# WESLEY MEMORIAL

A METHODIST CONGREGATION

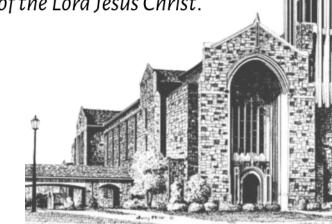
## **WELCOME**

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest,
to all who mourn and long for comfort,
to all who struggle and desire victory,
to all who sin and need a Savior,
to all who are strangers and want fellowship,
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
to all who have been blessed and wish to give thanks,
and to whoever will come -- we open wide our doors
and offer welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**AUGUST 3RD, 2025** 

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL 8:30



Our purpose is to make and sustain spiritually healthy followers of Jesus Christ who live in ways that transform the world.

## Order of Worship

#### **PRELUDE**

The prelude is a time for people to become quiet, to meditate and pray, and to prepare their hearts individually for the worship of God.

Welcome Rev. Jeff Patterson

† Call to Worship and Opening Prayer Congregation reads bold print Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Let us pray:

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your grace that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### † Hymn No. 19

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

This is my Father's world, to my list'ning ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise. This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me ev'rywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

### † Prayers of Confession

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pray in Unison

Almighty and most merciful God, you know the thoughts of our hearts. We confess that we have sinned against you and done evil in your sight. We have transgressed your holy laws. We have disregarded your Word and Sacraments. Forgive us, O Lord. Give us grace and power to put away all hurtful things, that, being delivered from the bondage of sin, we may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance, and from henceforth may ever walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### Welcome!

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning! Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Notebooks during the announcements. If you are a guest, please leave your contact information and a pastor will contact you this week with more information about our church.

#### CARING CARDS

We share the names of some of our people who would be blessed to hear from you. There are cards in the Welcome Folders. Won't you take a moment to write to them? Please write your encouraging message on the caring card and drop in the offering plate for us to address and mail.

Sympathy to Jeff Felton on the passing of his father, Larry Felton on 7/30.

Sympathy to Judy Needham on the passing of her husband, Joseph Needham on 7/26.

ON COMMUNION SUNDAYS WE PROFESS THE NICENE CREED, 325 AD, THAT PROFESSES THE FAITH OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH.

#### GIVING

Offering plates will be passed down each row during the service. To give online use your camera on your phone to scan the QR code to the right or text the word DETAILS to 94000 to give online.



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#### DUET

Then Sings My Soul arr. Mary McDonald O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy power

throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my burden gladly bearing he bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!" [Refrain]

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5: 31-32 (Pg. 810)

This is the Word of God. Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Total Forgivness"

Rev. Jeff Patterson

† NICENE CREED

We face the cross and profess in unison We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic\* and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen. \* universal

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

† Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

† THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and good to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs from under your table, but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us, Amen.

#### SHARING THE EUCHARIST

Please come to the serving table and receive the bread or gluten-free wafer. After receiving it, you may kneel at the prayer rail. Our Stephen Ministers are available if you wish for anointing with oil and prayer. (If you are unable to come forward and would like to be served at your seat, please let an usher know.)

#### MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn No. 572

Amazing Grace

**NEW BRITAIN** 

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

Yeah, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

### † Those who are able please stand.

#### WORSHIP LEADERS:

Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor
Reverend Clark Chilton, Contemporary Worship/Evangelism
Reverend Dr. Ken Lyon, Generosity/Church Vitality/Missions
Reverend Dr. Glenn Myers, Pastor of Visitation
Mr. Phillip Leach, Baritone Soloist
Ms. Charli Mills, Director of Traditional Music and Worship Arts
Ms. Mora Wolff, Organist

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Welcome, guests! We're glad you're here. Scan the QR code on the left with your phone's camera to receive a free welcome gift!

Nursery childcare is available for infants through 2-year-olds during the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services, located in the Children's Ministry Hall. If you need help finding it, an usher will be happy to assist you.

Members and guests, please take a moment to fill out and pass the friendship folders located in each row.

Large print hymnals are available in the Narthex for those who need them.

