

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

February 22, 2026



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!

- from the WWPC webpage
(also found on the back of your bulletin every week)

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026 11:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Wondrous Love” Arr. David N Johnson

***CALL TO WORSHIP** based on Romans 12:4-8 (responsive)

One: Come sons and daughters, mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers and aunts!

Many: Come grandmas and grandpas, uncles and nephews, nieces and neighbors and friends!

One: Christ calls us together as parts of one Body, for worship and service and praise!

All: Let’s worship God together!

***HYMN 37** “Let All Things Now Living” ASH GROVE

1 Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us;
pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished,
all fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

2 By law God enforces,
the stars in their courses,
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration, a song let us raise,
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of All, We want to believe that the church matters, but we are sometimes tired and overcome with questions of “how long”?

We want to wait patiently for the fulfillment of your kingdom, but we are frustrated by the huge needs we see around us and feel in us.

We want to believe your promises from ancient days, but we are overwhelmed with doubts about today.. Come to us again, O God.

Awaken us with your unexpected grace. Shock us with Your daring mercy. Lift us up from lethargy and set our feet on Your path once more.

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 11:10-12:3 (selected verses)

ANTHEM

“According To Thy Gracious Word”
W. A. Mozart, arr. Mark Schweizer

*According to Thy gracious word, In deep humility
This will I do, my loving Lord, I will remember Thee.
Thy body broken for my sake, My bread from heaven shall be;
The cup, Thy precious blood I take, And thus remember Thee.*

*When to the cross I turn mine eyes, And rest on Calvary,
O Lamb of God, my sacrifice, I must remember Thee;
And when these failing lips grow dumb, And mind and memory flee,
When Thou shalt in Thy kingdom come, Jesus, remember me.*

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 1:1-22

SERMON “Of Family & Table” Rev Dr Laurie Furr-Vancini

*HYMN 769 “For Everyone Born” FOR EVERYONE BORN

1 For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,

Refrain:

and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

2 For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that’s fair, (Refrain)

3 For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong, (Refrain)

4 For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live, (Refrain)

5 For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free, (Refrain)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Words of Institution

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.*

Invitation to the Table
Receiving the Bread and Cup
Prayer

***HYMN 301**

“Let Us Build a House”

TWO OAKS

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:

all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God’s children dare to seek
to dream God’s reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God’s grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: (Refrain)

3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: (Refrain)

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they’ve known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God’s face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: (Refrain)

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: (Refrain)

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“A Fantasy on 'Sent Forth by God's Blessing”
Mark Sedio

*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: Jack Allison

Fellowship Time: Jackie Wintle & John Bishop

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: Our new pastor, Rev Jessica Rigel, as she prepares to move to our area ◦ **Warren Wilson Spring Break** is March 7-March 15. Please be in prayer for our students as they travel.

We remember in prayer: The family of Dean Kahl, retired WWC Professor, who passed away on February 14. The service is at 2:00 on March 21 at WWPC ◦ **Lavada Owenby, Cindy Riley's mother**, who is home after a hospital stay and will undergo surgery in a few weeks ◦ **Ernst Laursen** at Aston Park ◦ **Blake Joslin** recuperating and gaining strength at home

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/

TIME CHANGE We change the clocks next Sunday, March 8, by springing forward one hour.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Both Adult and Youth classes are meeting during the month of March 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!

ADULT EDUCATION Mountain Institute for Lifelong Learning at WWC is a vessel for community building, exploration, adventure, place-based learning, and the ignition of new passion for lifelong learners. These are non-credit bearing experiences, ranging in length from one to three weeks, that bring learners to our campus or send them on global explorations with Warren Wilson faculty. Adults of all ages are encouraged to apply (18+). The majority of courses will take place on campus. More information at mountaininstitute.warren-wilson.edu

NO PARKING We have received a reminder from the college not to park on the mulched areas, to stay on the paved areas only.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING is one of the yearly offerings of our denomination. It will be collected in worship on Easter Sunday. When we participate in One Great Hour of Sharing:

- We create possibility for people forced to flee their homes in search of safety.
- We empower partners to build sustainable futures.
- We walk alongside our siblings to work for more just immigration laws and processes.
- We support recovery efforts when disasters devastate.

You will hear more about this offering in the coming weeks.

The total amount given for the **Souper Bowl of Caring Offering** was \$1,251. We have designated Bounty and Soul as the recipient for our offering this year. Thank you for your generosity!

ABOUT TODAY The Welsh and Welsh descendants throughout the world celebrate March 1 as St David's Day, and you are invited to a Te Bach (small tea) after today's service in honor of the patron saint of Wales. Dewi (anglicized to David) was born about 487 AD and died on 1 March 589AD. Typical of all Celtic monks, he lived a simple life and practiced asceticism. His nickname was Dewi Dyfyrwr (Dewi of the Water) because he encouraged his followers to only drink water and not to drink beer or eat meat. He became renowned as a teacher and preacher, founding monastic settlements and churches in Wales, Cornwall and Brittany in a period when neighboring tribal regions were still mostly pagan. He is buried at St David's Cathedral which stands on the site of the monastery he founded in Pembrokeshire near the southwest coast of Wales.

The week ahead at WWPC

3/1	2:00 (UFH)	Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting
3/2	1:15 (AdEd)	Staff Meeting
3/2	2:30 (LFH)	Tai Chi/Qigong
3/3	10:30 (AdEd)	Worship & Music
3/4	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
3/4	4:00 (AdEd)	Communications
3/4	4:30 (UFH)	Spiritual Nurture
3/4	6:00 (AdEd)	Handbells
3/4	7:00 (Chapel)	Choir
3/6	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
3/8	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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