

WESLEY MEMORIAL

A METHODIST CONGREGATION

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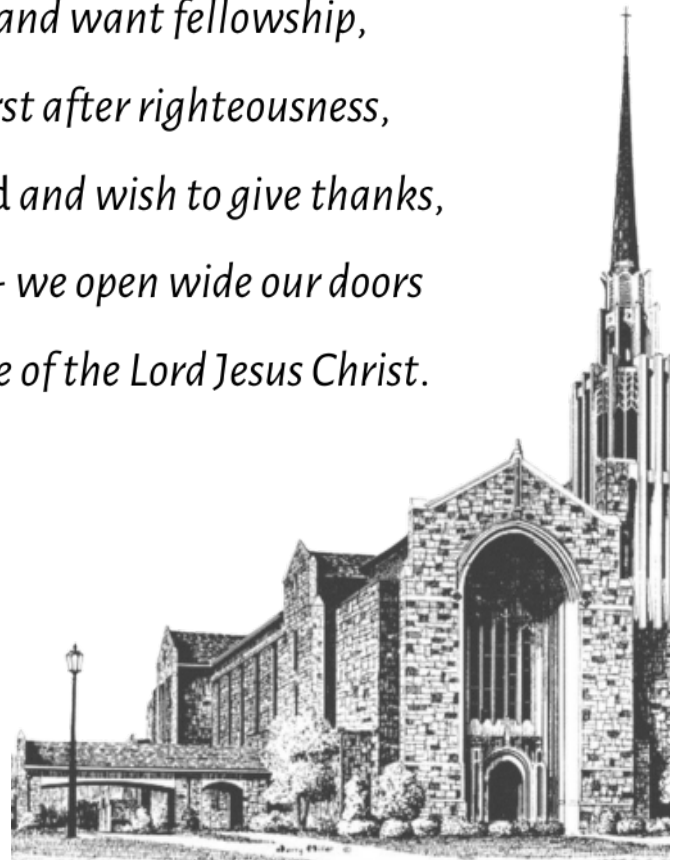
WELCOME

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.

NOVEMBER 16TH, 2025

TWENTY-THIRD 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:

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that bringing forth in abundance the fruit of good works, they may be abundantly rewarded when our Savior Jesus Christ comes to restore all things; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

- † HYMN No. 25

Father, in Whom We Live

DIADEMATA

Father in whom we live, in whom we are and move, the glory, pow'r and praise receive for Thy creating love. Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high, while earth repeats the joyful song, and echoes to the sky.

Incarnate Deity, let all the ransomed race render in thanks their lives to Thee for Thy redeeming grace. The grace to sinners shown ye heav'nly choirs proclaim, and cry: "Salvation to our God, salvation to the Lamb."

Spirit of holiness, let all Thy saints adore Thy sacred energy, and bless Thy heart-renewing pow'r. No angel tongues can tell Thy love's ecstatic height, the glorious joy unspeakable, the beatific sight.

Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above, let all on earth below record and dwell upon Thy love. When heav'n and earth are fled before Thy glorious face, sing all the saints Thy love hath made Thine everlasting praise.

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. 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 Rev. James Peeler who passed on 11/7

Carolyn Peeler
(Wife)

John Peeler
(Son)

Sympathy to Trish Kyle on the loss of her husband Perry Kyle, on 11/6

Sympathy to Ed Cornwell on the loss of his sister, Ann, on 11/6

Sympathy to the family of Jane Duncan who passed on 11/6

Sympathy to Mary Leslie Huntley & Sarah Huntley Kemm on the loss of their sister, Margaret "Peggy" Huntley Bossong, on 10/29

SOLO

Pie Jesu

Merciful Jesus, grant them everlasting rest.

Gabriel Faure

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.

† GLORIA PATRI NO. 33

MEINEKE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

† 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!

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 7:6-9 (Pg.955)

SERMON

"Live Your Gift"

Rev. Dr. 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

(The Altar is open for prayer.)

