

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

June 22, 2025



"It is in the depths of life that we find you, at the heart of this moment, at the centre of our soul, deep in the earth and its eternal stirrings. You are the ground of all being, the Well-Spring of time, Womb of the earth, the Seed Force of stars. And so at the opening of this day we wait not for blessings from afar but for You, the very Soil of our soul, the early freshness of morning, the first Breath of the day."

- John Philip Newell,
Praying with the Earth, p. 18

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2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 22, 2025 11:00 AM

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

Rev. Wilson Kennedy

Associate Director for Special Offerings and Appeals

PRELUDE

“Prelude in C Major”

J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

So God fashioned an earth creature out of the clay of the earth, and blew into its nostrils the breath of life. And the earth creature became a living being.

Breathe into me, O God.

Breathe life into our humanity. Motivate us to be people focused on your ways. Take the dirt upon which we walk and of which we are made and make it divine.

Remind us that, filled with divine breath, you show us how to live as God desires for us.

Gather us in. Be among us, enliven us, and breathe your life into us. We are but dust but dust is powerful when animated by you. Amen.

*HYMN 307 “God of Grace and God of Glory” CWM RHONDDA

1 God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

3 Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Grace,
you blow the breath of life into our lungs,
you have formed us in your image.
And yet we acknowledge that sometimes
we are not who you would have us be.
You challenge us to embrace your love above all.
But we do not always live into and out of your love.
Through your grace, life-giving God, accept us as we are,
and help us to move ever closer into who you created us to be.
Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

***RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

“From All The Dwell Below the Skies”

#327

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Genesis 1:27; 2:7

SECOND LESSON

Acts 17:1-15

SERMON

“Breath”

Rev. Dr. Laurie Furr-Vancini

***HYMN 286** “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” TRENT HAM

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me, glows with thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life, of thine eternity.

AFFIRMATION Excerpts from A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
to live as one community.**

**Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor.**

**The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy 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 thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN 315

"In the Midst of New Dimensions"
NEW DIMENSIONS

1 In the midst of new dimensions,
in the face of changing ways,
who will lead the pilgrim peoples
wandering in their separate ways?

(Refrain)

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar,
we your people, ours the journey
now and ever, now and ever,
now and evermore.

2 Through the flood of starving people,
warring factions, and despair,
who will lift the olive branches?
Who will light the flame of care? (Refrain)

3 As we stand, a world divided
by our own self-seeking schemes,
grant that we, your global village,
might envision wider dreams. (Refrain)

4 We are man and we are woman,
all persuasions, old and young,
each a gift in your creation,
each a love song to be sung. (Refrain)

5 Should the threats of dire predictions
cause us to withdraw in pain,
may your blazing phoenix spirit
resurrect the church again. (Refrain)

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Fugue in C Major"

J.S. Bach

*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: Wilson Kennedy
Elder of the Day: Jim Storey
Coffee Hour Host: Griswolds

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: Congregational Life and other great volunteers for such hard work supporting worship and recent receptions

We remember in prayer: Brooks Joslin, Blake's father, recovering well in his assisted living facility ◦ Beth Newman in the hospital due to an infection ◦ 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 Cindy and Dennis Riley, Jackie Wintle, and Bob, the father of Natalie's partner Jeff ◦ 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

4TH PICNIC The July 4th potluck picnic is on Sunday, July 6 following the worship service. Please bring a favorite side dish or dessert. Hamburgers, vegetarian hamburgers, hot dogs, all the trimmings, and drinks are provided. Come and enjoy the holiday!

WELCOMING GUESTS

- Today in worship, we welcome Tev. Wilson Kennedy as our Liturgist. Rev. Kennedy is the Associate Director for Special Offerings and Appeals of the PC(USA). Wilson and Laurie worked together at Palms Presbyterian Church before Wilson attended seminary.

- Next Sunday and July 6 we welcome Rev. Dr. Lewis Galloway to our pulpit. Lewis served as Senior Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis. Now retired and living in our valley, he also served congregations in North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina. He is a graduate of Davidson College and Union Presbyterian Seminary and has served as a Trustee of both institutions. He and his wife, the Rev. Dr. Bunny Alexander are the parents of three grown children and enjoy two grandchildren. During the summer, you can find Lewis at the Sally Jones Pottery at Montreat, where he volunteers.

DECODA WWPC is proud to host the DeCoda Chamber Music Series this year! It is a series of concerts featuring some very promising young musicians from across the country. The remaining performances are: 6/22 at 2:00, 6/26 at 7:00, and 6/27 at 2:00.

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY Warren Wilson College is hosting the **Chamber Music Society of the Carolinas** concert series on Saturday evenings, July 12-August 2 at 7:30 PM in the WWPC Chapel. Tickets are \$35 for individual concerts, or \$120 for all four concerts. Tickets available at www.cms-carolinas.org or at the door.

Ministry of Hope - Women's Prison Collection

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From now until the end of July, we are collecting hygiene products for some women who cannot afford to purchase them at the canteen. Place items in the narthex.

SHOPPING LIST

Note: some transgender individuals prefer men's hygiene products

- ☐ Shampoo & Conditioner
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Soap

- ☐ Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
- ☐ Fixodent/Polident
- ☐ Hair Grease/Oil (Softee is a popular brand)



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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!*