

# Warren Wilson

## Presbyterian Church

July 20, 2025



### **Jacob and Esau (c. 1655)**

Jacob Jordaens, Flemish, 1593-1678

*Art from the Art Institute Chicago with the Following Information. This art is in the public domain.*

Statement from the Art Institute of Chicago:

“This energetic drawing represents the moment when Jacob compels his older twin brother, Esau, to exchange his birthright for a bowl of stew. The brothers are surrounded by their mother, two maidservants, and two dogs. Jacob Jordaens set this Old Testament narrative in a domestic setting and filled it to the point of bursting. Indeed, the composition outgrew the original boundaries of the drawing support, prompting Jordaens to extend it by adding strips of paper to all four sides in order to complete his work.”

# Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

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

July 20, 2025 11:00 AM

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** "Allegretto Cantabile" Flor Peeters

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive) Dennis Stockdale

For the beauty of human love

**Brother, sister, parent, child.**

Friends on earth and friends above,

**For all gentle thoughts and mild;**

Lord of all, to thee we raise,

**This, our hymn of grateful praise.**

**Let us worship God.**

**\*HYMN 14** "For the Beauty of the Earth" DIX

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light: (Refrain)

3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight: (Refrain)

4 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: (Refrain)

5 For thyself, best gift divine  
to the world so freely given;  
for that great, great love of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heaven: (Refrain)

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, You have created us all in Your image and have loved your children and all of creation with an everlasting love. But all too often we are blind and fail to see Your image in others. We exclude those who are not like us and sometimes we even express disdain for others. Forgive our self-centered lives. Forgive us when we are dismissive of others. Renew in us a love, so that your family reflects the beauty of your ongoing work of redemption. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who breaks down walls that divide. Amen.

## 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** (from the Confession of 1967)  
(unison)

The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church's worship and theological reflection. Their witness is the church's evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church's fidelity.

## 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

1 John 4:7-12, 16b-21

### SECOND LESSON

Genesis 33:1-15

### SERMON

“Esau”

Rev. Dr. Laurie Furr-Vancini

**\*HYMN 74**

**“When God Restored Our Common Life”  
RESIGNATION**

1 When God restored our common life,  
our hope, our liberty,  
at first it seemed a passing dream,  
a waking fantasy;  
a shock of joy swept over us,  
for we had wept so long;  
the seeds we watered once with tears  
sprang up into a song.

2 We went forth weeping, sowing seeds  
in hard, unyielding soil;  
with laughing hearts we carry home  
the fruit of all our toil.  
We praise the One who gave the growth,  
with voices full and strong.  
The seeds we watered once with tears  
sprang up into a song.

3 Great liberating God, we pray  
for all who are oppressed.  
May those who long for what is right  
with justice now be blest.  
We pray for those who mourn this day,  
and all who suffer wrong;  
may seeds they water now with tears  
spring up into a song.

**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 462**

**”I Love to Tell the Story”**

**HANKEY**

1 I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story,  
because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings  
as nothing else could do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story;  
'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story;  
'tis pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it,  
more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story,  
for some have never heard  
the message of salvation  
from God's own holy Word. (Refrain)

3 I love to tell the story,  
for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting  
to hear it, like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory,  
I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story  
that I have loved so long. (Refrain)

### **\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

”March”

Flor Peeters

\*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:** Dennis Stockdale  
**Elder of the Day:** Chrisann Ohler  
**Coffee Hour Host:** Janice Collins

### **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:** Andrew Tripp being back home after rebuilding his house following Helene ◦ **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 is put on Hospice care ◦ 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.

## **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 are meeting in our Ransom Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoons from 1:30 to 4:30 PM for one year. 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.

**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.

## 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.....

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| July 13          | Abraham (and Sarah)      |
| <b>July 20</b>   | <b>Esau</b>              |
| <b>July 27</b>   | <b>Joseph</b>            |
| <b>August 3</b>  | <b>Shiphrah and Puah</b> |
| <b>August 10</b> | <b>Ruth</b>              |
| <b>August 17</b> | <b>Song of Solomon</b>   |
| <b>August 24</b> | <b>Jeremiah</b>          |
| <b>August 31</b> | <b>Elijah</b>            |



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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!*