

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

April 5, 2026



“...you are left with a report, some blood-stained bandages
in a vacated garden cave, several startled temple guards,
a gaggle of bewildered witnesses, and through all this
a dawning hope, so strange yet sure it drives you
to your trembling knees, groping for fresh syllables
and sounds to shape this ever new, yet ancient cry.
The Lord is risen...risen indeed!

From “Easter Essentials” by Rev. J. Barrie Shepherd

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026 11:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Two Resurrection Hymns: Christ is Risen, Hallelujah
Christ the Lord is Risen Today” Ron Mallory

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Don Collins

One: Through God’s miracle of grace,
we have come through the night
and arrived at this glorious dawn.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: All doors are open, all creation sings,
all that was broken is made whole,
and we have new life.

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord!

All: Praise the Lord!

***OPENING HYMN 232** “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”
EASTER HYMN

1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Resurrected Christ, there is nothing we can do to deserve the grace you give us. There is no way we can earn your love, there is no way we can be worthy of your forgiveness. And yet you shower these mercies on us. You, who have taken away the sting of death, meet us where we are, in our doubt and fear, in our regrets and shame, in our delight and awe. Meet us here in this place, and call us once again to trust in you.

Silent moment for personal confession

A PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS & PEACE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.***

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

607 OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God all Creatures Here Below
Praise God above the Heavenly Host
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Children and youth of all ages are invited to come forward.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

John 20:1-10

ANTHEM “Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise, Alleluia, Alleluia!”

Robert Powell

*Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia, Alleluia!
To His throne above the skies, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Enters now the highest heaven, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Christ hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in. Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*See He lifts His hands above. Alleluia, Alleluia!
See! He shows the prints of love, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Hark! His gracious lips bestow. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Blessings on His Church below, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Lord, beyond our mortal sight. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Raise our hearts to reach Thy height, Alleluia, Alleluia!
There Thy face unclouded see, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

SECOND LESSON

John 20:11-18

SERMON

Rev. Jessica Rigel

*HYMN OF PRAISE 246

“Christ Is Alive!”

TRURO

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

2 Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.

3 In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

4 Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

We will receive communion by intinction. Come forward through the center aisle; receive the bread, dip it in the cup, partake of the elements; return to your pew by the outside aisle Please raise your hand if you would prefer to be served at your seat, and servers will bring the elements to you. All bread is gluten-free and the cup is unfermented grape juice.

Prayer after Communion & The Lord's Prayer

*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.*

***CLOSING HYMN 248**

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”
HYMN TO JOY

1 Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.

2 Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

3 Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna everyone!

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Please rise in body and/or spirit

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Jessica Rigel, Pastor
Ted Stewart, Director of Music
Andrew Tripp, Church Administrator
Leslie Sayyar and Brent Roberts, Treasurers
Barbara Escalante, Bookkeeper

Elder of the Day: Don Collins

Liturgist: Don Collins

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 or scan the QR code on the back of this bulletin. 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! ◦ Elizabeth Cook, for donating new pots/soil for the front of the Chapel, Donna Eagle Joslin for donating plant material, and planting the pots, and Munashe Matumbi for helping with the heavy work of moving pots, etc.

We remember in prayer: Jackie Wintle, who will be having surgery this Wednesday morning, as well as her niece, who will be caring for Jackie during her recovery ◦ Cindy Riley and her sister Angie, who are resolving palliative care needs for their mother, Lavada Owenby, as she struggles with ongoing health issues. ◦ John Laney in rehab at Highland Farms ◦ Ernst Laursen at the VA Community Living Center for rehab

EASTER LILIES If you gave a Lily or had one given in your honor, please feel free to bring it home with you after today's service. Remember, they can be planted and can come back year after year!

NEWSLETTER The next newsletter is currently planned for release in mid-April and will cover through early summer. All submissions and suggestions should be turned into the church office by April 8.

WWC WORK DAY The College invites church members and friends to participate in the annual WWC Workday on Thursday April 9, 2026 for work on beautifying the campus, outdoor clean-ups, as well as indoor less stressful work. Church volunteers meet at the church parking lot at 7:30 AM April 9; we will walk from the church to central campus at 7:45 to sign-in and choose a work crew. Volunteers will work with students and student leaders until noon when every volunteer is invited to a bar-b-cue served at the WWC Pavillion. From the Church-College Relations Mission Team

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING is one of the yearly offerings of our denomination, collected today. 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.

Cover: Mary Magdalene in the garden with Jesus by LeCompte, Rowan and Irene LeCompte at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC

The week ahead at WWPC

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| 4/5 | 2:00 (UFH) | Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting |
| 4/6 | N/A | Church Office Closed |
| 4/6 | 2:30 (LFH) | Tai Chi/Qigong |
| 4/7 | 9:30 (AdEd) | Staff Meeting |
| 4/7 | 10:30 (AdEd) | Worship & Music |
| 4/8 | 9:00 (Youth) | Community Yoga |
| 4/8 | 12:00 (AdEd) | Church College Relations |
| 4/8 | 4:15 (Chapel) | College Choir Rehearsal |
| 4/8 | 7:00 (Chapel) | Choir |
| 4/9 | N/A | No Book Group this Month |
| 4/9 | 7:30 (Chapel) | WWC Work Day (meet in Parking Lot) |
| 4/10 | 9:00 (Youth) | Community Yoga |
| 4/12 | 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!*