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A METHODIST CONGREGATION

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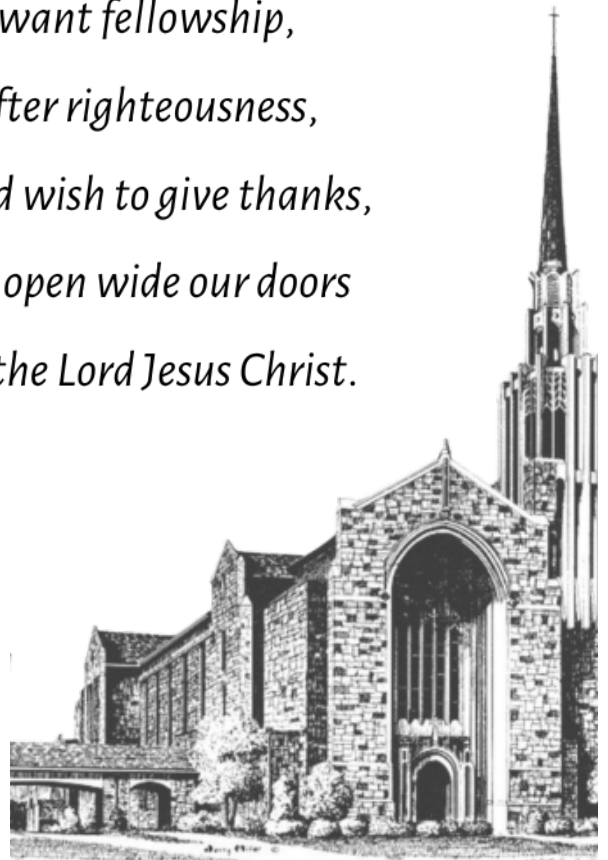
WELCOME

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.

MAY 3RD, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ HOLY COMMUNION

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL 8:30 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

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:

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. 101

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

REGENT SQUARE

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone; chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one; holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call Thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today! With Thy faithful lovingkindness hear Thy people as they pray, and Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.

Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants what they ask of Thee to gain: what they gain from Thee forever with the blessed to retain, and hereafter in Thy glory evermore with Thee to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one; one in might and one in glory, while unending ages run.

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 Linda Buchanan, who passed away on 4/24

RECENT SURGERY:
Jim Stevens

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

SOLO

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Vaughan Williams

Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death. Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest. Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy as none can move; such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Peter 2:1-10 (Pg.885)

SERMON

“Time to Grow Up”

Rev. Jeff Patterson

† NICENE CREED

We face the cross and profess in unison

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.

* universal

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 or text the word DETAILS to 94000 to give online.



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 to give our 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. 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 the prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy 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.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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.

Amen.

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 or gluten-free wafer. After dipping it into the cup, you may kneel at the prayer rail. Our Stephen Ministers are available if you wish for anointing with oil and prayer. (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

I Asked the Lord That I Might Grow O WALY WALY
I asked the Lord that I might grow in faith and love and every grace; might more of His salvation know, and seek more earnestly His face.

I hoped that in some favored hour at once He'd answer my request and, by His love's constraining power, subdue my sins and give me rest.

Instead of this, He made me feel the hidden evils of my heart— crossed all the fair designs I schemed, humbled my pride in every part.

The inward trials our God employs to set you free from pride and sin; to break your schemes of earthly joys that you may find your all in Him.

HYMN NO. 572 (v. 1,2,3 & 6)

Amazing Grace NEW BRITAIN
Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

† *All are invited to rise in body or spirit.*

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

TRIP INTEREST MEETINGS TODAY

Join us for one or both interest meetings TODAY in the Dining Hall. At 5 p.m. we will start the planning for the 2027 Israel trip and at 6 p.m., we will discuss the 2026 Italy trip (departs October 27, 2026). There are six spots left on the Italy trip. Besides a basic tour of these countries, we will also focus on our Christian roots. Come and learn more about these trip opportunities with Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson!

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Dear Church Family,

Grace and peace to you. We are entering an important and prayerful season in the life of our church as we prepare to begin the process of seeking the individual God is calling to serve as our next Senior Pastor. We approach this responsibility with humility, faith, and a deep commitment to follow His guidance.

