

WESLEY MEMORIAL

A METHODIST CONGREGATION

CHILDREN'S SERMON



WINDOW SERIES



COMBINED WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY 10:00

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

WESLEY MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

Order of Worship

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

December 29th, 2024

Sanctuary

10:00 am

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.

† 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 God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, kindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

† HYMN No. 179
What Child Is This?

GREENSLEEVES

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

CONGREGATIONAL CHORUS

O Come Let Us Adore Him

ADESTE FIDELES

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

For he alone is worthy, For he alone is worthy, For he alone is worthy, Christ the Lord.

Let's praise his name together, Let's praise his name together, Let's praise his name together, Christ the Lord.

We'll give him all the glory, We'll give him all the glory, We'll give him all the glory, Christ the Lord.

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.

ABOUT
CHILDREN'S CHURCH

For quick
information about
Children's Church,
please scan me!



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.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response:

“Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**”

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.

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(Children proceed to the pulpit side door for Children's Church)

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

All People of Our Newborn King

All people of our newborn King, lift up your voice and with us sing. O praise Him, Alleluia! Come, wand'ring souls, to Bethlehem! Join in the celebration hymn: O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Born is the One who shall redeem, worthy alone of all esteem: O praise Him, Alleluia! Come, bind your hearts, in praise rejoice; lift up a chorus with one voice: O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all creation his name bless, and worship Him in humbleness. O praise Him, Alleluia! Come gather round His manger throne and turn your hearts to Him alone. O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

† DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 148 (Pg.526)

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

SERMON

“Voices of Hope: Praise the Lord”

Rev. Clark Chilton

† APOSTLES' CREED

We face the cross and profess in unison

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*universal

† CLOSING SONG

All Glory Be to Christ

(SUNG TO THE TUNE OF AULD LANG SYNE)

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive; unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive. To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life? A mist that vanishes at dawn; All glory be to Christ!

Refrain: All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ! His rule and reign we'll ever sing; All glory be to Christ!

His will be done, his kingdom come, on earth as is above; Who is Himself our daily bread; praise Him the Lord of love. Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price. We'll take a cup of kindness yet, All glory be to Christ! Refrain.

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true; the Lamb who was for sinners slain is making all things new. Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light, And we shall ere his people be: All glory be to Christ! Refrain.

† Postlude

† Those who are able please stand.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor

Reverend Clark Chilton, Contemporary Worship/Evangelism

Reverend Susannah Pittman, Congregational Care/Adult Spiritual Formation

Reverend Dr. Ken Lyon, Generosity/Church Vitality/Missions

Reverend Dr. Glenn Myers, Pastor of Visitation

Mr. Caleb Janney, Director of Contemporary Worship

Ms. Charli Mills, Director of Traditional Music and Worship Arts

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome guests! Scan the QR code on the left to receive a free welcome gift (to scan the code, use your phones' camera and follow the provided link)!

Attendance: please fill out and pass the friendship folders located in each row.

Large print hymnals are available in the Narthex.

Nursery childcare is available (infants - 2 years old) Sunday mornings for the 9:45 a.m. service and the 11 a.m. service. The nursery is in the Children's Ministry Hall. If you need assistance in locating the nursery, one of our ushers will be glad to assist you.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

MONDAY, December 30 7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	Adult Wing D208
WEDNESDAY, January 1	New Year's Day - Church Office Closed	
THURSDAY, January 2 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting AlAnon	Adult Wing D208 Adult Wing D201
SUNDAY, January 5 7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Epiphany Sunday Televised Worship Service Traditional Worship AA Meeting Children's Ministry Sunday Funday - Poptarts & PJ's Adult Sunday School Contemporary Worship Small Groups/ All Welcome Traditional Worship Children's Church	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D202 Children's Ministry Wing Adult Wing Fellowship Hall Dining Hall Sanctuary Children's Ministry Wing

To view the full church calendar visit our website, wesleymemorial.org/calendar
Visit wesleymemorial.org/announcements for our announcement board



Christmas Staff Bonus

The Board of Directors invites you to help us celebrate and bless our incredible staff this Christmas. Their dedication, hard work, and love for our congregation make Wesley Memorial a place of true connection and ministry throughout the year.

If you would like to show your appreciation with a financial gift, you can participate in one of the following ways:

- Write a check to WMMC with "Staff Bonus" in the memo line and place it in the Sunday offering plate, mail it to the church, or drop it off at the Front Desk.
- Contribute online at wesleymemorial.org/give by selecting "Staff-Christmas Bonus" from the drop-down menu under "Fund."

