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

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY HOLY COMMUNION

February 2nd, 2025

Sanctuary

11:00 am

Prelude Adagio

John Stainer

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

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

† 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. 35
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

† Prayers of Confession

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pray in Unison

O holy merciful God, we confess that we have not always taken upon ourselves the yoke of obedience, nor been willing to seek and to do your perfect will. We have not loved you with all our heart and mind and soul and strength, neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. You have called us in the need of our sisters and brothers, and we have passed unheeding on our way. In the pride of our hearts, and our unwillingness to repent, we have turned away from the cross of Christ, and have grieved your Holy Spirit. 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 James Beck on the passing of his brother, Rev. Joseph Beck, on 1/17.

HEALTH CONCERN: Barbara Beck

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 OR code to the right or text the word DETAILS to 94000 to give online.



† Sharing the Peace of Christ (children proceed to the pulpit side door for Children's Church)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

SERMON

Hebrews 2:14-18 (Pg. 1002)

Rev. Jeff Patterson

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

"He Himself Likewise Partook"

† 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

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

How Great Thou Art

Dan Forrest

† 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.

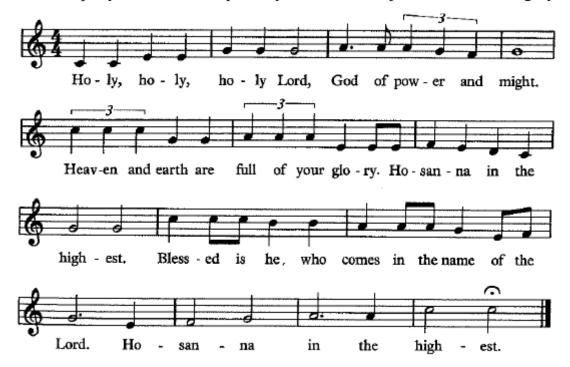
Lift up your hearts.

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:



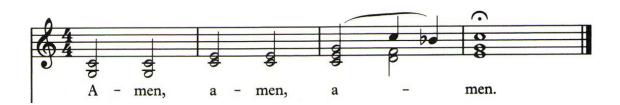
Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation. You sent a star to guide wise men to where the Christ was born; and in your signs and witnesses, in every age and through all the world, you have led your people from far places to his 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. 486

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

CLEANSING FOUNTAIN

Hymn No. 531 To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

† Benediction



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

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† THE CHORAL BENEDICTION Sevenfold Amen

John Stainer

† CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

† Postlude *Allegretto*

John Stainer

† 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. Edwin Bass, Usher

Mr. Bart Lassiter, Usher

Mr. Bradley Gibson, Usher

Mr. Wray Hodgin, Usher

Mr. Bill Bradner, Usher

Mr. James Robbins, Acolyte

Mr. David Robbins, Acolyte

Mr. Colton Maines, Crucifer

Miss Brielle Keunnen, Bible

SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS: HEBREWS 2:14-18

- 1. Today's Scripture passage delves into the significance of the Incarnation—that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine. When we profess that Jesus is fully human, we are reminded that He understands and has experienced all that we experience—the joys, the sufferings, the temptations, and everything in between. How does the truth of a God who understands our day-to-day struggles give us a sense of comfort and strength?
- 2. Jesus is also fully divine. As today's verses proclaim, Christ defeated death and evil and "became a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people." How does the truth of a God who overcomes the world give us a sense of hope and peace?
- 3. Our sermon series this month is "Go and Tell." As you think about your everyday responsibilities, interactions, and relationships, how can you witness to the Good News of the Incarnation this week?

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)!

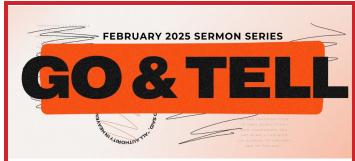
Attendance: please fill out and pass the friendship folders located in each row.

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

MONDAY, February 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
WEDNESDAY, February 5		
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
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
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
6:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Conference Room 3
6:45 p.m.	Revelation Bible Study with Pastor Jeff	Media Center
6:45 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
THURSDAY, February 6		
10:30 a.m.	"Life After Life" by Charletta Phillips	Media Center
7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	Adult Wing D202
7:30 p.m.	AlAnon	Adult Wing D201
SATURDAY, February 8		
8:30 a.m.	Leadership Summit	Dining Hall
SUNDAY, February 9	Scout Sunday	
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
12:30 p.m.	Sharing Joy Lunch & Bingo (ALL AGES)	Dining Hall
2:00 p.m.	Student Ministry Confirmation Class	Student Ministry Wing



Give Your Testimony in February

On the heels of the January sermon series of "Come and See", our February sermon series, "Go and Tell", starts today. The Christian has such good news to share with the world! Sharing the personal experience of your faith in Christ can be the most powerful sort of witness. Throughout February we are looking for Wesley Memorial members who want to share their faith. If you feel called to give a pre-recorded video testimony, or a live Sunday morning testimony, please contact Rev. Clark Chilton at cchilton@wesleymemorial.org or 336-812-4813.