We are pleased to share that the following individuals have agreed to serve on the **Pastoral Search Committee**:

WMMC Pastoral Search Committee

Team Leaders: Kathy Millis, Teresa Huffman

Ned Covington
Mary Sansing

Justin Ivy
Kyle Brown

Stephanie Beaver

We are grateful for their willingness to serve and ask that you keep them in your prayers as they lead this important work on behalf of our congregation.

During this transition, Pastor Ken Lyon will serve as our **Interim Senior Pastor** starting in September. We are thankful for his leadership, familiarity with our church family, and steady presence during this season.

Prayer will be central to this entire process. We invite you to join us as we seek God's wisdom and direction. Specifically, we are asking you to pray for discernment, wisdom, patience, trust in God's good plans for WMMC, faith in the Holy Spirit to lead us, and unity and cohesion of WMMC leadership.

Please pray as individuals and in your small groups, Bible studies, ministry teams and families. Details regarding other scheduled prayer opportunities will be shared in the coming weeks, and we encourage you to participate.

We value the voice of our congregation. On May 13, 2026, we will be mailing as well as emailing a **survey** designed to gather your input regarding the qualities, priorities, and leadership characteristics you feel are most important in our next Senior Pastor. Your feedback will play a meaningful role in shaping the search process. Please only fill out **one** survey, either the emailed survey or fill out the paper survey and place it in the designated receptacles around the church by June 3, 2026.

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As the church board, we have reviewed the **process** outlined by the Search Committee. The process includes the following phases:

1. Preparation
2. Candidate Identification
3. Candidate Evaluation
4. Finalist Process
5. Call and Transition

We are currently in the **preparation phase**. The Search Committee has reviewed search firms that specialize in faith-based appointments, and the board has approved the firm that will assist WMMC in this endeavor. We are in the process of reviewing and refining the Senior Pastor job description and other documents that will assist the recruiting firm with finding the right candidate for our church.

We plan to embark on the second phase, **candidate identification**, in September. All candidates will be vetted by the approved search firm, reviewed by the Committee, and finalists will be presented to the Board. The Board will extend the final call to the minister who will lead us into the next chapter of our church.

Scripture reminds us:

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ~Jeremiah 29:11

We are confident that God is already at work preparing the right leader for our church. Let's move forward together in faith, unity, and prayer.

Thank you for your continued love, support, and commitment to our church family.

Board of Directors
Wesley Memorial Methodist Church



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, May 4 10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Pastor Jeff's Bible Study Bible & Ball Cub Scouts Daisy Scouts Boy Scouts AA Meeting	Media Center Fellowship Hall Dining Hall Admin - A220/A221 Boy Scout I Room Adult Wing D208
TUESDAY, May 5 12:45 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal Seasons of Sorrow Sea Scouts	Adult Wing D212 Adult Wing D203 Boy Scout I Room
WEDNESDAY, May 6 7:20 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 5:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 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 Vespers Handbells Rehearsal Children's Choir Rehearsal Wesley Memorial Kids' Games & Gospel Wesley Memorial Students WOW Bible Study Men's Bible Study Pastor Jeff's Bible Study Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Dining Hall Dining Hall Dining Hall Chapel Adult Wing D212 Admin A220/A221 Children's Ministry Hall Student Ministry Wing Student Soul Cafe Conference Room 3 Media Center Choir Room
THURSDAY, May 7 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
SUNDAY, May 10 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. 10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	MOTHER'S DAY Televised Worship Service Traditional Worship AA Meeting Contemporary Worship Children's Ministry Sunday Funday Youth Sunday School Adult Sunday School Chancel Choir Rehearsal Contemporary Unity Group Traditional Worship Children's Church	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D202 Fellowship Hall Children's Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing Adult Wing Choir Room Dining Hall Sanctuary 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 May 6th is pork tacos, cilantro-lime rice, black beans, salad bar, and dessert. Payment not required, but donations encouraged! Reminder that our last dinner will be on May 13th!

ACTIVITIES FOR
JUST OLDER YOUTH
AGES 60+



Events Column

May 2026

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SHELF LIFE BOOK CLUB

Local Author Shirene Gentry will be discussing her book *Identity Unveiled: Daughter of the King of Kings* @ 1:30 PM in the Media Center

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SENIOR APPRECIATION MEAL:
SANTO "THE NEIL DIAMOND GUY"
Shag Lessons @ 5:30 PM
Dinner served @ 6:30 PM
Menu is shrimp boil. Bring a lawn chair - outdoor at the picnic shelter.



