

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

April 26, 2026



"Man does not live by bread alone,
but he also does not live long without it.
To eat is to acknowledge our dependence--
both on food and on each other."

- Frederick Buechner

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

4th Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026 11:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” David Paxton

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Dennis Riley

One: We come to this place seeking new life

All: Trusting that we will find it in community

One: We come to this place seeking love and acceptance

All: Trusting that God will provide them through community.

One: Through grace we are guided to love and accept ourselves

All: So that we might better love and accept others.

One: Let us worship the God who brings new life!

All: Let us worship the God who shares such grace!

***OPENING HYMN 321** “The Church's One Foundation”
AURELIA

1 The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2 Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4 Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore:
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
may live eternally.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of community, you call us to a world radically different from what we are used to. You ask us to lay aside our ideas of “mine” and “yours.” You show us a life where goods are shared, where all are loved, and faithfulness is shown through generosity. But we cling to our possessions, trusting them more than we trust you. Forgive us, merciful God. Help us to truly believe in your just and peaceful realm and to work to make it so.

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

Psalm 100

ANTHEM

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

Arr. Roger Price
Eloise Hill, violin

*The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want. He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.
My soul He doth restore again, And in His love abide.*

*Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod And staff my comfort still.
My table Thou hast furnished My cup Thou overfills.*

*Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me;
And in God’s house forevermore My dwelling place shall be.
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SECOND LESSON

Acts 2:42-47

SERMON

Rev. Jessica Rigel

***HYMN OF PRAISE 506** “Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!”
COPELAND

1 Look who gathers at Christ’s table!
Hear the stories that they bring.
Some are weeping; some are laughing;
some have songs they want to sing.
Others ask why they’re invited,
burdened by the wrong they’ve done.
Christ insists they all are welcome.
There is room for everyone.

2 Clouds of light surround the table;
ancient followers appear,
saints confessing how they wrestled
with their guilt, their doubt and fear.
Peter tells of his denying
Christ was ever in his sight;
Paul relates his fruitless efforts
to obliterate the light.

3 Their sad stories are repeated
in a thousand different ways,
but they share one thing in common:
they all end in thanks and praise
for the host who has invited
north and south and east and west
to converge around this table,
where all life is fed and blest.

4 Bring your joy and bring your sadness,
and prepare to be surprised
by the host whose hands are wounded,
who will open wide your eyes
when he blesses bread and breaks it—
truth and manna from above!—
and then passes wine that wakens
in your heart the taste of love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our God who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN 741**

“Guide My Feet”
GUIDE MY FEET

1 Guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

2 Hold my hand . . .

3 Stand by me . . .

4 I'm your child . . .

5 Search my heart . . .

6 Guide my feet . . .

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

*God be with you, God be with you
God be with you, until we meet again
Keep on working for the Crafter
They'll be with us, here and after.
God be with us, until we meet again.*

POSTLUDE

“Go Forth in Faith”

Franklin Ritter

*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: Dennis Riley

Fellowship Time: Elaine Barnes

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: New windows and doors in the Education Building

We remember in prayer: The family of Ernst Laursen following his death April 10. A Celebration of Life is being planned for October ° **Natalie Daugherty** continuing recovery back home °

Jackie Wintle is doing great after her first surgery! However, she does require more extensive surgery, which will take place on May 13th. Please keep her and her medical team in your prayers ° **Cindy Riley and her sister Angie**, who are resolving palliative care needs for their mother, **Lavada Owenby**, as she struggles with ongoing health issues

SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME CHANGE The Adult Education Class has changed their start time to 9:15. Now they meet in the Adult Classroom in the Education Building on Sundays from 9:15-10:15. The class will begin studying “One Day, Everyone Will Have Always Been Against This” by Omar El Akkad. All are welcome!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL The Ice Cream Social is next Sunday (May 3) 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.

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

WWC NICARAGUA TRIP WWC Spiritual Life is having an intergenerational trip to Nicaragua August 7-16. More information on the flyer in the narthex.

GUATEMALA TRIP The Presbytery is hosting a trip this November to Guatemala. The contact is Sarah Robinson Bryan who is the PWNC Guatemala Partnership Coordinator. More information in the narthex.

CREATION CARE SYMPOSIUM Creation Care Alliance is gathering people of faith from across the southern Blue Ridge for a conference on creation care, disaster recovery, and building community resilience. This event is happening at the Montreat Conference Center May 1 and 2. More information on the flyer in the narthex or at creationcarealliance.org

Cover: "We All Are One in Jesus" by Soichi Watanabe

The week ahead at WWPC

4/26	2:00 (UFH)	Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting
4/27	1:15(AdEd)	Staff Meeting
4/27	2:30 (LFH)	Tai Chi/Qigong
4/28	9:00 Montreat	Presbytery Meeting
4/28	1:30 (Parlor)	Togather
4/28	7:30 (Chapel)	WWC Student Recital
4/29	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
4/29	7:00 (Chapel)	Choir
4/30	7:30 (Chapel)	WWC Recital
5/1	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
5/3	9:15 (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!*