

# 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*

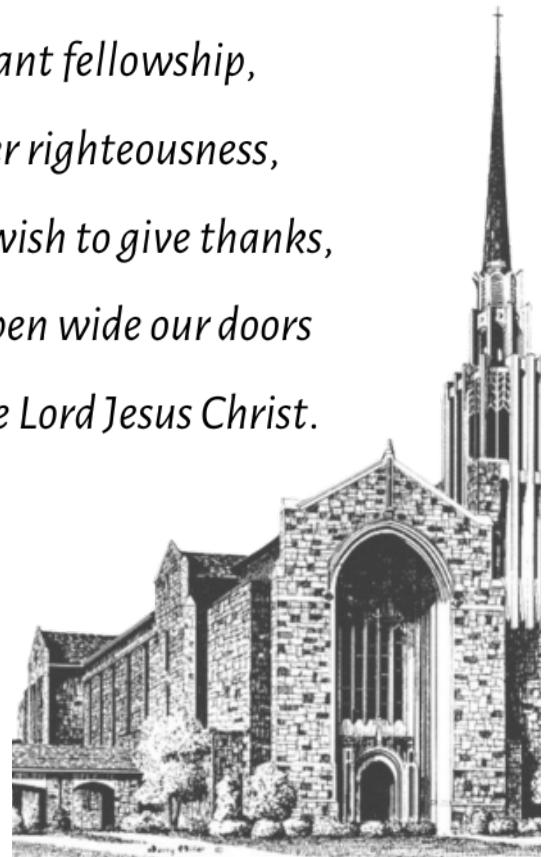
*and offer welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**JANUARY 4TH, 2026**

**EPIPHANY SUNDAY ~ HOLY COMMUNION**

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY 11:00 A.M.**

*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

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

arr. 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.

† 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:

**O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

† HYMN No. 209

*As With Gladness Men of Old*

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*As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright, so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to Thee.*

*As with joyful steps they sped, to that lowly manger bed, there to bend the knee before Him whom heav'n and earth adore, so, may we with willing feet ever seek Thy mercy seat.*

*As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare, so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.*

*Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way; and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds Thy glory hide.*

† 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.

## RECENT SURGERY

Amy Tucker  
Billy Koontz

## ABOUT CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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



ON COMMUNION SUNDAYS WE PROFESS THE NICENE CREED, 325 AD, THAT PROFESSES THE FAITH OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH.

## 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.



## † SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### BLESSING OF CHILDREN

*(children proceed to the front for a blessing and then exit through the pulpit side door for Children's Church)*

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12 (Pg.807)

### SERMON

*"Adoration."*

Rev. Jeff Patterson

## † NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic\* and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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## 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!**

## † 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:

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!

*Please be Seated*

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. After receiving, you may kneel at the prayer rail. (If you are unable to come forward and would like to be served at your seat, please let an usher know.)*

#### MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

##### HYMN No. 208

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

**KINGS OF ORIENT**

*We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.*

*Refrain: O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

*Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown Him again; King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. Refrain*

*Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a Deity nigh; prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high. Refrain*

JOIN US IN  
WELCOMING OUR  
NEWEST MEMBERS!

Joy Dupin  
Ken Dupin

*Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.  
Refrain*

*Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice; Alleluia!  
Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies. Refrain*

HYMN No. 188

*The First Noel*

THE FIRST NOEL

*The first Noel, the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields  
as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold  
winter's night that was so deep.*

*Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel; Born is the King of Israel.*

*They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far,  
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and  
night. Refrain*

*And by the light of that same star, three wise men came from country  
far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever  
it went. Refrain*

*This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay.  
Refrain*

*Then entered in those wise men three, full rev'rently upon their knee,  
and offered there in His presence their gold, and myrrh, and  
frankincense. Refrain*

*Then let us all, with one accord, sing praises to our heav'nly Lord, that  
hath made heav'n and earth of naught, and with His blood our life hath  
bought. Refrain*

† BENEDICTION

† CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

† POSTLUDE

*Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts*

Camille Saint-Saëns

† Those who are able please stand.

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**WORSHIP LEADERS:**

Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor

Reverend Clark Chilton, Contemporary Worship/Evangelism

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

Reverend Lisa Tanico, Senior Adult Ministry

Reverend Dr. Glenn Myers, Pastor of Visitation

Chancel Choir

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

Mr. Chris Ward, Organist

Mr. James Robbins, Acolyte

Mr. David Robbins, Acolyte

Mr. REN Niebauer, Crucifer

Mr. Hudson Keunnen, Bible

Mrs. Martha Bass, usher

Mr. Bert Klemme, usher

Mr. George Morris, usher

Mrs. Ardith Pugh, usher

Mr. Randy Neibauer, usher

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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

