

Warren Wilson

Presbyterian Church

August 31, 2025



CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE OF THE KINGS OF THE DIVIDED KINGDOM

JUDAH					ISRAEL				
King	Reign	Character	Prophet		King	Reign	Character	Prophet	
1. Rehoboam	931-913 BC	(17 yrs.)	Bad	Shemaiah	1. Jeroboam I	931-910 BC	(22 yrs.)	Bad	Ahijah
2. Abijam	913-911	(3 yrs.)	Bad		2. Nadab	910-909	(2 yrs.)	Bad	
3. Asa	911-870	(41 yrs.)	Good		3. Baasha	909-886	(24 yrs.)	Bad	
					4. Elah	886-885	(2 yrs.)	Bad	
4. Jehoshaphat	870-848*	(25 yrs.)	Good		5. Zimri	885	(7 days)	Bad	
5. Jehoram	848-841*	(8 yrs.)	Bad	Obadiah	6. Omri	885-874	(12 yrs.)	Bad	{ Elijah Micaiah
6. Ahaziah	841	(1 yr.)	Bad		7. Ahab	874-853	(22 yrs.)	Bad	
7. Athaliah	841-835	(6 yrs.)	Bad		8. Ahaziah	853-852	(2 yrs.)	Bad	Elisha
8. Joash	835-796	(40 yrs.)	Good	Joel	9. Joram	852-841	(12 yrs.)	Bad	
9. Amaziah	796-767	(29 yrs.)	Good		10. Jehu	841-814	(28 yrs.)	Bad	
10. Azariah (or Uzziah)	767-740*	(52 yrs.)	Good	Isaiah	11. Jehoahaz	814-798	(17 yrs.)	Bad	
					12. Jehoash	798-782*	(16 yrs.)	Bad	{ Jonah Amos Hosea
					13. Jeroboam II	782-753*	(41 yrs.)	Bad	
11. Jotham	740-732*	(16 yrs.)	Good	Micah	14. Zechariah	753-752	(6 mo.)	Bad	
12. Ahaz	732-716*	(16 yrs.)	Bad		15. Shallum	752	(1 mo.)	Bad	
13. Hezekiah	716-687*	(29 yrs.)	Good		16. Menahem	752-742*	(10 yrs.)	Bad	
14. Manasseh	687-642*	(55 yrs.)	Bad	{ Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah Jeremiah	17. Pekahiah	742-740	(2 yrs.)	Bad	
15. Amon	642-640	(2 yrs.)	Bad		18. Pekah	740-732*	(20 yrs.)	Bad	
16. Josiah	640-608	(31 yrs.)	Good		19. Hoshea	732-722	(9 yrs.)	Bad	
17. Jehoahaz	608	(3 mo.)	Bad		(Capture of Samaria and captivity of Israel)				
18. Jehoiahim	608-597	(11 yrs.)	Bad						
19. Jehoiahin	597	(3 mo.)	Bad						
20. Zedekiah	597-586	(11 yrs.)	Bad						
(Destruction of Jerusalem and captivity of Judah)									
*Co-regency					*Co-regency				

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12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025 11:00 AM

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Aria from "Elijah" Felix Mendelssohn

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Sally Broughton

Leader: We have come to listen to stories from the Bible.

All: We have come to consider our own stories.

Pulpit Side: Have you seen the blazing chariot?

Lectern Side: Have you felt the whirling wind?

Pulpit Side: Have you known the sacred silence?

**Lectern Side: Have you rejoiced in bones coming anew,
restoring life?**

Leader: Have you heard the voice of truth?

Pulpit Side: In the stories of prophets and rulers,

Lectern Side: In the stories of widows and orphans,

Pulpit Side: In your story,

Lectern Side: and in your story,

Leader: In all of our stories:

All: God shows up. If we have eyes to see and ears to hear.