📅 Sunday, May 17th, 2026

🕒 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

📍 Dining Hall at Wesley Memorial

Bring the whole family and help Wesley Memorial pack 36,000 meals for global hunger relief! Scan the QR Code to register or visit wesleymemorial.org/rise



WESLEY MEMORIAL

GRADUATION *Sunday*



MAY 17TH, 2026
11 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Parents and grandparents of graduating seniors—we would love to celebrate this special milestone with you and your student on Graduate Sunday!

GRADUATES ARE INVITED TO:

- Attend a reception before the 11 a.m. service
- Wear their cap and gown
- Receive a special blessing and sermon
- Be celebrated alongside their church family

FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM AT

WESLEMEMORIAL.ORG/GRADUATES AND SUBMIT A
◀◀◀ PHOTO OF YOUR GRADUATE TO LIZ AT ▶▶▶
LNEEDHAM@WESLEMEMORIAL.ORG BY 5/11

IF YOU HAVE A COLLEGE GRADUATE YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE IN OUR GRADUATE SUNDAY INSERT, PLEASE FILL OUT THE SAME FORM ON OUR WEBSITE

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 helping maintain this fund that helps our church family.

THE BIG DROP
@ WESLEY MEMORIAL

**WEDNESDAY
MAY 20
6:00 P.M.**

YOU'RE INVITED!
Join us for the most smashingly fun event of the year! During "The Big Drop", you'll get to play games, eat sweet treats, and let gravity do its thing as stuff drops from way up high and goes KERSPLAT! Everyone will hear the story of Jesus' first disciples and discover how we too can drop everything and follow Him.

Mini Tours

WESLEY'S WINDOWS

Upcoming Tour Dates:
Sunday, May 24th | Sunday, June 28th

*Tours Last 15- 20 Minutes
*Meet the Window Team at the front of the Sanctuary after the 11 am Traditional Service.

Look for the Window Tour Sign!

Scan to see what's happening in our Children's and Student Ministries!

WESLEY STUDENTS

WESLEY KIDS

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Eucharist Ministry Invitation

We invite you to consider joining our Eucharist Ministry. Through this special ministry, we share Holy Communion with our REACH members in their homes once a month. While this work happens quietly, its impact is meaningful. It brings comfort, connection, and a reminder that they remain a cherished part of our church family, even when they are unable to be with us in person. If you feel called to be part of this caring ministry, or would like to learn more, please contact Abbigail at Afelton@wesleymemorial.org

Prayer Shawl Ministry

You're invited to join our Prayer Shawl Ministry—a beautiful time of fellowship, creativity, and care for others. We meet every **Wednesday from 1:30–3:00 pm** in Conference Room 3, and everyone is welcome! If you're new, we're happy to teach you—just bring a willing heart and a desire to serve; no knitting experience required! Come be part of a ministry that wraps others in prayer, one stitch at a time.

Comfort Pillow Ministry

If you have a sewing machine and a heart for service we need you to sew pillow shells for our pillow ministry! It is quick and simple flat sewing, but with over 700 shells, we need all the help we can rally. Yearly we deliver 360 comfort pillows to hospice and 360 comfort pillows to the cancer center. These pillows are received with much gratitude during times of great difficulty.

We hope you will help. For more information contact Susan Samuel at 336-819-1482 or Emilie Rogers at 336-471-1678

Now Enrolling for the Upcoming School Year!



Wesley Memorial School is now accepting enrollment for Nursery, Preschool, and Kindergarten! We provide a loving, faith-centered environment where children grow academically, socially, and most importantly, spiritually. Through engaging lessons, play-based learning, and Biblical foundations, we nurture each child's unique gifts and curiosity.

If you're looking for a place where your child will be known, loved, and encouraged to thrive, we would be honored to partner with your family.

Matthew 19:14 "but Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.'"

Spots are limited—register today!

For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact us at agatewood@wesleymemorial.org

MARRIAGE NIGHT



AT WESLEY MEMORIAL

CATERED BY



\$30

Per
Couple



Join us for Marriage Night at Wesley Memorial, an evening designed to encourage, strengthen, and celebrate the gift of marriage in a Christ-centered setting. Scan the QR code to register and learn more!

SCAN ME!



SHIRENE GENTRY

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Local author & member of Green Street Baptist in High Point will speak on: *Unveiling Presence: Unveil what it means to be present in today's age and culture.*

 **15th**
MAY

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 **6pm-9pm**
DINNER INCLUDED