† HYMN No. 456

A Charge to Keep I Have

BOYLSTON

*A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify, a never-dying soul to save,
and fit it for the sky.*

*To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill; O may it all my pow'rs
engage to do my Master's will!*

*Arm me with jealous care, as in Thy sight to live, and O, Thy servant,
Lord, prepare a strict account to give!*

*Help me to watch and pray, and on Thyself rely, assured if I my trust
betray, I shall forever die.*

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

† 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

LOOKING FOR ALTAR
SERVERS!

WE ARE RECRUITING
FOR CRUCIFERS,
ACOLYTES AND BIBLE
BEARERS FOR OUR 11
AM SERVICE. IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO SERVE
IN THIS MINISTRY,
PLEASE CALL PRISCILLA
SMITH AT
336-848-9589.

SERVICE NOTES: Texts of
the Call to Worship, Old
Testament, Epistle, and
Gospel taken from the
English Standard Ver-
sion Bible, The Book of
Common Prayer, 2019,
Anglican Liturgy Press,
and The United Methodist
Book of Worship, © 1992
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome, guests! We're glad you're here. Scan the QR code to receive a free welcome gift. Nursery childcare is available for infants through 2-year-olds during the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services on the children's ministry hall (ask an usher for help finding it). Members and guests, please take a moment to fill out and pass the friendship folders in each row. Large-print hymnals are available in the Narthex.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

MONDAY, November 17 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Girl Scout Daisy Troop Cub Scouts Boy Scouts AA Meeting	Media Center Admin A220 Gathering Room Admin-Boy Scout Room 1 Adult Wing D208
TUESDAY, November 18 12:30 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal Griefshare Sea Scouts	Adult Wing D212 Adult Wing D203 Media Center
WEDNESDAY, November 19 7:20 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	John Willett's Men's Bible Study Pastor Jeff's Bible Study Prayer Shawl Ministry Handbell Rehearsal Vespers Wesley Memorial Kids' Games & Gospel Single & Parenting GriefShare Wesley Memorial Students (Grades 6-12) Disciple Bible Study WOW Bible Study Men's Bible Study Pastor Jeff's Bible Study Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Dining Hall Dining Hall Conference Room 3 Adult Wing D212 Chapel Children's Ministry Hall Adult Wing D202 Adult Wing D203 Student Gathering Circle View Room Student Soul Cafe Conference Room 3 Media Center Sanctuary
THURSDAY, November 20 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Contemporary Praise Team Rehearsal Ushers & Greeters Training AA Meeting AlAnon	Fellowship Hall Media Center Adult Wing D202 Adult Wing D201
SATURDAY, November 22 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Wesley 100 Meeting Griefshare: Surviving the Holidays	Circle View Room Media Center
SUNDAY, November 23 7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Televised Worship Service Traditional Worship AA Meeting Contemporary Worship Children's Ministry Sunday Funday Youth Sunday School Adult Sunday School Chancel Choir Rehearsal Traditional Worship Couples Group Children's Church	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D202 Fellowship Hall Children's Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing Adult Wing Sanctuary Sanctuary Circle View Room Children's Ministry Wing

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

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 Nov. 19th is Chicken Casserole, cranberry sauce, green beans, roll. The dessert is Pumpkin Praline Dessert. All dinners come with salad bar and bread.



Angels will be available for pick-up beginning **Sunday, November 16th**. Deliver gifts wrapped and labeled to the church by **Sunday, December 7th**. Angels will be on the Christmas trees in the Bridge Café, Sunday School area and the Narthex outside the sanctuary. Blessing one child at a time just as our Father continues to bless us!



Learn how to cope with difficult emotions and find ways to manage traditions and gatherings during this season. We will meet **Saturday, November 22** from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Media Center at Wesley Memorial. Breakfast and pastries will be provided. Link to register: www.wesleymemorial.org/holidays

Your Kindness Can Feed a Neighbor

As you all have been following in the news there is a desperate need for food. We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the next several weeks to help our local food pantries. Collected food items will be distributed to Macedonia Family Resource Center and Open-Door Ministries. **Items Needed:** Box mac n cheese, Canned Soup (Not condensed), Canned Meat (tuna, chicken, etc.), Hamburger, Spaghetti, Chicken, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cans that do not require openers, Bread, Grits, Rice, Ramen, Ravioli, Instant Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, & Cereal.