***HYMN 462** "I Love to Tell the Story" HANKEY

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)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of all, sometimes we feel compelled to push everything to its limits. We want from you a grand show of strength, in resounding thunder, in sweeping victories. Sometimes we feel exposed to the winds of our doubts and our questions. Sometimes we are entangled in a legion of worries and fears that consume our lives. Sometimes, we follow after gods of power, prestige wealth, self-absorption. Healing one, come to us in mercy, untie the knots we have created, our self-induced chaos. In your mystery, open us to you.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

***RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS**

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me” #582

*1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

2 World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

***STATEMENT OF FAITH**

The Apostle's 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.

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

Luke 9:28-35

SECOND LESSON

1 Kings 18 (selected verses)

SERMON

“Elijah”

Rev. Dr. Laurie Furr-Vancini

***HYMN 320**

“The Church of God in Every Age”

WAREHAM

1 The church of Christ in every age,
beset by change but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.

2 Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die.

3 Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.

4 For Christ alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.

5 We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord:
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread Christ's liberating word.

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 250**

”In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

PROMISE

Following the third verse, the organ will continue playing and the congregation is invited to move to the Peace Garden for the dedication and for Coffee Hour on the Fellowship Hall porch.

1 In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there’s a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

2 There’s a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there’s a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

3 In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

***LITANY OF DEDICATION**

The John Koegel Memorial Peace Garden

Leader: We gather around this space that is both ancient and new.
Land as old as these hills. Land named holy with plans made to offer
it as a place of peace and refuge.

**All: A space designed to the memory of John Koegel, dear friend
who always found time to sit, listen, and share a laugh with
friends and family.**

Leader: The idea began with a bench: a place for peaceful reflection,
a place of sabbath rest, a place where peace reigns.

**All: As memorial gifts grew, plans were made, soil was tended,
plants took root, flowers bloomed.**

Leader: We dedicate this garden: a place of memory of a child of
God who loved Warren Wilson Church and College.

**All: We dedicate this garden: a symbol of peace which exists in
the flowers and trees; in the squirrels and birds and creeping
critters who make this their home.**

Leader: We dedicate this garden: a place of peace, of shalom, where our prayers and hopes for the world and all it's people are lifted to a God who hears.

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

*Please rise in body and/or spirit

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: Sally Broughton

Elder of the Day: Natalie Daugherty

Coffee Hour Host: Sarah Anne Eller

Flowers given by the family of John Koegel in his memory

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.

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** ° Two new members of the Chapel Work Crew: **Eloise Hill and Isabella Love**

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**

PRAYER REQUESTS With intentionality and caring for our church members, family, and friends; we have developed these guidelines to use for the Celebrations and Concerns Prayer list: To add a recipient's name to the prayer list, please contact the church office (info@warrenwilsonchurch.org/(828) 298-9092) or the Pastor with the concern. The recipient's name can be kept on the list for three weeks. You can request an additional 2-3 weeks if you would like to keep the recipient's name on the list.

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

HANDBELLS The WWPC Handbell Choir is back in action starting September 10. We are always wanting more ringers, so please consider joining us! Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6 in the Adult Classroom in the Fellowship Hall building. For more information, contact Natalie Daugherty (forestchick07@gmail.com or (336) 413-9071).

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 – 3:00 pm in Canon Lounge. Bone marrow registration is simple and to increase the chance of patients receiving the life-saving treatment, many registrants are needed and we need volunteers (sign up in the narthex). More information may be found at projectlifemovement.org.

BOOK CLUB CHANGE The Book Club will NOT be meeting in the Fellowship Hall on September 11, and will instead be meeting at Kathryn's home in Deerfield. For more information, contact Judi Repman at jrepman@georgiasouthern.edu.

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 today. Coffee hour will follow immediately thereafter on the patio of the Fellowship Hall.

STUDENT LED SERVICE Next week we are lucky to have students from WWC lead our worship service! Much of the service will be courtesy of the students! Please make plans to be here and stay after for:

WELCOME STUDENTS POTLUCK Next week 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.

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!*