

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

August 17, 2025



The Good Shepherd

“Tell me, you whom I love,
where you graze your flock
and where you rest your sheep at midday.”

—Song of Solomon 1:7

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10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2025 11:00 AM

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Natalie Daugherty

PRELUDE “A Morning Prelude for Flute & Organ” Paul Callahan
Beth Meriwether, flute

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 23 (responsive) Paulette Heck

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil for thou art with me;

Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil;

My cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life:

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

***HYMN 803** “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” RESIGNATION

1 My shepherd will supply my need;

Jehovah is his name.

In pastures fresh he makes me feed,
beside the living stream.

He brings my wandering spirit back
when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake,
in paths of truth and grace.

2 When I walk through the shades of death

your presence is my stay;

one word of your supporting breath
drives all my fears away.

Your hand, in sight of all my foes,
does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows;
your oil anoints my head.

3 The sure provisions of my God
attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode,
and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come;
no more a stranger, or a guest,
but like a child at home.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Dear God,
We confess to turning away from you.
We confess to wounding others and ourselves.
May the Spirit lead us so we can participate in the mission of
Christ where we love others as God has loved us.
Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

***RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

“We Are Forgiven” #447

We are forgiven.
We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.
Thanks be to God. (repeat)

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

Song of Solomon 2:10-15

SECOND LESSON

John 10:1-16

SERMON

“The Good Shepherd”

Dr. April Love-Fordham

***HYMN 722**

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”
CANONBURY

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let me seek
your erring children lost and lone.

2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet.
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
your hungering ones with manna sweet.

3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious truths which you impart.
And wing my words that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

4 O fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.

5 O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as you will, and when, and where
until your blessed face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.

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 187**

**"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"
BRADBURY**

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us;
for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us: we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us: we are yours.

2 We are yours: in love befriend us;
be the guardian of our way.
Keep your flock: from sin defend us;
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear your children when we pray.
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hear your children when we pray.

3 You have promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.

4 Early let us seek your favor;
early let us do your will.
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us; love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us; love us still.

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes-Sohn* JS Bach

*Please rise in body and/or spirit

CHURCH STAFF

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Coffee Hour Host: Amanda Branscombe

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: The Peace Garden Committee: Chrisann Ohler (chair), Donna Eagle Joslin, Pat & Sherrie Meehan, Beverly Ohler, and Kay Stockdale

We remember in prayer: The family of Warren Wilson Professor James Darr, following his death on August 7 ° Blake Joslin, now home following the death of his father, Brooks Rogers Joslin, in Connecticut ° Pat Crumpler at rehab at Highland Farms following a fall ° The Lytle family, as Isaiah Bullerdick recovers from knee surgery ° for healing and encouragement for Jackie Cole ° 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 and Jackie Wintle ° the extended Lytle family ° Mary Craig ° Jackie Ligon Cole ° Martha Dugger ° Rick Garrison ° Marjorie Hettrick ° Shane Reece (Nancy Garrison's son) ° Pat Wilson's son, Kell

WELCOME BACK We welcome the return of members and regular guests who have been traveling this summer! Please take a moment as you depart and sign up to be a liturgist, host coffee hour, or be a greeter.

NEWSLETTER Our next Newsletter will come out as Summer winds down and the Fall schedule takes shape. To be ready, the deadline for submissions and suggestions is Friday, August 22. Please send those to Andrew in the church office or to info@warrenwilsonchurch.org.

CHOIR RESUMES The Chapel Choir starts again on September 3. We always welcome new singers, so if you've been wanting to give it a try, this is the time! Rehearsal happens in the choir loft Wednesdays at 7:00.

HELP NEEDED We need two volunteers to serve as ushers for Billy Edd Wheeler's memorial service on October 3. Please contact the church office or e-mail info@warrenwilsonchurch.org if you can help.

FRIENDS MEETING WORKSHOPS The Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting, that meets weekly in our Fellowship Hall, is hosting a series of three workshops designed to prepare all participants to build a strong, sensitive, and healing allyship with our Native American neighbors. They are happening today at 3:30, August 19 at 5:30, and September 21 at 3:30. All will be in the Fellowship Hall and all are free (though you're encouraged to register for the one today). More information is available on flyers in the narthex.

PEACE GARDEN DEDICATION The Memorial Peace Garden will be dedicated to John E. Koegel (artist, teacher, and friend of the Church and College) at the end of the service on Sunday, August 31. Coffee hour will follow immediately thereafter on the patio of the Fellowship Hall. John's sisters (Ann and Kitti) are planning to attend.

GUEST PREACHER Dr. April Love-Fordham spent two decades in the corporate world—serving as a tech advisor to both the George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton administrations and leading award-winning engineering teams—before leaving it all to follow a deeper call. Now an itinerant pastor, author, and joyful troublemaker for love and justice, she writes the Disorderly Parable Bible Studies and lives in the Asheville mountains with her husband Steve and their blue Great Dane, Molli-Pop. She formerly served on the Faith Relations Board at Warren Wilson College, where her son, Kit Fordham, is a proud graduate.

STUDENT LED SERVICE Twice a year we are lucky to have students from WWC lead our worship service! The next such Sunday is September 7 when much of the service will be courtesy of the students! Please make plans to be here and then plan to stay for:

WELCOME STUDENTS POTLUCK On September 7 we are welcoming students back to campus officially with our Potluck Lunch following worship. Please join us as we welcome our friends old and new with some much-missed home cooking! If you know what you are bringing, please sign up in the narthex.

BONE MARROW REGISTRATION DRIVE The Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church-College Relations Team has scheduled a Bone Marrow Registration Drive for September 11, 2025, 11 am – 4:30 pm in Canon Lounge. Bone marrow registration is very simple: in addition to filling out the registration form, each individual will be asked to take 4 cheek swabs. About one in 1000 potential donors will be called to donate their blood cells to help save a life. To increase the chance of patients receiving the life-saving treatment, many registrants are needed. Registrants will be eligible to become donors until the age of 61. We will need volunteers to handle and collect the materials and cheek swabs from the potential donors. More information may be found at projectlifemovement.org.

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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
August 31	Elijah



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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!*