# 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

# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 9th, 2025 Sanctuary

11:00 am

Prelude

Amazing Grace

Robert Hebble

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**

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus

Alice Parker

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms. In the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! there are ten thousand charms. Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love. Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace. Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms. In the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! there are ten thousand charms.

† 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, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations, and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

† HYMN No. 115

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners

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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 JANE MYERS, WHO PASSED AWAY 3/2.

Charles Myers (Husband)
Charles Myers Jr. (Son)

RECENT
HOSPITALIZATION:
Nathan Walker

# ABOUT CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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



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

### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

#### GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## **OFFERTORY**

Come Ye Disconsolate

Alice Parker

Come, you disconsolate, where'er you languish; come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.

Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish; earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate, light of the straying, hope, when all others die, fadeless and pure! Here speaks the Comforter, in mercy saying, "Earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot cure."

Here see the bread of life; see waters flowing forth from the throne of God, pure from above. Come to the feast prepared; come, ever knowing earth has no sorrows but heaven can remove.

## † Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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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

TESTIMONY

Lissa Albany

SCRIPTURE LESSON

SERMON Matt Reynolds

† Hymn No. 317 He Wills That I Should Holy Be

**HAMBURG** 

(The Altar is open for prayer.)

† BENEDICTION

#### † The CHORAL BENEDICTION

Lead Me, Lord

S.S. Wesley

Lead me Lord in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou Lord only that makest me dwell in safety.

† CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

#### 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.



Anna Laura Page

† 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. 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

Welcome New Members!

Alice Gallimore Kim Gallimore Emily Gallimore (Daughter)

Join us in celebrating
Lillian Kimrey's
107TH BIRTHDAY!
To make her feel loved
on her special day, we
invite you to send a
birthday card! Please call
the church office for her
address.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY ARE GIVEN
TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN
MEMORY OF JANE ELAINE WRIGHT MYERS,
BY HER FAMILY.

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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)!

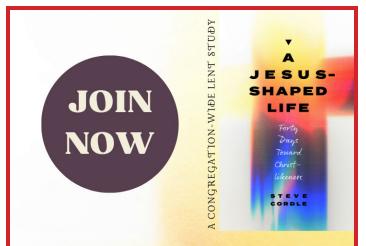
Attendance: please fill out and pass the friendship folders located in each row.

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 10		
10:30 a.m.	Monday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Jeff	Media Center
12:00 p.m.	Lent Small Group (for all ages)	Adult Wing D201
5:30 p.m.	Ball & Bible	Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m.	Lent Small Group (for all ages)	Adult Wing D201
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 11		
12:30 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal	Adult Wing D212
1:30 p.m.	Card Ministry Meeting	Circle View Room
6:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Circle View Room
6:30 p.m.	Lent Small Group (for all ages)	Adult Wing D201
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WEDNESDAY, March 12	Inlin Milling Many Dilla Charles	Dinin - 11-11
7:20 a.m.	John Willett's Men's Bible Study	Dining Hall
9:30 a.m.	Revelation Bible Study with Pastor Jeff	Dining Hall
12:00 p.m.	Lent Small Group (for ages 40+)	Adult Wing D201
1:30 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Conference Room 3
5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Dinner (served until 6:30 p.m.)	Dining Hall
5:30 p.m.	Vespers	Chapel
5:30 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal	Adult Wing D208
6:00 p.m.	Wesley Memorial Kids Games & Gospel (Ages 0-11)	Children's Ministry Wing
6:00 p.m.	Student Ministry Midweek Motivation	Student Ministry Wing
6:15 p.m.	W.O.W. (Women of Wesley) Bible Study	Student Wing - C111
6:15 p.m.	Disciple II	Circle View Room
6:15 p.m.	Lent Small Group (for ages 60+)	Small Dining Room
6:15 p.m.	Lent Small Group (for couples with school-aged children)	Adult Wing D201
6:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Conference Room 3
6:30 p.m.	Praise Team Interest Meeting	Dining Hall
6:45 p.m.	Revelation Bible Study with Pastor Jeff	Media Center
6:45 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
THURSDAY, March 13		
7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	Adult Wing D202
7:30 p.m.	AlAnon	Adult Wing D201
SATURDAY, March 15		
8:30 a.m.	Wesley 100 Men's Group Meeting	Dining Hall
9:00 a.m.	Stained Glass Window Tour	Sanctuary
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SUNDAY, March 16		WALLE BOTT
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.	Lent Small Group (for all ages)	Adult Wing D201



# 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!

# To Key Dates:

- 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.



### 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 March 12th is pork tenderloin with mashed potatoes and green beans.

#### Ioin 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!



# THE WINDOWS @ WESLEY: MORE TOURS

The wonderful stained glass windows in Wesley's sanctuary are a marvel that dazzles the eye and lifts the spirit.

Now there is an opportunity to know and understand them in a deeper way with Wesley's Window Tour Guides. The all-volunteer group will be offering the first tours of the season on

## Saturday, March 15, at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

The guides will detail the history of the space and the windows, and highlight the stories – there are a lot of them, 135 Bible stories by last count – that the windows tell. For the opening tour this year, the **Prayer Window** will be featured.

