# 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.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY 11:00

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

### SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 16th, 2025

Sanctuary

11:00 am

Prelude

I Love to Tell the Story

arr. Harold DeCou

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.

Introit

Bless His Holy Name
Andraé Crouch
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
He has done great things, bless his holy name!

† 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, look mercifully upon your people, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

† Hymn No. 280 (verses 1,2,4, & 6) All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

DIADEM

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pray in Unison

O holy merciful God, we confess that we have not always taken upon ourselves the yoke of obedience, nor been willing to seek and to do your perfect will. We have not loved you with all our heart and mind and soul and strength, neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. You have called us in the need of our sisters and brothers, and we have passed unheeding on our way. In the pride of our hearts, and our unwillingness to repent, we have turned away from the cross of Christ, and have grieved your Holy Spirit. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Solo

Deep River arr. Henry Burleigh Deep river, my home is over Jordan, deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground. Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast, that promised land where all is peace? Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

#### 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.

RECENT SURGERY:

Kim Cossaart
Catherine Niebauer

#### ABOUT CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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



† 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

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

He Never Failed Me Yet

I will sing of God's mercy every day, every hour, He gives me power. I will sing and give thanks to Thee for all the dangers, toils and snares that He has brought me out. He is my God and I'll serve Him no matter what the test. Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out. He never failed me yet. I know God is able to deliver in times of storm; and I know that He'll keep you safe from all earthly harm. One day when my weary soul is at rest, I'm going home to be forever blessed. Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out. He never failed me yet. Didn't my God deliver Moses from King Pharaoh? And didn't He cool the fiery furnace for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego? When I think of what my God can do—He delivered Daniel, I know He will deliver you. Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out. He never failed me yet.

† Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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!

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Testimony Susan Hedrick

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 8:26-39 (Pg. 865)

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

SERMON "Declaring Freedom" Rev. Jeff Patterson

† 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.

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.

\*universal

† Hymn No. 119 *Victory in Jesus* 

**HARTFORD** 

(The Altar is open for prayer.)

- † BENEDICTION
- † The Choral Benediction Amen

**Spiritual** 

- † CHIMES OF THE TRINITY
- † Postlude Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Michael Burkhardt

† 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
Chancel Choir

Mr. Phillip Leach, Baritone Soloist Ms. Charli Mills, Director of Traditional Music and Worship Arts

Mr. Chris Ward, Organist
Mr. Edwin Bass, Usher
Mr. Bart Lassiter, Usher
Mr. Bradley Gibson, Usher
Mr. Wray Hodgin, Usher
Mr. Bill Bradner, Usher
Mr. James Robbins, Acolyte
Mr. David Robbins, Acolyte
Mr. Colton Maines, Crucifer

Miss Brielle Keunnen, Bible

Reflection Questions:Luke 8:26-39

- 1. What does this passage reveal about the authority of Christ?
- 2. As you reflect on Jesus' encounter with the man, in what ways have you experienced healing in Christ and the freedom to become the human that God created you to be?
- 3. Just as Jesus told the man to "go and tell" of what God had done for him, how can you share your testimony to others this week?

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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, February 17		
10:30 a.m.	Monday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Jeff	Media Center
5:30 p.m.	Ball & Bible	Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.	Cub Scout Meeting	Student Ministry Wing
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting	Scout Room
7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	Adult Wing D208
TUESDAY, February 18		Tradit Wing 2200
6:00 p.m.	Board of Ministries Meeting	Dining Hall
	Board of Willistries Meeting	Dinnig Han
WEDNESDAY, February 19	1.1 . Mail . (2. M 2. Dill. Co. 1	D'ata - 11-11
7:20 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	John Willett's Men's Bible Study	Dining Hall
	Revelation Bible Study with Pastor Jeff	Dining Hall Conference Room 3
1:30 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry Wednesday Dinner (served until 6:30 p.m.)	Dining Hall
5:30 p.m.	Vespers	Chapel
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6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Wesley Memorial Kids Games & Gospel (Ages 0-11) Student Ministry Midweek Motivation	, ,
1 *	W.O.W. (Women of Wesley) Bible Study	Student Ministry Wing Student Wing - C111
6:15 p.m.	Disciple II	Circle View Room
6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Conference Room 3
6:45 p.m.	Revelation Bible Study with Pastor Jeff	Media Center
6:45 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
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THURSDAY, February 20	D. Cl. L. W. Diville	11. 0
10:30 a.m.	Dr. Charletta Phillips	Media Center
7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	Adult Wing D202
7:30 p.m.	AlAnon	Adult Wing D201
SUNDAY, February 22		
7:30 a.m.	Televised Worship Service	WGHP, FOX8
8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship	Chapel
9:00 a.m.	AA Meeting	Adult D202
9:45 a.m.	Children's Ministry Sunday Funday	Children's Ministry Wing
9:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Adult Wing
9:45 a.m.	Contemporary Worship	Fellowship Hall
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
2:00 p.m.	Student Ministry Confirmation Class	Student Ministry Wing

#### Thank You, Pillow Ministry Volunteers!

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who joined us on January 28th for our Pillow Ministry stuffing party. Your time, energy, and care helped us stuff over 200 pillows, spreading comfort and kindness throughout our community. We couldn't do this without you, and your efforts continue to make a meaningful impact. Thank you for sharing your hearts and hands with this ministry!

