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

LAST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD HOLY COMMUNION

March 2nd, 2025

Sanctuary

11:00 am

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Tim Doran

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, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

† Hymn No. 9

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

AUSTRIAN HYMN

† 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 the family of Buck Kester, who passed away 2/23.

Nan Kester (Wife)

Sympathy to the family of Hayden Kirby-Smith, who passed away 2/18.

Eileen Kirby-Smith (Wife)

WE REJOICE IN THE
BAPTISM of
Elizabeth Wray
"Lettie" Travaglini
daughter of Ellen
Amos Travaglini and
Alexander James
Travaglini.
Granddaughter of
Bert King and
Donna Kazia,
Joanna and Mark
Travaglini,
Madeline Amos, the
late Michael Amos



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.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Elizabeth Wray "Lettie" Travaglini

After the parents' profession of faith, the pastor asks the congregation: Will you who witness these vows encourage Lettie in the faith and do all in your power to support this child in her life in Christ? We will.

After the baptism, the pastor addresses the congregation: Let us welcome Lettie as our newly baptized member of Christ's church.

We welcome you and receive you into the fellowship of the church. We promise to surround you in a community of love and forgiveness as you grow in Christ, so that you may confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people, to the glory of his name. Amen.

† Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 9:28-36 (Pg.867)

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

SERMON

"Unveiling the Glory"

Rev. Jeff Patterson

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Grace on Grace

William Beckstrand

The law through Moses came, but God sent love, our life to claim. Grace on grace, grace and truth in Jesus' name! Grace on grace on grace. The glory of the Word became in flesh, like us, but not the same, for in his fullness all receive grace on grace. God sent love, our life to claim. Grace on grace, grace on endless grace.

† Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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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.

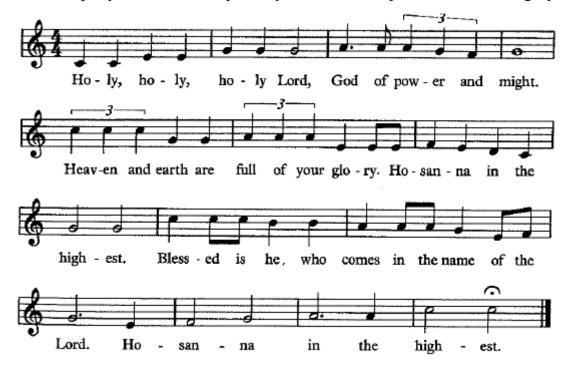
Lift up your hearts.

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. Before the mountains were brought forth, or you had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the 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, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



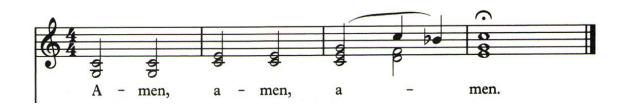
Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation. You sent a star to guide wise men to where the Christ was born; and in your signs and witnesses, in every age and through all the world, you have led your people from far places to his light. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you have given birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the 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."

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.



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.



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 and juice. Proceed to the next available station. If you need an individual cup of juice or a gluten-free wafer, please proceed to the center station. Our Stephen Ministers are available behind the communion rail if you wish for anointing with oil and prayer.

Music during Holy Communion

Hymn No. 88

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

Hymn No. 113
Fairest Lord Jesus

ST. ELIZABETH

† Benediction

† THE CHORAL BENEDICTION Amen

Danish



ARE YOU HURTING? Stephen Ministers bring Christ's love and care to people during a time of pain and need. Each specially trained Stephen Minister confidentially guides his or her care receiver toward a place of peace and healing. To learn more, contact Pastor Susannah Pittman at 336-812-4802 or via email at spittman@ wesleymemorial.org

† CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

† Postlude

March from Symphony No. 3

Charles M. Widor

† 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

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

Mr. Chris Ward, Organist

Mr. Kyle Brown, Usher

Mr. Ken Marsh, Usher

Mr. Rex Walser, Usher

Mr. Gene LaPrade, Usher

Mr. Tom Talbot, Usher

Miss Brielle Keunnen, Acolyte

Mr. Nathan Peters, Acolyte

Mr. Christian Smith, Crucifer

Miss Caraway Chilton, Bible

Sermon Reflection Questions: Luke 9: 28-36

- 1. What does this passage reveal about the glory of Jesus Christ? Why do you think we focus on the Transfiguration as we conclude the season of Epiphany and prepare for the season of Lent?
- 2. In verse 35, the Father declares, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" How is the call to listen to Christ personally speaking to you? How can you be intentional about listening to Him in your day-to-day living?

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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

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| MONDAY, March 3 | | |
| 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, March 4 | | |
| 12:30 p.m. | Handbells Rehearsal | Adult Wing D212 |
| 5:15 p.m. | Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (until 6:45 p.m.) | Dining Hall |
| WEDNESDAY, March 5 | | |
| 7:20 a.m. | John Willett's Men's Bible Study | Dining Hall |
| 12:00 p.m. | Ash Wednesday Service | Sanctuary |
| 1:30 p.m. | Prayer Shawl Ministry | Conference Room 3 |
| 6:00 p.m. | Ash Wednesday Service | Sanctuary |
| THURSDAY, March 6 | | |
| 7:30 p.m. | AA Meeting | Adult Wing D202 |
| 7:30 p.m. | AlAnon | Adult Wing D201 |
| FRIDAY, March 7 | | |
| 4:00 p.m. | Spirit & Truth Experience | Fellowship Hall |
| SATURDAY, March 8 | | |
| 8:00 a.m. | Spirit & Truth Experience | Fellowship Hall |
| SUNDAY, March 9 | | |
| 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. | Rise Against Hunger | Dining Hall |
| 2:00 p.m. | Lent Small Group (for all ages) | Adult Wing D201 |
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To view the full church calendar visit our website, wesleymemorial.org/calendar Visit wesleymemorial.org/announcements for our announcement board

Mark Your Calendars for the First-Ever MERGE: Day of Service!

On Saturday, March 22, our church family will come together to serve alongside our local mission partners and make a lasting impact in our community. We want everyone to be part of this special day! Learn more and sign up at wesleymemorial.org/merge.

Transfiguration Evensong:

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







A Jesus-Shaped Life

This Lent, let's take a journey together to discover what it truly means to live, love, and lead like Jesus. A Jesus-Shaped Life – Forty Days Toward Christlikeness by Steve Cordle will guide us through Sunday sermons and small group gatherings as we deepen our faith and connection with one another.

Find Your Group!

We're offering multiple small groups right here at Wesley Memorial, so you can find one that fits your schedule. This congregation-wide study is open to everyone - whether you've been part of a small group before or this is your first time, you are welcome here!

77 Key Dates:

- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: March 4,
 5:15 6:30 p.m.
- Ash Wednesday: March 5
- Study Kickoff: Sunday, March 9
- Group Meetings Begin: Week of March 9th

How to Join:

- Visit wesleymemorial.org/lent2025,
- Contact the church office, or
- Scan the QR code



Let's walk through this season of Lent together, shaping our lives to reflect Christ in deeper and more meaningful ways.