To help us make these tours as meaningful and enjoyable as possible, we ask that congregation members register for a specific tour. Just call the church office (336-884-2204) on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and give them your name and the names of those attending with you. Tours will be limited to the first 30 individuals who register.



More tours are coming! The Guides will offer two more spring tours on May 10, and fall tours on Oct. 4 & Nov. 1.

Groups, from both inside and outside the church, are also encouraged to arrange special tours at a convenient time. Contact the church office, or email tuckermitchell4104@gmail.com for more information.

We'll look forward to seeing you in the sanctuary, on a tour!

#### **Tour Wesley's Windows**

Wesley's first, stained glass window tour day, just for Wesley members, is set for Saturday, March 15.

- Tour 1 9 a.m.
- Tour 2 -- 11 a.m.

Register at the church office, in person or by calling 336-884-2204.



Join us for the First-Ever MERGE: Day of Service On Saturday, March 22, Wesley Memorial is launching MERGE: Day of Service, a new opportunity for our church family to serve alongside local mission partners and make a real impact in our community. Whether you're painting, gardening, organizing, or lending a helping hand in another way, there's a place

This is more than just a service day—it's a chance to build relationships, live out our faith, and show the love of Christ to our neighbors. We encourage individuals, families, and groups to participate.

Be part of this special day! Learn more and sign up at wesleymemorial.org/merge

# 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

for everyone to get involved.

- Core beliefs of the Methodist Church
- Discover your own gifts for your ministry
- Service opportunities
- Meet clergy team & church staff
- And much, much more!

Your starting point to join the Wesley Memorial Church Family!

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

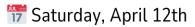
RSVP with Pastor Clark Chilton via email at cchilton@wesleymemorial.org or via phone at 336-812-4813 by March10th

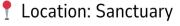
#### **Easter Flower Delivery**

Celebrate Easter by delivering flowers to REACH members of our congregation, including those who are homebound. Join the Congregational Care Team on Friday, April 11th, from 6 to 7 p.m. Drive through the porte cochere at the narthex side entrance to pick up flowers for delivery. Help us share Easter joy with our church family!

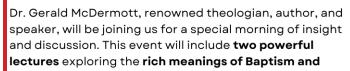
# JOIN US FOR A MORNING WITH

# Dr. Gerald McDermott









Holy Communion—two of the greatest gifts to the Christian community. As we prepare our hearts for Holy Week, Dr. McDermott will offer insights into these sacred practices and their significance in the life of faith. With a distinguished career in Christian theology, the history of Christianity, and the Jewish roots of our faith, Dr.

McDermott brings a wealth of knowledge and experience. He has authored, co-authored, or edited 25 books and is recognized as a leading authority on Jonathan Edwards, Christian understandings of other religions, Anglicanism, and the significance of Israel in redemption history. His latest book, A New History of Redemption: The Work of the Jewish Messiah Through the Millennia (2024), explores the story of salvation with Israel at its center.

#### Why Attend?

- Deepen your understanding of Baptism and Holy Communion
- Gain fresh theological insights from a globally respected scholar
- Explore the deep connections between Christianity and its Jewish roots
- Engage in meaningful discussion in a welcoming setting

### Additional Highlights!

- EDr. McDermott's books will be available for purchase
- Following the event, Tucker will lead Stained Glass Tours in the Sanctuary

\$ No cost for the lectures, but registration is encouraged.

📞 To register, contact the front desk.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn from one of the most respected voices in Christian theology today.

#### **Easter Memorials**

Our worship spaces will be decorated with Easter Lilies on Easter Sunday. To place an order in remembrance or celebration of a loved one, kindly reach out to Isabel at 336-812-4808 or icruzvalencia@wesleymemorial.org before April 11. Each lily is priced at \$26.

#### **Holy Week & Easter Schedule**

Holy Week is a time to reflect on the pivotal moments of Jesus Christ's last week, from His triumphant entry into Jerusalem to His resurrection, shaping both history and the Christian faith. Through the Sacred Triduum—Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday—we immerse ourselves in His journey, pausing to remember His sacrifice, meditate on His teachings, and renew our commitment as His disciples today. Through worship and contemplation, we allow the events of Holy Week to shape our lives and bear witness to Christ's transformative power. Below is a preview of the Holy Week calendar.

### Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025

7:30 a.m. TV Service on WGHP FOX8

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Chapel)

9:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall)

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

5:30 p.m. Vespers in the Chapel

Holy Communion and Anointing of Oil

Thursday, April 17, 2025

7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary) *Holy Communion to commemorate the Last Supper* 

Friday, April 18, 2025

7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)

Saturday, April 19, 2025

7:30 p.m. Holy Saturday Service (Sanctuary)

Candlelight service and baptismal reaffirmation

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at the Columbarium

7:30 a.m. TV Service on WGHP FOX8

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Chapel)

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall)

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

#### **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