

# **Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church**

July 6, 2025



The gospel is fiction when judged by the empire,  
but the empire is fiction when judged by the gospel.

- Walter Brueggemann

# Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 6, 2025 11:00 AM

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**                      "Voluntary in A Major"                      William Selby

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 89:1-2, 15)

Rev. Dr. Laurie Furr-Vancini

I will sing of the tender mercies of the Lord forever!

Young and old will hear of your faithfulness.

**Your unfailing love will last forever.**

**Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens.**

Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship,

for they will walk in the light of your presence.

**Let us worship God!**

**\*HYMN 331**

"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

NATIONAL HYMN

1 God of the ages, whose almighty hand  
leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

2 Thy love divine hath led us in the past.  
In this free land by thee our lot is cast.  
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:  
thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

3 From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense.  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase.  
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4 Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.  
Lead us from night to never-ending day.  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**(based on Isaiah 2:4-5)

Eternal God, before you nations rise and fall. Help us to repent our country's wrong, and to choose your way of reunion and renewal.

**Great God, renew this nation.**

Give us a glimpse of the Kingdom you are bringing to earth, where death and violence and hunger will be no more, and where all nations gather in the light of your presence.

**Great God, renew this nation.**

Teach us peace, that we may plow up battlefields and pound weapons into building tools, and learn to talk across old boundaries as siblings in your love.

**Great God, renew this nation.**

Talk sense to us, so that we may wisely end all prejudices, and may put a stop to injustice and cruelty, which divides or wounds the human family.

**Great God, renew this nation.**

Draw us together as one people, so that we may be a light to our nation, leading the way to your promised kingdom, which is even now coming among us.

**Great God, renew this nation.**

**Great God, eternal Lord, show us there is no law or liberty apart from you; and let us serve you whole-heartedly, as your devoted followers, through Christ our Lord.**

## **WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

### **\*RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

"From All The Dwell Below the Skies"

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*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**

As God in Christ has forgiven us, so let us forgive one another.

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 12:1-4

## SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 11:13-16; 12:1-2

### SERMON

“Unfinished”

Rev. Dr. Lewis Galloway

### \*HYMN 340

“This is My Song”

FINLANDIA

1 This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
but other hearts in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

2 My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.  
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,  
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.  
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:  
thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.  
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,  
and hearts united learn to live as one.  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations:  
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Words of Institution

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.***

Invitation to the Table

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

“Voluntary”

Francis Linley

Prayer

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 339      "Lift Every Voice and Sing"      LIFT EVERY VOICE**

1 Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty.

Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on, till victory is won.

2 Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
felt in the days when hope unborn had died.

Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
come to the place for which our parents sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the  
slaughtered,  
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;  
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.

**\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

"Washington March"

Philip Phile

\*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

**Elder of the Day:** Chrisann Ohler

## **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 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:** All in our Congregation that are out and about this summer and we pray for safe travel ◦ **Congregational Life and other great volunteers** for such hard work supporting worship and recent receptions

**We remember in prayer:** The family of Heath Rada and his wife, Peggy, on the death of their daughter, Margaret Rada June 30.

Heath is a former GA Moderator. Arrangements are pending ◦ **Brooks Joslin, Blake's father**, recovering well in his assisted living facility ◦ **Arden Starnes, her family, and her caregivers** ◦ all who continue to be affected by loss caused by Hurricane Helene. In our congregation, we remember **Cindy and Dennis Riley, Jackie Wintle**, and **Bob, the father of Natalie's partner Jeff** ◦ 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 today following the worship service. Come and enjoy the holiday!

**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](http://www.cms-carolinas.org) or at the door.



### **LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES**



Announcing 2 movie nights in July: Wednesdays the 9th and 16th, 5:30-8:30, downstairs in the Youth Room. On the 9th we'll watch "Will and Hunter", a true story about friendship, identity, pain, laughter, and the journey to becoming your true self. On the 16th we'll watch "Marcel the Shell With Shoes On", a charming story about Marcel, a 1-inch tall shell, and his grandmother, and Marcel's quest to reunite with his long-lost family. Cookies, popcorn and soft drinks will be provided; feel free to bring a sack supper for yourself and any goodies you'd like to share. For more information, contact Beth Meriwether 828-777-2867.

### **WWPC WELCOMES THE SWANNANOVA VALLEY**

**FRIENDS MEETING** The WWPC Session has come to an agreement with the Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting (SVFM) Quaker congregation who will be meeting in our Ransom Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoons from 1:30 to 4:30 PM for one year beginning July 13. Hurricane Helene destroyed the SVFM meeting house in Black Mountain and their congregation has been meeting in various locations since then. On the infrequent Sundays when WWPC has after-church functions (e.g., Centennial celebration) those will take priority and the SVFM will make other arrangements. The SVFM youth group will also meet in the downstairs youth room one Sunday per month concurrent with the services in the Fellowship Hall. The Session is pleased to offer this hospitality to our friends from SVFM at no cost.

**OUR GUEST PREACHER** We welcome back 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.

*Today's organ music comes from some of the few organists in the north east colonies during the Revolutionary period.*

*Prayer of Confession adapted from a prayer by the Idlewild Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tennessee.*

<http://www.idlewildchurch.org/>

## 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!*