

**Warren Wilson  
Presbyterian Church**

March 8, 2026



"Hear, everyone who thirsts;  
come to the waters"

- Isaiah 55:1

# Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
March 8, 2026 11:00 AM

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** “Rejoice Greatly, O My Soul” Sigfrid Karg-Elert

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** inspired by Isaiah 55: 1-3 (responsive)  
Pat Levi

Come to the water, all who thirst—  
come drink deeply from the river of life.

**Come to the water, all who are weary—  
come rest in the quiet pools of God’s love.**

Come to the water, who long for a justice—  
come be renewed in God’s ever-flowing stream.

**For God is here among us,  
washing away the dust and grime of life,  
and pouring out the Spirit on all who thirst.  
Let’s worship God together.**

**\*HYMN 475** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”  
NETTLETON

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing;  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it,  
mount of God’s unchanging love!

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I’m come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**God of living waters, we confess that we have often turned from you and wandered in our own wildernesses of fear and doubt. Our thirst mounts daily, seeking to be quenched by your redeeming love. Yet, when that love is offered to us, we again turn away, unable to truly believe that you would actually heal and love us. We behave in unloving ways. We choose to ignore those in need or to deal only passively with them. Our hearts are not placed in service to others, but rather in self-serving motives. Heal us, merciful God. Wash us again in the living water. Help us be faithful servants. Amen.**

### **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**

Isaiah 55:1-9

**ANTHEM** "I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say" Martyr Wheeler Burne  
*See Hymn #182 for reference meditation.*

## SECOND LESSON

John 4:5-14

SERMON

“On Water”

Rev Dr Laurie Furr-Vancini

\*HYMN 490

“Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters”

BEACH SPRING

1 Wash, O God, your sons and daughters,  
newborn creatures of your womb.  
Number them among your people,  
raised like Christ from death and tomb.  
Weave them garments bright and sparkling;  
compass them with love and light.  
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,  
holy dove and heart's delight.

2 Every day we need your nurture;  
by your milk may we be fed.  
Let us join your feast, partaking  
cup of blessing, living bread.  
God, renew us; guide our footsteps,  
free from sin and all its snares,  
one with Christ in living, dying,  
by your Spirit, children, heirs.

3 O how deep your holy wisdom!  
Unimagined, all your ways!  
To your name be glory, honor!  
With our lives we worship, praise!  
We your people stand before you,  
water-washed and Spirit-born.  
By your grace, our lives we offer.  
Re-create us; God, transform!

## 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 821**

“My Life Flows On”  
HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

1 My life flows on in endless song,  
above earth’s lamentation.  
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.

Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I’m clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?

2 Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

3 What though my joys and comforts die?  
I know my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth. (Refrain)

4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

**\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**      “Alle Menschen Müssen Sterhen”      JS Bach

\*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 Levi

**Fellowship Time:** Vicki Collins

**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 ◦ **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 ◦ **Chrisann Ohler's brother-in-law, Rusty Denman (Lisa's husband)** recovering at home following a mild stroke ◦ **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 WNCis proud to host **Stitching Stories Reimagined**, a 25-foot prison awareness quilt. It is on display until March 26th at Black Mountain UMC's green space. More information at: [ministryofhopewnc.org/stitching-stories-reimagined/](http://ministryofhopewnc.org/stitching-stories-reimagined/)

**EASTER LILIES** If you'd like to place a lily in honor/memory of someone for our Easter service on April 5, place your order by March 29. Order forms and a collection envelope are in the narthex, or you can send them to the church office.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Both Adult and Youth classes are meeting during March for an Intergenerational Sunday School gathering. We are using 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 meets at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday. 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](http://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.

**FAREWELL LAURIE** Join the Congregational Life team for a Fellowship Time Appreciation for Pastor Laurie after the church service next Sunday. We will have a special cake in her honor!

**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!

## The week ahead at WWPC

3/8	2:00 (UFH)	Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting
3/9	1:15 (AdEd)	Staff Meeting
3/9	2:30 (LFH)	Tai Chi/Qigong
3/10	11:00 (UFH)	Congregational Life
3/10	1:30 (Parlor)	Togather
3/10	3:30 (AdEd)	AMT
3/11	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
3/11	12:00 (AdEd)	Church College Relations
3/11	6:00 (AdEd)	Handbells
3/11	7:00 (Chapel)	Choir
3/12	10:00 (UFH)	Youth Leaders Forum
3/12	12:00 (AdEd)	Book Group
3/13	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
3/15	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!*