To view the full church calendar, visit wesleymemorial.org/calendar.

For more announcements, visit wesleymemorial.org/announcements.

#### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

MONDAY, August 4		
10:30 a.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Jeff	Media Center
5:30 p.m.	Ball & Bible	Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Daisy Troop	Children's Ministry Wing
7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	Adult Wing D208
TUESDAY, August 5		
9:00 a.m.	Cave Quest: Wesley Memorial Kids Music & Arts Camp	Fellowship Hall
WEDNESDAY, August 6		
7:20 a.m.	John Willett's Men's Bible Study with Pastor Jeff	Dining Hall
9:00 a.m.	Cave Quest: Wesley Memorial Kids Music & Arts Camp	Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Jeff	Media Center
1:30 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Conference Room 3
6:00 p.m.	Vespers	Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Wesley Memorial Students (Grades 6-12)	Student Ministry Wing
6:45 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Conference Room 3
6:45 p.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Jeff	Media Center
6:45 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
THURSDAY, August 7		
9:00 a.m.	Cave Quest: Wesley Memorial Kids Music & Arts Camp	Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m.	Contemporary Praise Team Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	Adult Wing D202
7:30 p.m.	AlAnon	Adult Wing D201
FRIDAY, August 8		
9:00 a.m.	Cave Quest: Wesley Memorial Kids Music & Arts Camp	Fellowship Hall
SATURDAY, August 9		
6:30 p.m.	Senior Adult Baseball Outing	Truist Point
SUNDAY, August 10		
7:30 a.m.	Televised Worship Service	WGHP, FOX8
8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship	Chapel
9:00 a.m.	AA Meeting	Adult D202
9:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship	Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m.	Children's Ministry Sunday Funday	Children's Ministry Wing
9:30 a.m.	Youth Sunday School	Student Ministry Wing
9:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Adult Wing
10:15 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
11:00 a.m.	Small Groups/All Welcome	Dining Hall
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
11:15 a.m.	Children's Church	Children's Ministry Wing

## August Study

with Dr. Jeff Patterson

#### AN INTRODUCTION TO MERE CHRISTIANITY

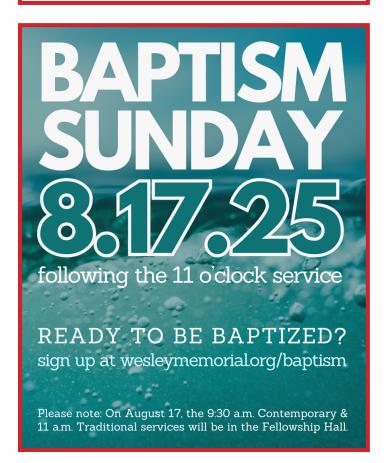
Wednesdays, August 6 - 27 at 9:30 AM or 6:45 PM in Media Center

This will be a 4-week study of the classic work by C.S. Lewis that presents the concepts of basic Christianity in a rational way to the modern world. This book originated as a series of radio talks by Lewis to strengthen the English during the bombings of World War II. Since publication in 1952, this book has influenced millions of Christians. The magazine Christianity Today in 2000 ranked it first among the "100 books that had a significant effect on Christians in this century." Since 2001, Mere Christianity has sold well over 4 million copies. It has been translated into at least 36 languages.

Please obtain your own copy of the book and show up at the first class having read chapters 1-5. While this book has major popular appeal, these opening chapters are a little difficult because they lay a philosophical groundwork for Christianity. You probably will find the remaining chapters much more engaging, but these opening chapters are important.

#### **Important Worship Update for August 17**

Due to audio updates in our Sanctuary, the 11:00 o'clock Traditional Service on Sunday, August 17, will be held in the Fellowship Hall, following the 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service in that location. We're grateful for your flexibility as we improve our worship spaces.







#### Salem Bach Festival — Friday, September 5

Wesley Memorial is delighted to be a host church for the eighth annual Salem Bach Festival this year! Join us at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary on Friday, September 5th for a Vespers service featuring North Carolina's most talented singers and period instrumentalists. Programming will feature French and French-influenced Baroque music, including J.S. Bach's Himmelskönig, sei willkommen (King of Heaven, welcome), Charpentier's Laudate pueri Dominum (Praise the Lord, you children), and Couperin's Les Nations, 1er ordre: "La Françoise."

