

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

March 15, 2026



El Santuario de Chimayo,
Chimayo, NM

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026 11:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY College Work Day Don Collins

PRELUDE "Aria" Flor Peeters

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Ephesians 5, John 9) Donna Eagle Joslin

When the world is dark and full of hate and fear,
when we cannot see God

we come together to worship.

When we cannot find our way back to love and peace

we come together to worship.

When our vision dims due to the darkness within

we come together to worship.

Christ opens our eyes with the gift of sight.

The healing of Jesus is amongst us.

Come and worship the one

who brings sight to the blind.

We come together to worship!

***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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy Jesus,
we confess that we fail to question our own sightlessness.
Being so sure that we “see,”
we miss the truths you would teach us.
With the touch of your love, cure this blindness.
Open our eyes to our own misunderstandings,
our own failures and our own faults.
Make our “shadow side” known to us
and help us to diminish it with the light of your grace.
For it is only when we see ourselves clearly
that we can worship you truly.
(silent confession)

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

GOSPEL LESSON

John 9:1-17

ANTHEM

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

James Kitby

*My song is love unknown, My Savior’s love to me;
Love to the loveless shown, That they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake My Lord should take, frail flesh and die?
He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none The longed for Christ would know:
But O! my Friend, my Friend indeed, Who at my need His life did spend.*

*Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King! Never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend, in Whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.*

GOSPEL LESSON

John 9:18-41

SERMON

Rev Dr Laurie Furr-Vancini

***HYMN 314**

“Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”
CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain:

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. (Refrain)

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. (Refrain)

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. (Refrain)

5 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. (Refrain)

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 451**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”
OPEN MY EYES

1 Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

2 Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

3 Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

***LITANY OF ENDING & BEGINNING** Laurie's Final Sunday

Sally Broughton: As Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church, we are gathered here in this place that has rooted and grounded us in God's love. As our Transitional Pastor Laurie Furr-Vancini has led us in worship, shared in our joys and sorrows, taught us and celebrated with us in Word and sacrament .

So, we pause to mark the importance of her presence in this space and time of worship with us:

Sally: For the power of God's word proclaimed here in scripture and in preaching,

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sally: For the prayers said here for healing, and the sick who come here for prayer,

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sally: For the times in which she gathered us at table for communion; for the baptisms celebrated here, through the church seasons as we worshipped faithfully.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sally: For those times we were forgiven, comforted and consoled here,

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sally: For the times we were challenged, enlivened, and humored here,

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sally: For the friendships made in the love of Christ become memories of Laurie's service amongst us and remain with us as how we should live and work and serve together, how we should wonder and wander together,

Many: Thanks be to God.

Laurie: As I depart and as you stay, we remain united in Christ Jesus,

Many: Blessed be God forever.

Laurie: In our endings and in our beginnings,

Many: God blesses us forever. Amen.

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

“The Lord Bless You”

Peter C. Lutkin

*The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
And give you peace. The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you. Amen.*

POSTLUDE

“Recessional”

Sir John Stanley

*Please rise in body and/or spirit

CHURCH STAFF

Laurie Furr-Vancini, Transitional Pastor

Ted Stewart, Director of Music

Elder of the Day: Don Collins

Liturgist: Donna Eagle Joslin

Fellowship Time: Congregational Life

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** was this week. 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 ◦ **Jackie Wintle** awaiting upcoming surgery date for breast cancer ◦ **Ernst Laursen** at Aston Park

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!

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.

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.

FAREWELL LAURIE Join the Congregational Life team for a Fellowship Time Appreciation for Laurie after the church today. We have a special cake in her honor!

The week ahead at WWPC

3/15	2:00 (UFH)	Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting
3/16	11:00 (AdEd)	Staff Meeting
3/16	2:30 (LFH)	Tai Chi/Qigong
3/17	6:00 (AdEd)	Session
3/18	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
3/18	4:15 (Chapel)	College Choir Rehearsal
3/18	6:00 (AdEd)	Handbells
3/18	7:00 (Chapel)	Choir
3/20	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
3/21	2:00 (Chapel)	Dean Kahl Memorial Service
3/22	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!*