Let's come together to show our gratitude for all they do. Please make your contribution by Tuesday, December 31, 2024. Thank you for helping us honor and bless our wonderful staff this holiday season!

Church Outing to HPU Basketball Game

If you RSVP'd for the church outing, please meet at the Community Entrance at 1:40 p.m. to pick up your tickets as a group. If you didn't RSVP, that's okay! Join us as we cheer on the Panthers as they take on Norfolk State at 2:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy time with your church family and experience the excitement of HPU basketball! Our group will enjoy special perks, including recognition on the jumbotron, a personal visit from Prowler (HPU's mascot), and a post-game autograph session with the players. We look forward to seeing you there!



FROM PRAISE TO PANTHERS BASKETBALL

**HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY
INVITES YOUR CONGREGATION
TO ENJOY A FREE GAME
FOLLOWING SERVICE!**



**MBB | SUN. 12/29 | 2:00 PM
Norfolk State**



**POST-GAME
PLAYER AUTOGRAPH SESSION**

*Bring Your
Church Family*

**ANY REGISTERED GROUP OF 25 OR MORE
WILL GET A SHOUTOUT, VIDEO BOARD MESSAGE,
AND PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH PROWLER!**

Make Your Year-End Gift to Wesley Memorial

As the year draws to a close, we're here to help you meet your 2024 giving goals. In addition to regular offerings, you can contribute through gifts of stock, IRA distributions, or other financial gifts. All year-end giving must be received by Tuesday, December 31st to count toward your 2024 giving statement. Below are ways to give:

- Give at one of the remaining Sunday or Christmas Eve worship services
- Mail check to WMMC 1225 Chestnut Drive, High Point, NC 27262 postmarked by 12/31/24
- Contribute online by clicking here before 12/27
- Use your bank's bill pay system before 12/25
- To gift stock or make an IRA distribution, ask for transfer completion by 12/26
- Bring your gift to the church office by 12/31/24 at 12 noon

For assistance with online giving, stock gifts, or IRA distributions, contact Beth Rose at 336-812-4801.

Thank you for making a difference in countless lives, both here and around the world.



Wednesdays @ Wesley

Our Wednesday night programming will resume on January 8th! Join us in the Dining Hall for a warm, home-cooked meal from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The menu for the evening is BBQ, baked beans, and coleslaw, with a mac & cheese option for kids. All meals include a salad bar, roll, and dessert. There is no cost for dinner, but donations are appreciated..

Monthly Food Collection

The Missions team has decided to split our monthly Communion Sunday food collection between Open Door Ministries and Macedonia Family Resource Center. Both of these organizations are an integral part in fighting hunger in the High Point area. Macedonia received food donations from the postal drive in April but have already depleted their pantry as more families are requesting food. Many of these family units are becoming multigeneration because of the rising rent cost and the cost of living.

Next Sunday, January 5th will be our next collection with the collection going to Open Door. Bins will be placed outside of all three services for your deposits.

Please consider bringing items as you feel led, knowing that your act of love and kindness is providing for our neighbors who lack the most basic needs. Thank you for your generosity.

DID JESUS REALLY SAY THAT?

A STUDY OF THE HARD SAYINGS OF JESUS
with Dr. Jeff Patterson



This study will look at many of the difficult sayings of Jesus, particularly those that apply to the divisive issues of our day.

EVERY MONDAY
10:30 TO 11:30 AM
BEGINNING JANUARY 6TH AND
RUNNING THROUGH MAY 12TH



To register for this course, please contact the church office at 336-884-2204 or receptionist@wesleymemorial.org



WESLEY MEMORIAL

Wesley Memorial Ball Caps Available for Preorder

The Wesley 100 is now offering new Wesley Memorial ball caps for sale! The cost is \$20.00 per cap. The first group of hats is expected to arrive by the first week of January. Caps will be ordered based on preorders only—no extras will be available. To reserve your ball cap, please call the church office or email your order to edwinbass@triad.rr.com. Don't miss out—place your order today!



The Book of Revelation (Part 2)

Dr. Jeff Patterson will lead a verse-by-verse study of Revelation 10:1–22:21, exploring the messages in the last book of the Bible which is a book of last things. Even if you were not able to attend Part 1 in the fall, you are welcome to join Part 2, beginning January 8. Sessions are offered on Wednesdays at 9:30 AM in the Dining Hall and 6:45 PM in the Media Center, with the flexibility to alternate between morning and evening sessions to suit your schedule. To register, please contact the church office at 336-884-2204 or email receptionist@wesleymemorial.org.