This is the perfect opportunity to exemplify the character of Jesus. Together, let's share God's blessings with others and make a meaningful difference.

THE WONDER OF IT ALL

CHURCH-WIDE

ADVENT STUDY 2025



Journey with us this Advent season as we explore *The Wonder of It All* together!

From **November 30 – December 24**, various small groups will gather throughout the week for reflection, fellowship, and meaningful conversation.

Books will be available for pickup on **November 23, 2025** prior to each service in the Bridge Café & Narthex.

Choose the group that fits your schedule and sign up today!

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Thanks to your generosity, the Adult Spiritual Formation Team was able to purchase books for every participant. While there is no cost for the books, donations are gratefully accepted to support future studies.

Happening Friday, December 5th!

Lighting of the Christmas Tree

The lighting of the tree will be held on **6 p.m.** in the Circle Parking Lot. Join us as we gather around the Christmas tree with family and friends, singing Christmas carols, and celebrating the joy of the season.

Poinsettia Delivery for REACH Members

Please help Congregational Care share Christmas love with our REACH members. We will be distributing poinsettias for delivery from **6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** after the tree lighting. Drive through the porte cochere at the side entrance to the narthex where we will load your car. You may request the number of poinsettias you wish to deliver along with specific neighborhoods or specific recipients. There are a few minor changes to delivery instructions in compliance with our Safe Church policies. These changes will be shared during pickup in the narthex. Share the joy of giving this Christmas season!

Stephen Ministry Informational Meeting

Interested in learning more about becoming a Stephen Minister? Join us for an informational meeting on **Tuesday, December 2** at 4 p.m. in the room D201 in the Adult Wing. For questions, please call Barbara Coughlin at 336-414-6350, Mary Hooper at 704-999-9878, or Cathy Weaver at 336-689-6279.

Nov. Food Collection: Fairview Backpack Ministry
Help Feed Children Over Christmas Break. In November our monthly food collection will go to the Fairview Elementary School Backpack Ministry. This ministry helps ensure that 80 children have food during their Christmas break when school meals are unavailable. We encourage everyone to focus their efforts on supporting this important initiative. We need your help! Please bring single-serving food items to place in backpacks for the students. Ideas include:

Drinks: Juice boxes | **Breakfast:** Cereal boxes/cups, Pop-Tarts, granola bars, muffin packs | **Meals:** Chef Boyardee cups, ravioli, beefaroni, pork and beans, mac and cheese cups | **Snacks:** Fruit cups/cans, pudding cups, Jello cups, cookies, chips, pretzels, Rice Krispy Treats, Goldfish|

Donations will be collected on through **November 29**. You can drop off items anytime between these dates in the designated bins located in the Administrative Area. Thank you for helping us share love and support with the children at Fairview Elementary this holiday season!

100%

The amount of gratitude Wesley Women has for the many volunteers, donors and supporters of the 52nd Carolina Christmas Bazaar. Thank you, we couldn't do it without you!



This is the Christmas party you do NOT want to miss!

Join us Saturday December 6th at 11:30AM in the Dining Hall for Gingerbread Bash where your family will build a gingerbread nativity while celebrating the birth of Jesus. More than that, you'll hear the Christmas story from the Bible, eat lunch, sing songs, play games, and discover the good news of Jesus!

Sign up today at WesleyMemorial.org/Gingerbread

We want to Honor the birth of your Baby!

As we approach the celebration of the birth of our savior, we want to honor all the births within our congregation since November 2024. If you are a member and have received a new baby into your family (child or grandchild) since last November of 2024, please send your baby's full name, date of birth, parent/grandparent information, and a good quality picture to Isabel at icruzvalencia@wesley memorial.org **Monday, December 1** to be featured in our **December 7** bulletin.