The Salem Bach Festival strives to share the music of J.S. Bach and his contemporaries with the Triad community through historically informed performances. For more information and to discover other area events, please visit www.salembachfestival.com/2025-festival. All festival events are free!

#### **Texas Flood Relief**

All our hearts are heavy for those impacted by the tragic flooding in Texas. As we pray for them, we make our care tangible through sending financial support for the recovery efforts underway there.

You can offer your direct support by making a contribution to Samaritan's Purse at www.samaritanspurse.org or UMCOR at bit.ly/umcorusdr (or any organization you choose doing relief efforts in Texas).

Thank you for your concern and support.

#### **Senior Adult Baseball Outing**

Take me out to the ballgame, take me with the crowd. Senior Adult Council is sponsoring a trip to the High Point Rockers game on Saturday, August 9 at 6:30 p.m. at Truist Point Stadium. Tickets have been reserved in section 104 and have a discount rate of \$10. Call or come by the front office (336.884.2204) to reserve your seat.

#### Calling All Canners, Bakers & Homesteaders!

Are you a Canner? Food Preserver? Homesteader? Etc.? As you prepare the wonderful things you harvest from your garden or pick up from the farmer's market venues, keep your church in mind. The personal creations from your kitchen, be it canned goods, frozen goods, jams and jellies, or baked goods, would all make scrumptious additions to this fall's Wesley Women's Bazaar. So stick a few things back with your Church in mind and we'll remind you this Fall when its time to harvest all those amazing items. Once you decide whatever creation, made with love in your kitchen, you want to contribute, please let Lesa Pierce know (336-848-8886 pierce@northstate.net).

## Preserving the Light: Stained Glass Restoration

Nearly 60 years ago, our Sanctuary's stained glass windows were carefully designed and installed as a labor of love—filled with beauty, symbolism, and faith. Today, those same windows need restoration to



preserve their integrity for the generations to come.

Letters and donation forms were recently mailed to members. Others who wish to participate in this meaningful effort can give online at wesleymemorial.org/give by selecting "Stained Glass Restoration." Checks should include that in the memo line. Thank you for helping us preserve this legacy of light.

#### **New Books Trace Our Church History**

For the first time in 25 years, a new written history of our church is available! A Pictorial History of Our Church has just been published—a two-volume hardcover set created by Roy Shipman, Co-Chair of our Historical Committee and noted author of several books on High Point history.

This collection includes over 700 pages and 1,000 photos, names, and events from our church's rich story.

- Volume One covers 1856 through October 1960, when we moved to our current location.
- Volume Two continues from 1960 through 2024.

Books are available individually or as a set: Volume One is \$40, Volume Two is \$50, or the complete set is \$90.

These books make a meaningful gift and a lasting keep-sake. Orders are now being accepted. Please make checks payable to Wesley Memorial with "HISTORY BOOK" on the memo line. Bring your payment to the front desk.

#### Join Our Prayer Team

Do you feel called to the ministry of intercessory prayer? We are seeking prayer warriors of all ages and stages who will pray before, during and even after our church services each Sunday. If interested contact Pastor Clark at 336-812-4813 or cchilton@wesleymemorial.org



## **OPEN HOUSE**

Monday, August 25 6:30 p.m.

Wesley Memorial Church, 1225 Chestnut Drive, High Point, NC



Cub Scout Pack 4
Boys & Girls • Grades K-5



### **WHAT SCOUTS OFFERS:**

- Character Development
- Physical Fitness
- · Community Service
- · Leadership Skills
- · New Friends
- · Outdoor Activities
- · Games and Fun
- And So Much More



Contact Amy Heybrock at 336-442-8895. Pack 4 and Troop 4 meet on Monday evenings at Wesley Memorial located at 1225 Chestnut Drive in High Point

# Sermon Growth Notes

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