

# Warren Wilson

## Presbyterian Church

July 13, 2025



Scenes from the Story of Abraham  
- Metropolitan Museum of Art

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

July 13, 2025 11:00 AM

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**      “Four Variations on 'Hymn to Joy'”      Charles Callahan

Chorale  
Ornamented Chorale  
Etude  
Trio

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)      (from Psalm 33: 8, 20-22)

Let everyone in the world fear the LORD, and let everyone stand in awe; all who live in the world honor God.

**Our souls are waiting for God. Only God is our help and our shield. In God, our hearts rejoice, for we trust in God's holy name.**

May your unfailing love surround us, O God.

**Our hope is in you alone.**

**\*HYMN 39**      “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”      FAITHFULNESS

1 \*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.  
(Refrain)

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  
(Refrain)

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you are the strength of the weak and the hope of the ineffective, please embrace us as we come before you; Our brief lives are shallow and hopes are few until you call us. Undergird and shape us with your love, that loving one another we may surprise ourselves and delight you with thoughts and deeds that rise far higher than our imaginations. (silent confession)

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### \*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!*

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39)

We know there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; For we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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

Genesis 12:1-6

#### SECOND LESSON

Romans 4:13-25

**SERMON** “Hoping Beyond Hope” Rev. Dr. Laurie Furr-Vancini

**\*HYMN 357    “The Days Are Surely Coming”    LLANGLOFFAN**

1 The days are surely coming,  
says God to all the earth,  
when you will see my promise:  
salvation come to birth.  
My righteousness and justice  
will spread throughout the land  
and you will be delivered  
by my almighty hand.

2 The days are surely coming,  
says Christ, the promised one,  
when you will read my warning  
in moon and stars and sun.  
Though earth and heaven tremble,  
stand up and do not fear,  
for I am your redeemer,  
and I am drawing near.

3 The days are surely coming  
when we will know at last  
the fullness of God’s presence,  
God’s promise, come to pass.  
Then righteousness and justice  
will spread throughout the land  
and we will be delivered  
by God’s almighty hand.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND RECOGNITION OF  
NEW MEMBER MUNASHE MATUMBI**

**Presentation and Introduction**

**Questions to Munashe Matumbi**

**Question to the Congregation**

**Prayer over the Water**

**Baptism**

**Presentation to the Congregation**

**Baptismal Prayer**

**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.**

1 Live into hope of captives freed,  
of sight regained, the end of greed.  
The oppressed shall be the first to see  
the year of God's own jubilee!

2 Live into hope! The blind shall see  
with insight and with clarity,  
removing shades of pride and fear,  
a vision of our God brought near.

3 Live into hope of liberty,  
the right to speak, the right to be,  
the right to have one's daily bread,  
to hear God's word and thus be fed.

4 Live into hope of captives freed  
from chains of fear or want or greed.  
God now proclaims our full release  
to faith and hope and joy and peace.

**\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**"Finale on 'Hymn to Joy'"**

**Charles Callahan**

**\*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:** Barbara Griswold  
**Elder of the Day:** Natalie Daugherty  
**Coffee Hour Host:** Joyce and Amanda

**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 ◦ that our Chapel is being used for so much exciting music this month

**We remember in prayer:** The Daugherty family on the death of Naomi Daugherty, July 5 ◦ 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**, as he recovers from another infection, and tries to regain his strength ◦ **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**

**CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY** Warren Wilson College is hosting the **Chamber Music Society of the Carolinas** concert series on Saturday evenings through August 2 at 7:30 PM in the WWPC Chapel. Tickets available at [www.cms-carolinas.org](http://www.cms-carolinas.org) or at the door.



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



We are having one more movie night on Wednesday, July 16 from 5:30-8:30, downstairs in the Youth Room. 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.

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)

## Summer Stories from the Old Testament

This summer, we will be looking at some stories from the Old Testament. It will just be a sampler of the many, many Old Testament stories and people. These are stories for the early Hebrews/Israelites and they are our stories. We will bounce around a bit, as we consider:

- \* what rings true still today
- \* what is rooted in ancient context,
- \* what we have yet to learn as we remind ourselves of our rootedness,
- \* what these stories teach us about God,
- \* where these stories point forward to Jesus,
- \* and how the Spirit can be seen swirling around.....

July 13	Abraham (and Sarah)
July 20	Esau (and Isaac, Rebekkah, Jacob)
July 27	Joseph (and his family and his large cast of characters)
August 3	Shiphrah and Puah
August 10	Ruth
August 17	Song of Solomon
August 24	Jeremiah
August 31	Elijah (and the Divided Kingdom)



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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!*