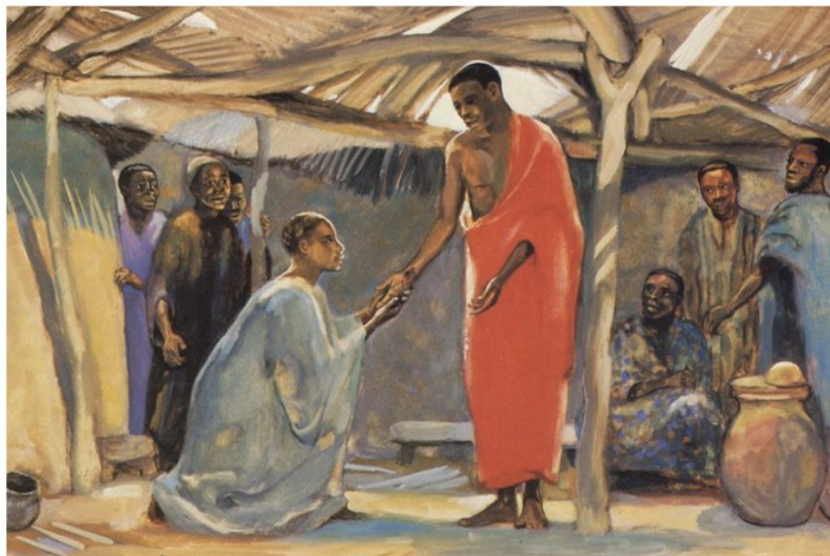


Warren Wilson

Presbyterian Church

April 12, 2026



“O help me God! for thou alone
Canst my distracted soul relieve;
Forsake it not – it is thine own,
Though weak yet longing to believe.
O drive these cruel doubts away
And make me know that thou art God;
A Faith that shines by night and day
Will lighten every earthly load.

- from “The Doubter’s Prayer” by Anne Brontë

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026 11:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness” Wilbur Held

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Patrick Hardy

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: We have not seen the risen Christ,

All: But we see him in the lives of those transformed by grace.

One: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

**All: But we have seen him in the faces of everyone
whose love encourages us.**

One: We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

**All: But we have been called to bring healing
to the scarred of the world.**

***OPENING HYMN 231** “Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers”
SUO GAN

1 Christ has risen while earth slumbers;

Christ has risen where hope died,

as he said and as he promised,

as we doubted and denied.

Let the moon embrace the blessing;

let the sun sustain the cheer;

let the world confirm the rumor:

Christ is risen, God is here!

2 Christ has risen for the people

whom he died to love and save;

Christ has risen for the women

bringing flowers to grace his grave.

Christ has risen for disciples

huddled in an upstairs room.

He whose word inspired creation

can't be silenced by the tomb.

3 Christ has risen and for ever

lives to challenge and to change

all whose lives are messed or mangled,

all who find religion strange.

Christ is risen, Christ is present

making us what he has been:

evidence of transformation

in which God is known and seen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Embodied God, you pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, imbuing us with the grace and patience that you have shown to us time and again. We experience your presence, but are quick to judge those who do not believe as we do. We look down on those who ask for proof, we scorn those who scoff at our faith. Forgive us and soften our hearts. Remind us of our own human doubts, that we might have compassion for all and freely share your grace.

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

God who resurrects us from the grave,
we celebrate your presence with us through your Word.
Shape us to bear witness to the miracle of grace
so that we may continue to spread the truth that
Christ has Risen!
He has risen, indeed! Amen.

FIRST LESSON

1 Peter 1:3-9

ANTHEM“Alleluia! Our Hearts And Voices Raise” Michael Joseph

*Alleluia, our hearts and voices raise. O sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing a hymn of praise. For Christ the Lord is risen,
His glories let us sing; Now raise our joys and triumphs high
To serve the King of Kings.*

*Alleluia, Love's saving work is done,
Sing out ye heavens, ye earth reply,
The battle has been won. For Christ the Lord is risen,
His glories let us sing; Now raise our joys and triumphs high
To serve the King of Kings.*

*Come into his gates with thanksgiving: Into his courts with praise.
The Lord of earth and heaven, All glory now be given.
Lives again our righteous King, Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Alleluia, Christ Jesus lives today, Creation leads the song of earth,
All the angels say: For Christ the Lord is risen,
His glories let us sing; Now raise our joys and triumphs high
To serve the King of Kings.*

SECOND LESSON

John 20:19-31

SERMON

“Proof”

Rev. Jessica Rigel

***HYMN OF PRAISE 257**

“The Risen Christ”
WOODLANDS

1 The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet
from garden tomb through darkened city street,
unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear,
and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.

2 The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side,
breathes out his Spirit on them to abide
whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe;
new grace, new strength, new purpose they receive.

3 The risen Christ, who breaks with wounded hand
the bread for those who fail to understand,
reveals himself, despite their lingering tears,
enflames their hearts, then quickly disappears.

4 May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand
with the oppressed in this and every land,
till all are blessed and can a blessing be,
restored in Christ to true humanity.

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.*

***CLOSING HYMN 817** “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”
DUNLAP'S CREEK

1 We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
“My peace be with you here.”

2 We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found.

4 And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
may we behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “Christ lag in Todesbanden” Johann S. Bach

*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: Jim Storey
Liturgist: Patrick Hardy
Fellowship Time: Sally Broughton

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: **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: **Natalie Daugherty** recovering from surgery in Chapel Hill and in rehab for the next several weeks. ◦ **Jackie Wintle**, who is recovering from cancer surgery, as well as her niece, **Jessica**, 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** back home. ◦ **Ernst Laursen** at the VA Community Living Center was transferred to hospice care in Room 142

NEWS ABOUT THE CHAPEL ORGAN On March 17 WWPC signed a contract with Angerstein Organ Works, Ltd. to refurbish the Chapel Organ, 60 years from the organ's construction, well past the normal life of the organ's extensive leather parts. Work began on March 30. The instrument has been showing signs of needing re-leathering and other needs. Thanks to a generous gift from Steven Williams (final college organist) for care of the organ, we can both refurbish and add some additions that Steven had wished for in 2008. The wind to the organ pipes has been shut off for repairs/restoration, while the digital stops will continue to function without wind. Work on the organ is expected to be completed in 3-4 months. - Ted Stewart, WWPC Music Director

ICE CREAM SOCIAL The Ice Cream Social is on May 3rd for Fellowship Time. Let's celebrate the beginning of summer and the end of the programmatic school year! Please bring your favorite ice cream topping to share! Ice cream, lemonade, and cookies are provided by the Congregational Life Team.

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JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings.

The week ahead at WWPC

4/12	2:00 (UFH)	Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting
4/13	1:15(AdEd)	Staff Meeting
4/13	N/A	NO Tai Chi/Qigong
4/14	11:00 (UFH)	Congregational Life
4/14	1:30 (AdEd)	Togather
4/14	3:30 (AdEd)	AMT
4/15	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
4/15	4:15 (Chapel)	College Choir Rehearsal
4/15	N/A	NO Choir
4/17	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
4/19	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!*