

love, above all.

**Warren Wilson
Presbyterian Church**

June 1, 2025

Love Above All Sermon Series

- In Love, We Abide in Grace & Joy
- In Love, We Offer Hospitality
 - In Love, We Seek Justice
 - In Love, We Call for Unity
 - In Love, We Show Compassion
- **In Love, We Strive for Humility & Gratitude**
- In Love, We Seek Out, Recognize, & Share Wisdom

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

7th Sunday of Easter

June 1, 2025 11:00 AM

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Adagio Molto” Alexander Guilmant

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive) Sally Broughton

We gather today,
proclaiming God’s love and seeking God’s blessing.

God loves us with an immeasurable love.

In gratitude we come, seeking to live out our love.

Throughout our entire life and beyond, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God, whom we gather to worship.

***HYMN 203** “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” CHEREPONI

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. (Refrain)

2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race;
neighbors are near us and far away. (Refrain)

3 These are the ones we should serve;
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. (Refrain)

4 Loving puts us on our knees,
willing to wash others’ feet;
this is the way we should live like you. (Refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy, God, we come before you in humility, knowing we do not always live as you would have us live. Help us to love you with our whole heart and mind and strength. Show us again and again how to love others the way you love us. With gratitude to you, we pray for your power and courage as we seek to embody Love Above All in our lives. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me”

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*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

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World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

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

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 136:1-9,23-26

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 11:25-30

SERMON

“In Love, We Strive for Humility & Gratitude”

Rev. Dr. Laurie Furr-Vancini

*HYMN 525 “Let Us Break Bread Together” LET US BREAK BREAD

1 Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us drink wine together on our knees. (Refrain)

3 Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us praise God together on our knees. (Refrain)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Words of Institution
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.*

Invitation to the Table
Receiving the Bread and Cup
Prayer

***HYMN 536** "Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen" SURGE ECCLESIA

1 Rise, O church, like Christ arisen,
from this meal of love and grace;
may we through such love envision
whose we are, and whose, our praise.
Alleluia, alleluia:
God, the wonder of our days.

2 Rise, transformed, and choose to follow
after Christ, though wounded, whole;
broken, shared, our lives are hallowed
to release and to console.
Alleluia, alleluia:
Christ, our present, past, and goal.

3 Rise, remember well the future
God has called us to receive;
present by God's loving nurture,
Spirited then let us live.
Alleluia, alleluia:
Spirit, grace by whom we live.

4 Service be our sure vocation;
courage be our daily breath;
mercy be our destination

from this day and unto death.
Alleluia, alleluia.
Rise, O church, a living faith.

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “Trumpet Tune in D Major” David N. Johnson

*Please stand as you are able

CHURCH STAFF

Laurie Furr-Vancini, Transitional Pastor
Ted Stewart, Interim Director of Music
Andrew Tripp, Church Administrator
Leslie Sayyar and Brent Roberts, Treasurers
Barbara Escalante, Bookkeeper

Liturgist: Sally Broughton
Elder of the Day: Sally Broughton
Sound/Video: Derron Daugherty
Coffee Hour Host: the Hamiltons

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 available 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, formerly known as Five Cents a Meal hunger offering.

COMMUNITY JOYS AND CONCERNS: If you would like to add or update a prayer request, please contact the church office.

We celebrate: The Peace Garden outside the chapel and the beautiful peace pole are such joyous additions to our campus ° The members of our congregation that give their time and expertise to AARP helping file taxes: **Ken, Barbara E, Tom, Sarah Anne, and Janice** ° **Our Confirmation Class:** Cadence, Evva, Hythe, Steven, and Izzy

We remember in prayer: the family of William “Bill” Heck following his death on May 29 ° the family of Olivia LaMotte following her death on May 22 ° the family of Joanne Lincoln after

her death on May 7 ° **Brooks Joslin, Blake's father**, in the ICU with a blood infection ° **Beth Newman** in the hospital due to an infection ° **Eloise and Ken Murchison's daughter, Kathryn**, recovering from surgery ° **Arden Starnes, her family, and her caregivers** ° all who continue to be affected by loss caused by Hurricane Helene. In our congregation, we remember especially **Andrew Tripp, Cindy and Dennis Riley, Jackie Wintle, and Bob, the father of Natalie's partner Jeff** ° **Susan Laney**, receiving therapy at home ° Ongoing prayers for the extended **Lytle family** ° **Mary Craig** ° **Jackie Ligon Cole** ° **Pat Crumpler** ° **Martha Dugger** ° **Rick Garrison** ° **Fran Roberts' sister-in-law, Linda Briggs** ° **Marjorie Hettrick** ° **Shane Reece (Nancy Garrison's son)** ° **Pat Wilson's son, Kell**

NAMETAGS As we seek to be a community of welcome, you are encouraged to wear your nametag. If you are in need of one, please write your name on the list in the narthex or contact the church office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED There are many ways to help on Sundays:

Greeters will welcome worshipers, offer bulletins and other worship resources to guests, and assist with a brief after-service cleanup of bulletins and hymnals.

Liturgists typically lead the Call to Worship, offer the Prayer for Illumination and the First Reading, and lead the Affirmation of Faith. All texts are supplied to readers.

Coffee-Hour Hosts make coffee (provided by the church) and put out snacks, juice, and water. (Hosts may choose to use snacks available at the church or bring refreshments to share). Hosts have access to the parlor kitchen for clean up. Susan Daugherty and members of the Congregational Life Team are available to answer questions or provide assistance.

Sound/Video if you would like to help run the sound and/or livestream, please see today's operator or contact the church office.

WWPC CHAPEL CHOIR is on their summer sabbatical. We look forward to choir members singing beside us in the pews and their return at the end of the summer!

COOKIE DONATIONS There are multiple receptions happening soon and so we are asking for donations of cookies. Please bring them by the search or talk to Susan Daugherty. Thank you!



JOANNE LINCOLN MEMORIAL A celebration of life for Joanne “JoJo” Lincoln will be on June 7, with an Ash Garden service at 1:00 at the Warren Wilson Cemetery on Dillingham Circle and a Memorial Service at 2:00 in the Warren Wilson Chapel. The family requests that you wear bright clothes. A reception will follow in the narthex parlor. All are welcome to either or both services.



OLIVIA LAMOTTE MEMORIAL A celebration of life for Olivia LaMotte will be on June 8, with a service at 2:00 in the Warren Wilson Chapel. There will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall after. The family requests that you save the parking spaces immediately surrounding the Chapel for those who have limited mobility. All are encouraged to carpool, and they hope that able-bodied friends will park elsewhere on campus and make the short walk to the chapel.



BILL HECK MEMORIAL A Witness to the Resurrection and Celebration of life for William “Bill” Heck will be on Saturday, June 21 at 10:00 in the Warren Wilson Chapel.



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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!*