#### Wednesdays @ Wesley

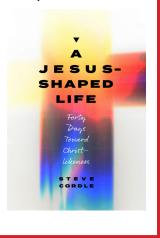
On Wednesday evenings we serve a warm, home-cooked meal from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.in our Dining Hall. The menu for February 19th is sloppy joes with tater tots and corn. All dinners come with salad bar, roll, and dessert. The cost is free, but donations are accepted.

#### Senior Adult Winter Outing to TAG

Join fellow senior adults for a special Winter Outing designed exclusively for senior adults aged 60 and above! On Thursday, February 27, the group will enjoy a fun art class at TAG (The Art Gallery) at Congdon Yards, located at 400 West English Road, High Point. The class will take place from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon, with a cost of \$12 per person, payable upon arrival. Transportation will be provided—meet in the front church parking lot at 9:30 AM to board the church bus or carpool. Participants will paint individual pictures of an outdoor scene featuring our beautiful church. The instructor, Michaela, will have the church pre-drawn on each canvas and will guide participants through color selection and brush techniques. No prior experience is necessary, and all supplies will be provided. Each participant will leave with their own completed painting. The class is limited to the first 20 senior adults who RSVP, so call the church office at 336-884-2204 to secure a spot. If the class fills up, additional names will be added to a waiting list, with a second session scheduled once at least 10 participants are confirmed.

#### 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. Visit wesleymemorial.org/lent2025 to register.





#### **Transfiguration Evensong:**

Contemplating the mystery of Christ's glory revealed on March 2, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

All are invited to attend a Choral Evensong for Transfiguration, featuring the Chancel Choir and professional octet on Sunday, March 2 at 4pm. From ancient times, Christians have gathered as evening falls to place their trust in God and celebrate the Light that shines in the darkness. As we engage in the spiritual practice of contemplation, Evensong draws us deeper into the life of God. This service features Scripture, silence, and choral music of exquisite beauty.









#### **Join the Praise Team**

Are you passionate about worship music? We'd love to have you on the team! Come to our Praise Team Interest Meeting on Wednesday, March 12, in the Dining Hall from 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Whether you sing, play an instrument, or want to learn more about how you can serve, this meeting is for you! For more details, contact Caleb Janney, Director of Contemporary Worship Music, at cjanney@wesleymemorial.org. Let's make a joyful noise together!

#### The Walk to Emmaus

The Walk to Emmaus is a three-day retreat held twice a year by the Piedmont Emmaus Community. It is sponsored by the Upper Room. It runs from Thursday night to Sunday afternoon. It is an uplifting, energizing, and wonderful time away from the day to day worries that tend to drown out God. The dates for the Men's Walk for this spring are March 13 -16 and the Women's Walk is from March 20 - 23. The retreat looks in depth at a variety of topics related to basic Christian theology. It is a very spiritual and renewing experience but also quite fun. It does require registration through an application. If you would like to attend or have questions please call or email any of the members listed below:

Les Hurrelbrink, 336-687-2769, leh3md@gmail.com Mary Sansing,336-689-6172, msansing55@gmail.com Mac Lane, 336-471-3335, maclane@northstate.net Michele Lane, 336-899-9601, luckeyleshell@gmail.com Dan Smoak, 336.905.0980, drsmoak54@gmail.com Linda Smoak,336.905.0459, erlinda.smoak@gmail.com

## Welcome to Wesley

### New Membership Class

You're invited to Welcome to Wesley: a two-Sunday new church member course!

- Learn more about Wesley Memorial's history, beliefs. & leadership
- Service opportunities
- beliefs, & leadership
- Meet clergy team & church staff
- Core beliefs of the Methodist Church
- And much, much more!
- Discover your own gifts for your ministry

Your starting point to join the Wesley Memorial Church Family!

Dates: Sunday, March 23 & 30 Time: 11:00 am Location: Fellowship Hall

RSVP with Pastor Clark Chilton via email at cchilton@wesleymemorial.org or via phone at 336-812-4813 by March10th



#### **Easter Flower Delivery**

Celebrate the joy and renewal of Easter by joining the Congregational Care Team to deliver Easter flowers to REACH members of our congregation, including those with limited mobility, exceptional circumstances, or who are homebound. This special delivery will take place on Friday, April 11th, from 6 to 7 p.m. Volunteers will drive through the porte cochere at the side entrance to the narthex, where cars will be loaded with flowers. You may request the number of flowers to deliver and specify neighborhoods or recipients. We hope you'll help us spread Easter cheer and connect with our church family!

#### Stay Connected via Text

Sign up for our churchwide text alerts to receive important updates, including weather-related announcements, event details, and service changes. Text JOIN to 336-



742-1968 or scan the QR code to subscribe today! Stay informed and connected with your church family.

#### **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

#### **Inclement Weather Updates**

For all weather related schedule changes, you may call 336-884-2204 and press 6 for weather information. We will also share changes to WFMY Channel 2, WXII Channel 12, WGHP FOX8, our Facebook/Instagram pages, and via text.

#### 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."

Sermon Growth Notes		