

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

May 3, 2026



“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.”

– Psalm 118: 22-23

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

5th Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026 11:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Fantasy on 'Rock of Ages'” Thomas Hastings

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Patrick Hardy

One: Christ is a living stone, precious in God's sight,

All: and on him we build our lives.

One: We are God's people, and we proclaim God's mighty acts,

All: for we have been called out of darkness and into the light.

One: Once we were not a people,

All: but now we are God's people;

One: once we had not received mercy,

All: but now we have received mercy.

One: With hearts lifted in praise, we come to worship.

***OPENING HYMN 301** “Let Us Build a House”
TWO OAKS

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: (Refrain)

3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: (Refrain)

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: (Refrain)

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: (Refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of all journeys, the road we travel is stony, and often we struggle to hold fast to hope. We turn away from the stability and grounding you provide. We reject those things that give us hope, even in the midst of our pain. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to find new courage, new purpose, and new life through your grace. Guide us with your light, that in your all-sufficient presence, we might raise our voices in endless praise.

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

Acts 7:55-60

ANTHEM

“O Taste and See That the Lord is Good”

Thomas Pavlechko

*O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God.*

*Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,
for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.*

*The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,
And God's ears are open to their cry.*

*The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves those whose spirits are crushed.*

*O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God.*

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:2-10

SERMON

“Stoned Love”

Rev. Jessica Rigel

*HYMN OF PRAISE 463

“How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

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. When instructed, 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

Our God in heaven, hallowed be your name.

***Your kingdom come, Your will be done on 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 353** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"
SOLID ROCK

1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. (Refrain)

***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 “Lobe den Herren” Johann Gottfried Walther

*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: Jack Allison
Liturgist: Patrick Hardy

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 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.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL The Ice Cream Social is today! Let's celebrate the beginning of summer and the end of the programmatic school year!

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** for continued recovery ◦ **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

SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME CHANGE The Adult Education Class meets 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!

PERSONNEL REVIEW TEAM Each year WWPC completes a review of its staff - Andrew and Ted for 2026 since Jess has just joined us. The Administration Ministry Team named Brent Roberts, Derron Daugherty, and Jim Storey as the action team to prepare this year’s annual review. To complete its work, the team needs input from the entire congregation. Please share with the team your words of praise for the work our staff have done in the past year and your suggestions as to how we can improve our ministry in the future. You may send your responses to Jim Storey by email at jstorey57@gmail.com, by mail to the church office, or by delivery to the AMT mailbox in the office. Please submit your responses to the team before the end of May so it can complete its report for the Session in a timely matter.

THE PFAFF HOUSE has a revitalized mission to support women transitioning out of incarceration in an initiative led by the Swannanoa Valley Transitional Housing Committee, the Ministry of Hope, and the Western Carolina Correctional Center for Women. To volunteer, donate, or learn more contact carolsasserdalton@gmail.com or visit svth.org.

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

PRESBYTERY 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.

Cover: *“The Stoning of Saint Stephen”* ca. 1100 (Medieval) - ivory
St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr (ca. AD 35), kneels with his arms raised in prayer, blessed by the Hand of God. He seeks a pardon for the three men shown at the right who are about to stone him to death under the orders of Saul of Tarsus, who is seated at the left (Acts 7:58-60). This plaque, broken and worn smooth over time, was most likely made for a reliquary box or casket.

The week ahead at WWPC

5/3	2:00 (UFH)	Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting
5/3	7:30 (Chapel)	Finn Hofert (WWC) Recital
5/4	1:15 (AdEd)	Staff Meeting
5/4	2:30 (LFH)	Tai Chi/Qigong
5/6	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
5/6	4:30 (UFH)	Spiritual Nurture
5/6	7:00 (Chapel)	Choir
5/7	7:30 (Chapel)	Joseph Castello (WWC) Recital
5/8	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
5/8	4:00 (Chapel)	WWC Awards Ceremony
5/9	WWC Campus	WWC Graduation
5/10	9:15 (AdEd)	Adult Education Class
5/10	11:00(Chapel)	Guest Preacher - Patrick Hardy

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!*