

Warren Wilson

Presbyterian Church

July 27, 2025



Joseph

Statement about the art:

This brass relief by the Belgian sculptor, Theodore Phyffers, pictures the reconciliation of the brothers in Egypt. Dating to the late 19th century, it's found on an altar within the Sacred Heart Chapel of the Farm Street church, in Mayfair, London.

The fine detail of this beautiful metal sculpture presents us with various aspects of the story. In the centre, Judah's arms protect a downcast Benjamin as he offers himself in his place. The other brothers react individually to Joseph's revelation with a mixture of shock, desperation, tears and annoyance. Joseph himself, dressed in the fine clothes of a king, shows affection to Benjamin as he breaks the news about his identity. Beside the throne, we can see the sack of grain containing the silver cup. Several of the brothers also hold crooks, as symbols of their roles as shepherds.

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7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 2025 11:00 AM

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

”Piano Song”

Paul Halley
Wayne Smith, Piano

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Pat Hardy

Come, all you weary ones, you hopeful ones, you hurting ones.

Bring your grateful hearts and your tender wounds.

You are welcome here.

We lean into the grace that invites us onto holy ground.

We breathe in the love that surrounds us.

We are welcome here.

Come, Spirit of God, playful and wild.

Come, truth-teller, change-bringer.

You are all are welcome here.

***HYMN 461** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” HYMN TO JOY

1 As dew falls gently at dawn,
speak to us your beautiful word.
Jesus, Lord, when you send your word,
word of life and lamp to our feet,
all we who wander in sin
find strength and newness of life.
Jesus, Lord, when you send your word
morning breaks and we walk in light.

2 As rain falls feeding the earth,
send the blessings of your great love.
Jesus, Lord, when you send your grace,
grace unbounded, filling our souls,
all we who hunger and thirst
find strength and newness of life.
Jesus, Lord, when you send your love
we arise and follow your way.

3 As light shines forth from the sun,
shed on us your spirit of joy.
Savior, Jesus, send us your peace,
peace that calms our souls from within.
All we who suffer and sigh
find strength and newness of life.
Jesus, Lord, when you send your peace,
we are filled with heavenly love.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient one, we praise you. For not giving up on us. For promising never to leave us. For loving us, for better or worse. Forgive us for the divisions between us, the grudges we cling to, the hurts we cherish, and the harm we have done in your name. Shake us from our lazy assumptions and lame excuses. Help us to heal broken friendships, and all we have neglected to tend or repair. Relieve us of the burdens that you never asked us to carry.

May we love one another, as you have loved us. 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 (unison)

We believe in one God, Maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in the Risen Christ, eternally begotten of the
Creator,

God from God, light from light.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the giver of life,
sent to strengthen and sustain us.

We believe in the Church a community
grounded in love above all,

Where everyone is welcomed and accepted.

This is our faith. This we believe.

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 45:1-15

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 50:15-26

SERMON

“Joseph”

Rev. Dr. Laurie Furr-Vancini

1 Bring many names,
beautiful and good,
celebrate, in parable and story,
holiness in glory,
living, loving God.
Hail and Hosanna!
Bring many names!

2 Strong mother God,
working night and day,
planning all the wonders of creation,
setting each equation
genius at play:
Hail and Hosanna,
strong mother God!

3 Warm father God,
hugging every child,
feeling all the strains of human living,
caring and forgiving
till we're reconciled:
Hail and Hosanna,
warm father God!

4 Old, aching God,
gray with endless care,
calmly piercing evil's new disguises,
glad of good surprises,
wiser than despair:
Hail and Hosanna,
old, aching God!

5 Young, growing God,
eager, on the move,
saying no to falsehood and unkindness,
crying out for justice,
giving all you have:
Hail and Hosanna,
young, growing God!

6 Great, living God,
never fully known,
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
closer yet than breathing,
everlasting home:
Hail and Hosanna,
great, living God!

COMMISSIONING – Cadence Cowal attending Triennium
Commissioning Prayer (unison)

God of all, we ask your grace to be on Cadence and all the delegates gathering for Triennium. Give them safety in their travel, growth in their faith, hope in their hearts. We ask for your overflowing joy as she becomes part of a new community: one great, big family of God's people. Give the leaders wisdom, the participants courage, and may all be blessed with the energy of your Spirit. Amen.

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 839** "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!" ASSURANCE

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit,
washed in his blood.

<Refrain> This is my story; this is my song.
Praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. <Refrain>

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. <Refrain>

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Hymn To Joy"
Ludwig van Beethoven, Arr. Fred Bock

*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: Pat Hardy

Elder of the Day: Leslie Sayyar

Coffee Hour Host: Sally Broughton and Paulette Heck

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 ◦ Blessings for the family of Margaret Rada. There will be a service of remembrance on August 3 at 3:00 pm in Anderson Auditorium in Montreat ◦ For healing and encouragement for Jackie Cole ◦ Brooks Joslin, Blake's father, now 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 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.

LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME We have several items in the office area which are going to be donated soon unless anyone in the congregation has need of them:

- 2 Little Tykes play sets next to office area (not from the playground)
- 1 dark wood coffee table
- 1 CD rack
- 1 small TV table and TV (currently in the Fellowship Hall)
- 1 whiteboard

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.

GUEST PIANIST We welcome to our morning worship concert pianist Wayne Smith, retired from a long musical career in Kansas City as soloist, accompanist, teacher, and church musician. Dr. Smith continues musical performance through the Asheville Area Piano Forum (board member and chair of Benefit Concerts) and is the organist/pianist for St. James Episcopal Church in Black Mountain.

MINISTRY OF HOPE Today is the last Sunday collecting for the Women's Prison. If you have additional items, bring them to the church office tomorrow (Monday). Delivery will take place Tuesday morning.

*Cover image Joseph and His Brothers in Egypt by Theodore Phyllers
Brass altar relief - late 1800s*

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
July 27	Joseph
August 3	Shiphrah and Puah
August 10	Ruth
August 17	Song of Solomon
August 24	Jeremiah



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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!*