Spirit and Truth Weekend - January 10-12, 2025

Sometimes, a single moment in God's presence or a new practice can transform a person's life in Christ. Led by the Spirit and Truth ministry from Dayton, OH (United Seminary), the weekend covers topics like:

- Building a Foundation of Prayer (Making prayer the starting place for life)
- Cooperating with the Holy Spirit (Hearing God's voice)
- Everyday Evangelism (Sharing faith where you live, work, and play)
- Becoming a Disciple-Maker (Mobilizing every member for the Great Commission)

Cost is \$25 and open to youth and adults. Sessions will be held at Wesley Memorial on Friday night and Saturday morning/afternoon (breakfast and lunch included). Register at wesleymemorial.org/spiritandtruth or contact Rev. Clark Chilton at cchilton@wesleymemorial.org.

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& PJ'S

HEY KIDS! DON'T FORGET TO WEAR
YOUR PJS TO SUNDAY FUNDAY ON
JANUARY 5, 2025 AT 9:45 A.M.



Missing Notebook: Have You Seen Me?

Sometime in the past month, the wonderful notebook created by Brenda Bradner, containing pictures and details about our Sanctuary Kneelers, "walked out" of the Historical Museum. The other artifacts miss it dearly and want it to come back home! If you happen to see it, please help it find its way back to where it is loved and belongs. Thank you for your help!

Generosity Forms

A spiritually healthy follower of Christ is constantly growing in all spiritual practices including the spiritual practice of generosity. The goal we learn from scripture is to give generously. Will you take your spiritual generosity to the next level? Scan the QR code to visit www.wesleymemorial.org/wearewesley



A Jesus-Shaped Life: Lent 2025 Study

This Lent, join us on a transformative journey as we explore A Jesus-Shaped Life. Through Sunday sermons and small group discussions, we'll discover how to live, love, and lead more like Jesus. Whether you're part of an existing group or looking for a new one, there's a place for you in this congregation-wide study. Stay tuned for more details in the new year!

Inclement Weather Updates

For all weather related schedule changes, you may call 336-884-2204 and press 6 for weather information.

Wesley Memorial Methodist Church will also share scheduled changes to:

- WFMY Channel 2
- WXII Channel 12
- WGHP FOX8
- Facebook/Instagram



Welcome Stephanie to Our Staff

Stephanie Peters has joined our staff as the Children's Ministry Assistant and Children's Choir Director. She has six years of Music Education experience and has served previously as a Children's Choir Director for four years. She is a registered dietician as well as a homeschooling mother of two wonderful kids Nathan (13) and Miriam (9). She is married to Craig, and they have been a part of the Wesley Memorial Church family for more than a year. Please welcome Stephanie to our church staff and Children's Ministry Team!



A Grateful Heart

The staff would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone for the generous gifts and goodies you shared with us. Your kindness and thoughtfulness have truly brightened our season and reminded us of the wonderful community we are blessed to serve. Thank you for making us feel so appreciated!

The Benevolence Fund

This fund is used to meet needs in our community. If you'd like to contribute, please make checks payable to the church and mark them "Benevolence Fund."

Fairview Backpack Thank You

During this season, the Missions Team extends a heartfelt thank you to our congregation for your incredible support in filling the Fairview Closet. Initially, we worried about whether we could meet the needs of 70 children during the Christmas break, but Wesley Memorial once again showed up in a big way. Your donations filled the closet that had been nearly empty. On December 11th, our Student Ministry gathered together and filled 70 backpacks with the donated food items. These backpacks were delivered to Fairview Elementary on December 16th and sent home with students when school released for break.

This ministry would not be possible without the dedication and generosity of our church family. Through your contributions, we were able to share God's love in a tangible way. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ during this season of gratitude and hope.

Angel Tree Gratitude

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Angel Tree program. This year you provided more than 200 gifts of toys and clothes, assuring that over 90 children received Christmas gifts on behalf of an incarcerated parent. These tokens of love will help maintain these vital parent-child relationships during this time during which they are strained by separation. Your extravagant generosity is a beautiful reflection of the "heart" of the people of Wesley Memorial! Again, thank you!

Poinsettia Delivery Gratitude

The Congregational Care team extends heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped deliver poinsettias to the REACH members of our congregation. Your efforts brought joy and Christ's love into their homes! This is such a fun and meaningful way to serve together. We invite you to join us again during the Lenten season as we spread hope and beauty by delivering Easter flowers.