<b>MONDAY, January 5</b> 10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Bible and Ball Girl Scout Daisy Troop Cub Scouts Boy Scouts AA Meeting	Media Center Fellowship Hall WMS Workroom A201 Sunday School A224 Picnic Shelter Adult Wing D208
<b>TUESDAY, January 6</b>		
<b>WEDNESDAY, January 7</b> 7:20 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 5:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:30 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 Wednesday Night Dinner Handbell Rehearsal Vespers Wesley Memorial Kids' Games & Gospel Wesley Memorial Students (Grades 6-12) Disciple Bible Study WOW Bible Study Men's Bible Study Pastor Jeff's Bible Study Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary Dining Hall Dining Hall Adult Wing D212 Chapel Children's Ministry Hall Student Gathering Circle View Room Student Soul Cafe Conference Room 3 Media Center Sanctuary
<b>THURSDAY, January 8</b> 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Contemporary Praise Team Rehearsal AA Meeting AlAnon	Fellowship Hall Adult Wing D202 Adult Wing D201
<b>SUNDAY, January 11</b> 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. 11:15 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 Children's Church	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D202 Fellowship Hall Children's Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing Adult Wing Sanctuary Sanctuary Children's Ministry Wing

To view the full church calendar visit our website, [wesleymemorial.org/calendar](http://wesleymemorial.org/calendar)  
Visit [wesleymemorial.org/announcements](http://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 Jan. 7th is Brunswick Stew, mash potatoes, roll, salad bar, and dessert.

### Angel Tree Gratitude

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Angel Tree Christmas Gift program. As a result of your exceptional generosity, 104 children of incarcerated parents were provided toys and clothes on behalf of those parents. More importantly, you gave 45 families who are struggling with all the impacts of this separation, which can be magnified at this time of year, an affirmation of family connection.

The "heart" of your giving will last well beyond the pleasure provided by these gifts. Thank you again for this act of love and charity.

### A Grateful Heart from the Staff

Finally, the staff is overwhelmed by your kindness and thoughtfulness through the gifts and goodies shared with us. Your generosity has brightened our season and reminded us of the wonderful community we are privileged to serve.

Thank you for making us feel so appreciated!

You Are Cordially Invited

## Snow Flake Tea

January 17, 2:00

Wesley Memorial Church  
1225 Chestnut Drive  
High Point, NC  
Tickets \$20  
336-884-2204

Sponsored by the John Wesley Sunday School Class.

Proceeds to benefit missionaries.

## BIBLE STUDIES

REVEREND  
DR. JEFF PATTERSON



### THE MARKS OF A TRUE CHRISTIAN

Mondays, January 5 - May 11

📍 10:30-11:30 AM in Media Center

This is a verse-by-verse study of Romans 12-16 where Paul wrote about living as a Christian in this complicated world. You are welcomed to bring a Bible and fellowship around the Word. We love to welcome new people to Bible Study.

### A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS (PART 2)

Wednesdays, January 7 - May 13

📍 9:30 AM in Dining Hall

📍 6:45 PM in Media Center

This is a verse-by-verse study of Paul's letter as he continues to help a struggling church live as faithful Christians. In the second part of this letter, Paul covered topics like marriage, divorce, sexual purity, sensitivity to other believers, proper worship, the role of women in the church, spiritual gifts like healings and speaking in tongues, and the resurrection of the Body. Even if you were not able to participate in the first part of this study (Chapters 1-7), feel free to bring a Bible as we delve into the rest of this interesting letter on practical Christian living.

Please call the front desk to sign up!

336 - 884 - 2204

Community Pastors in Support of  
NEW LIFE FAMILY OUTREACH  
Present

# A Sanctity of Human Life

COMMUNITY SERVICE

## 01. 20. 2026

7:00 PM

Hosted by:

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METHODIST CHURCH

Featuring  
**Dr. Ben Carson**

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...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](http://wesleymemorial.org/wearewesley) to learn more about what the Lord is accomplishing through your generosity.

**SCAN to fill out forms**



### 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 reach out and update your information as well! Send your updates to email [info@wesleymemorial.org](mailto:info@wesleymemorial.org) or email [icruzvalencia@wesleymemorial.org](mailto:icruzvalencia@wesleymemorial.org) for further questions.

### Support the Good Shepherd Fund

Wesley Memorial has a special resource for church members in need of financial assistance called the Good Shepherd Fund. If you feel called to give to this important resource, please write Good Shepherd on the memo line of your check. Thank you for your support.

### Looking Ahead

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

- Sanctity of Life Community Service Jan. 20, 2026
- Rise Against Hunger will take place Feb. 1, 2026
- Leadership Summit Feb. 21, 2026
- Evensong service is set for March 1, 2026
- Gary Chapman returns on March 7, 2026
- Community Impact Serving Day March 14, 2026
- The School of Methodism will be March 20-21, 2026

### The Walk to Emmaus 2026

The Walk to Emmaus is a three-day retreat sponsored by Upperroom, held twice a year by the Piedmont Emmaus Community. 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 are March 12 -16 and the Women's Walk is from March 19 - 22. 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:

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### 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."