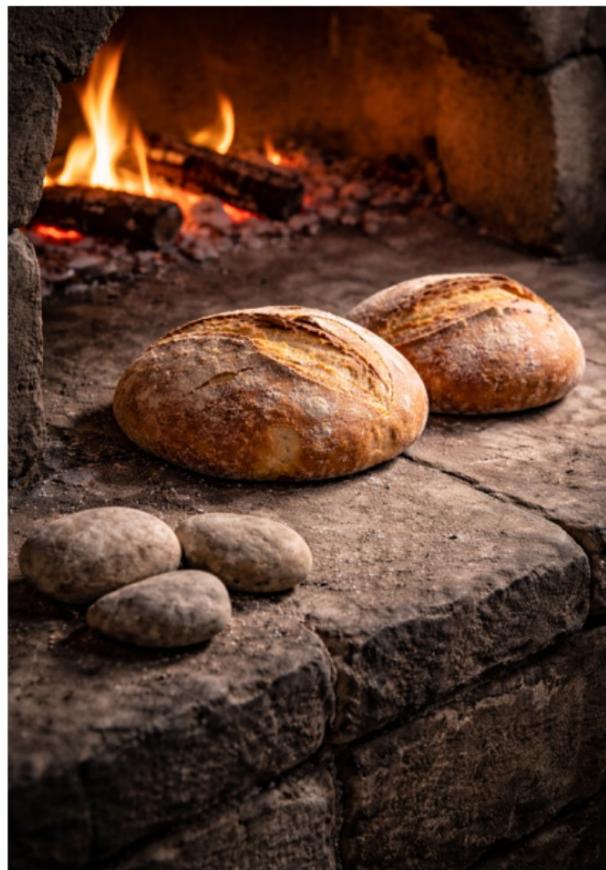


# Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

February 22, 2026



“Jesus was led up by the Spirit  
into the wilderness . . .”

- Matthew 4:1

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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026 11:00 AM

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** “Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior” arr. Jacob B. Weber  
WWPC Handbell Choir

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

Barbara Griswold

After he was baptized by John,  
Jesus went by himself to the wilderness where he was tempted.

**Forty days in the desert, Jesus was tempted  
to become relevant, spectacular, and powerful.**

Today, we begin to journey with Jesus through the season of Lent,  
which brings us to face some of our own weaknesses and  
temptations.

**Let us worship God and walk together,  
seeking the spirit as our guide and companion along the way.**

**\*HYMN 166**

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”  
ST. FLAVIAN

1 Lord, who throughout these forty days  
for us did fast and pray,  
teach us with you to mourn our sins  
and close by you to stay.

2 As you with Satan did contend  
and did the victory win,  
O give us strength to persevere,  
in you to conquer sin.

3 And through these days of penitence,  
and through this Passiontide,  
yes, evermore, in life and death,  
O Lord, with us abide.

4 Abide with us, till when this life  
of suffering shall be past,  
an Easter of unending joy  
we may attain at last.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Creative, passionate God,  
you delight to shape the world in beauty and harmony.  
You invite us to participate in the balance of creation.  
We grow in wisdom as our experience unfolds;  
we take good learning out of difficult situations yet also  
find our well-meant endeavors leading to unintended conse-  
quences.

Too often we give in to temptation  
that disrupts the joyous, chaotic order of the universe.  
We cannot undo all our mistakes,  
but we can turn to the living presence of Jesus and find new  
ways to live and love each other and the earth.  
Do not let our hearts be fearful, but let us in silence acknowledge  
our sin and seek the forgiveness that restores your peace.

## RESPONSE TO CONFESSION

#471 “O Lord, Hear My Prayer” verse 1

*O Lord, hear my prayer.  
O Lord, hear my prayer.  
When I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer.  
O Lord, hear my prayer.  
Come and listen to me.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#471 “O Lord, Hear My Prayer” verse 2

*The Lord is my song;  
the Lord is my praise:  
all my hope comes from God.  
The Lord is my song;  
the Lord is my praise:  
God, the well-spring of life.*

## 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

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

**ANTHEM** “Lord Jesus, Think on Me” Arr. Georgiann H. Toole  
*See Hymn #417 for reference meditation.*

### SECOND LESSON

Matthew 4:1-11

### SERMON

Rev Dr Laurie Furr-Vancini

**\*HYMN 223**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

HAMBURG

1 When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
& THE LORD'S PRAYER – CELTIC VERSION**

*Holy One beyond all names  
Eternal Wellspring  
May love rise again in us today  
With food for every table  
Shelter for every family  
And reverence for every life.  
Forgive us our failings in love  
And free us from all falseness  
That the light of our souls may shine  
And the strength of our spirits endure  
For Earth and all its people.  
This day, tonight, and forever. Amen.*

**\*HYMN 175**

“Seek Ye First”

LAFFERTY

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
seek, and you shall find;  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

3 You shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God  
Allelu, alleluia!

## \*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** “I Will Arise and Go to Jesus” Cathy Moklebust  
WWPC Handbell Choir

\*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 Sayyan**

**Liturgist:** Barbara Griswold

## **Fellowship Time: Sarah Anne Eller**

## 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: Our new pastor, Rev Jessica Rigel, as she prepares to move to our area**

**We remember in prayer:** The family of **Dean Kahl**, retired WWC Professor, who passed away on February 14. ° **Ernst Laursen** at Aston Park. ° **Blake Joslin** continuing recovery at the Laurels

**MINISTRY OF HOPE** Ministry of Hope WNC, in partnership with Black Mountain UMC, is proud to host the WNC installation site for the traveling public arts display, Stitching Stories Reimagined, a 25-foot prison awareness quilt. It will be on display from February 21st – March 26th at BMUMC's green space, facing Hwy 70/W State Street. More information at [ministryofhopewnc.org/stitching-stories-reimagined/](http://ministryofhopewnc.org/stitching-stories-reimagined/)

**BMCA FUNDRAISER** Tomorrow 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.

**PRESBYTERY DISASTER RECOVERY** Anne Waple, the Disaster Recovery Coordinator for the Presbytery of WNC, will speak at Montreat on Wednesday, February 25 at 4:00 PM in Upper Anderson, with refreshments at 3:45. Anne is a climate scientist, and she's doing a wonderful job coordinating all the work sites and work groups.

**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 9:30 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!

## The week ahead at WWPC

2/22	2:00 (UFH)	Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting
2/23	1:15 (AdEd)	Staff Meeting
2/23	2:30 (LFH)	Tai Chi/Qigong
2/24	1:30 (Parlor)	Togather
2/25	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
2/25	6:00 (AdEd)	Handbells
2/25	7:00 (Chapel)	Choir
2/27	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
3/1	9:30 (UFH)	Intergenerational Sunday School

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!*