Heart of the Triad Christmas Concert

Wesley Memorial is delighted to host the Heart of the Triad Choral Society for their 2025 Christmas Concert, "Merry and Bright!" HTCS is a non-profit community choir made up of singers from across the Piedmont Triad. Performances will be held on **Friday, December 12, at 7 p.m.** & **Saturday, December 13, at 3 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. We're excited that our own Wesley Memorial children have been invited to take part! Come and celebrate the season with this festive choral event.

Christmas Memorials: Honor Your Loved Ones

This Christmas season, you can honor or remember a loved one by ordering wreaths or poinsettias to decorate the church. To place your order, visit wesley memorial.org/memorials2025 and fill out the form, or contact Isabel Cruz via email at icruzvalencia@wesley memorial.org or call 336-812-4808. The deadline for ordering and submitting payment is **Monday, December 15**. Memorials will be listed in the December 21 bulletin. Wreaths are available for \$30 & poinsettias for \$25 each.

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 wesley memorial.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 **Sunday, December 14, 2025**. Thank you for helping us honor and bless our wonderful staff this holiday season!

The Christmas Drive Thru Experience

Sunday, December 14 from 5pm-6:30pm is an audio narrated journey through the Christmas story. Every year 150+ vehicles visit our campus to drive through the experience, and it takes 30+ volunteers to accomplish this powerful evangelistic outreach to our community. Help set up or tear down! Be an angel, Mary, or Joseph! In addition to live animals with the nativity, this year we will also be providing refreshments in the front circle so guests can connect with our church. This is a great service opportunity for entire Sunday school classes, small groups, families, children and youth. To sign up for your spot, visit wesleymemorial.org/drive or call 336-884-2204. Let's make this our best year yet!

Membership Updates

In efforts to keep our membership database updated, we are asking all members to report any family changes. Change examples include birth, marriage, baptism, transfer, death in family, and any changes to contact information such as email, phone #, and address. If you are not a member, but are very active in the church, please feel free to reach out and update your information as well! To send your updates please email info@wesleymemorial.org or email icruzvalencia@wesleymemorial.org for further questions.

WESLEY MEMORIAL'S ANNUAL
WHITE CHRISTMAS
GIFT COLLECTION
December 14th, 2025

When you arrive to service, please keep your gifts with you until called to bring the gifts up to the altar. These gifts will go to West End Ministries and Leslie's House to provide essentials to men and women using those facilities. Items should be wrapped in white paper and may be brought up to the altar rail/platform during the final song. Items specific to men should be marked for West End Ministries and those for women to Leslie's House.

Requested items:
coats (L, XL, XXL), sweatshirts (L, XL, XXL), white socks, stocking caps, scarfs, gloves, flip flops, blankets, twin sheets, toiletries, and canned goods

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."

Looking Ahead

Several upcoming dates to note in the life of our church:

- Rise Against Hunger will take place Feb. 1, 2026.
- Evensong service is set for March 1, 2026 at 4 p.m.
- Gary Chapman returns on March 7, 2026.
- Community Impact Serving Day March 14, 2026
- The School of Methodism will be March 20-21, 2026

"...Choose this day whom you will serve



... As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

It is a Holy time for our Wesley Memorial family. We are in a season of prayer and fasting as each of us reflects on God's goodness to us and our response. We are Christ-centered serving, growing, and giving community. Each year we set aside this time to prayerfully and intentionally seek God's direction for how we will live faithfully as God's people. Please join your Wesley Memorial family in filling out and returning the Serving, Growing and Giving Response Forms. Visit our website at wesleymemorial.org/wearewesley to learn more about what the Lord is accomplishing through your generosity.



SCAN to fill out forms online!

Cover the City Blanket Drive

We are excited to announce that our annual Cover the City Blanket Drive is well underway! **This drive will run through the whole month of November.** Collection boxes will be available at all three services for your donations of blankets.

As you snuggle in your warm bed this season, please remember those who are less fortunate. Over the past 10 years, this organization has collected more than 100,000 blankets, and this year, the need is greater than ever. Let us not forget the pressing needs in our local community.

We encourage you to dig deep and help us make this drive a success! If you don't have blankets to donate, you can still contribute by marking your check "Cover the City." Thank you for your generosity!