

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

June 28, 2026



“If I were to talk about Abraham I would first depict the pain of his trial...all the dread and distress and torture...so that I might describe what Abraham suffered, whereas all the while he nevertheless believed.”

-From Fear and Trembling by Søren Kierkegaard

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

5th Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2026 11:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “The God of Abraham Praise (LEONI)” arr. Don Wyrzten

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dennis Riley

One: What does the Lord require of you?

**All: To do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God.**

One: What does God command of us?

**All: To love God with all our heart, and all our soul,
and all our mind, and all our strength,
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

One: God does not call us to ease or to comfort.

**All: But to presence, and abundance,
and grace in our struggle.**

One: Let us worship the God who believes in us,
and trusts in us, and abides with us.

**All: Let us worship the God who will ask much of us,
but will be beside us every step of the way.**

*OPENING HYMN 684

“Faith Begins by Letting Go”

LUX PRIMA

1 Faith begins by letting go,
giving up what had seemed sure,
taking risks and pressing on,
though the way feels less secure:
pilgrimage both right and odd,
trusting all our life to God.

2 Faith endures by holding on,
keeping memory’s roots alive
so that hope may bear its fruit;
promise-fed, our souls will thrive,
not through merit we possess
but by God’s great faithfulness.

3 Faith matures by reaching out,
stretching minds, enlarging hearts,
sharing struggles, living prayer,
binding up the broken parts;
till we find the commonplace
ripe with witness to God’s grace.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God who provides our every need, you have given us countless gifts. You have welcomed us for all of who we are. You have showered us with steadfast love. You have freely given us eternal life in Christ Jesus. We do not deserve these gifts. We take them and squander them. We continue to trust ourselves more than we trust you. We fail to embrace others as you have embraced us. Accept our confession. Be our glory and our strength for the days to come, our strength, shield, and deliverer.

Silent moment for personal confession

A PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS & PEACE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.***

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
606 OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God all Creatures Here Below
Praise God above the Heavenly Host
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Children and youth of all ages are invited to come forward.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 13

SPECIAL MUSIC“We Are An Offering/Take My Life (HENDON)”
arr. Laura Bergquist

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:1-14

SERMON

Rev. Jessica Rigel

*HYMN OF PRAISE 686

“God of Our Life”
SANDON

1 God of our life, through all the circling years,
we trust in thee.
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears,
thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
we own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

2 God of the past, our times are in thy hand.
With us abide.
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land.
Be thou our guide.
With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
and faith's fair vision changes into sight.

3 God of the coming years, through paths unknown
we follow thee.
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone.
Our refuge be.
Be thou for us in life our daily bread,
our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our God in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come,
Your 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
Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.*

***CLOSING HYMN 816** "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"
WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee,
with hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee,
to bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
builds on the rock that nought can move.

2 Only be still, and wait God's leisure
in cheerful hope, with heart content
to take whate'er thy Keeper's pleasure
and all-discerning love hath sent.
No doubt our inmost wants are clear
to One who holds us always dear.

3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways,
but do thine own part faithfully.
Trust the rich promises of grace;
so shall they be fulfilled in thee.
God never yet forsook at need
the soul secured by trust indeed.

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”
arr. Mark Sedio

*Please rise in body and/or spirit

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Jessica Rigel, Pastor
Ted Stewart, Director of Music
Andrew Tripp, Church Administrator
Leslie Sayyar and Brent Roberts, Treasurers
Barbara Escalante, Bookkeeper

Guest Pianist: Karen Boyd
Elder of the Day: Natalie Daugherty
Liturgist: Dennis Riley
Fellowship Time: Parlor Ladies

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 just inside the doors to the chapel or scan the QR code on the back of this bulletin. 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: Cadence Cowal and the WNC Presbytery Youth Council mission team are back from Guatemala

We remember in prayer: We lift up the family of Jon Hettrick as they mourn the loss of his mother, **Marjorie Hettrick**, who passed away June 17. The funeral will be held on July 18th in Tennessee, further details TBA. ◦ **Chrisann Ohler** had hip replacement surgery on June 22 ◦ **Pat Meehan** had shoulder replacement surgery on June 26 ◦ **Pat Crumpler** for ongoing health issues.

GUEST PIANIST Karen Boyd, a graduate of the Oberlin Conservatory and West Chester University, has been a piano teacher and performer in WNC for the past 35 years. She retires from the presidency of the Asheville Area Piano Forum in two days to become its treasurer.

Karen is one half of the Swannanoa Piano Duo - the other half of the duo is Dr. O. Wayne Smith.

SPIRITUAL NURTUREThe Spiritual Nurture team is excited to have received Session approval to introduce two, new child & family friendly spaces to our Sanctuary: a Pray-Ground and a Nursing area in the back of the Chapel! To make these areas comfortable and quiet, we're soliciting help from the congregation. We've set up a wishlist that can be viewed or purchased from directly at: www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/29ZLPGSN63HY8?ref=list_d_wl_lfu_nav_5.

There are also physical copies of this list in the Narthex if you would like to purchase something from a different retailer; just let us know what you're thinking! We look forward to creating a more welcoming space for all of God's children, and thank you in advance for your help & support!

JULY 4th POTLUCK Join us for the July 4th potluck picnic next Sunday (July 5) after the worship service. Congregational Life will be supplying the hamburgers and hot dogs (regular and vegetarian), lemonade, and buns. A sign up sheet is available.

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY Once again we are hosting the Chamber Music Society of the Carolinas in our sanctuary. They will be holding many rehearsals over the next few weeks and four different concerts each Saturday night July 11 – August 1 at 7:30. More information and tickets are available at cms-carolinas.org/

Cover image: "Abraham and Isaac: In Memory of May 4, 1970, Kent State University," a bronze sculpture by George Segal

Most of our worship services are live streamed and may be permanently hosted on our YouTube channel.

The week ahead at WWPC

6/28	2:00 (UFH)	Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting
6/29	1:15 (AdEd)	Staff Meeting
6/29	2:30 (UFH)	Tai Chi/Qigong
7/1	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
7/3	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
7/5	12:00(UFH)	4th of July Potluck Picnic

Pastor Jess will be out of the office this week.

UFH - Upper Fellowship Hall

AdEd - Adult Classroom in the Education Building

LFH - Lower Fellowship Hall

Parlor - Chapel Parlor

Youth - Lower Classroom in the Education Building



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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!*

