2/20	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
2/22	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!*