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 February 5th is hot dogs with chili and chips.. All dinners come with salad bar, roll, and dessert. The cost is free, but donations are accepted.

"Life After Life" with Dr. Charletta Phillips

Discover the transformative power of near-death experiences in "Life After Life," a thought-provoking discussion led by Dr. Charletta Phillips. Join us in the Media Center on Thursday, February 6 from 10:30 to 11:30 AM as we explore how these extraordinary experiences have changed lives. Contact the church office at 336-884.2204 to register.

Leadership Summit - February 8 at 8:30 a.m.

All administrative teams and committee members are

invited to Wesley Memorial's 2025 Leadership Summit on February 8th, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in the Dining Hall. Please plan to join us for this important event!





February Card Ministry

Snail Mail rocks, especially when it comes to cards. So spread some joy as part of the Caring Card Crew! Join us every second Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Circle View Room as we discuss current prayer concerns, and make plans to send cards to our Wesley Memorial family. You'll choose names from the prayer list and directory, and during the month send a card to those you've selected. Nothing is required at this meeting except a heart for making someone smile! There's no registration needed, either. Simply come as you can and know that you're bringing a smile to many in our congregation. Our next meeting with be Tuesday, February 11th.

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."

Faith Mentors Needed - Confirmation 2025

Are you interested in making an everlasting investment in our church? Do you want to see what God can do through you in the year 2025? If you answered yes to either one of these questions or if you have a desire to pour into the next generation of faithful followers, join us for Confirmation 2025 as a Faith Mentor and walk alongside our students as they continue to form and grow their faith. Interested? Contact Chase Harris at charris@wesleymemorial.org.

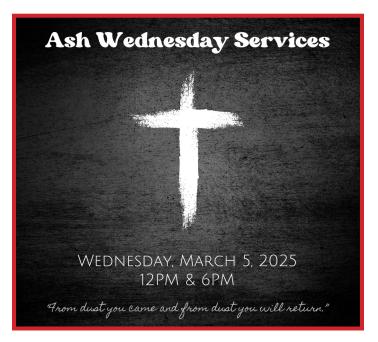
Senior Adult Winter Outing to TAG

Join fellow senior adults for a special Winter Outing designed exclusively for senior adults aged 60 and above! On Thursday, February 27, the group will enjoy a fun art class at TAG (The Art Gallery) at Congdon Yards, located at 400 West English Road, High Point. The class will take place from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon, with a cost of \$12 per person, payable upon arrival. Transportation will be provided—meet in the front church parking lot at 9:30 AM to board the church bus or carpool. Participants will paint individual pictures of an outdoor scene featuring our beautiful church. The instructor, Michaela, will have the church pre-drawn on each canvas and will guide participants through color selection and brush techniques. No prior experience is necessary, and all supplies will be provided. Each participant will leave with their own completed painting. The class is limited to the first 20 senior adults who RSVP, so call the church office at 336-884-2204 to secure a spot. If the class fills up, additional names will be added to a waiting list, with a second session scheduled once at least 10 participants are confirmed.



A Jesus-Shaped Life: Lent 2025 Study

This Lent, join us on a transformative journey as we explore A Jesus-Shaped Life. Through Sunday sermons and small group discussions, we'll discover how to live, love, and lead more like Jesus. Whether you're part of an existing group or looking for a new one, there's a place for you in this congregation-wide study. Stay tuned for more details!





Spirit and Truth Weekend Coming Soon

Sometimes all it takes is a single moment in the presence of God to change the course of someone's life. Sometimes at little bit of training and invitation into one new practice can reset the trajectory of a person's life in Christ. Led by the Spirit and Truth ministry from Dayton, OH (and out of United Seminary), some typical topics covered in a Spirit & Truth Weekend:

- Building a Foundation of Prayer (Making prayer the starting place for all of life)
- Cooperating with the Holy Spirit (Learning to hear God's voice)
- Everyday Evangelism (Learning to share your faith right where you live, work and play)
- Becoming a Disciple-Maker (Mobilizing every member to participate in the Great Commission) Cost is \$25 and open to any youth or adult. Sessions will be at Wesley Memorial on Friday night and Saturday morning/afternoon (breakfast and lunch provided on Saturday). To register, visit wesleymemorial.org/spiritandtruth. Questions? Rev. Clark Chilton cchilton@wesleymemorial.org



Join 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! For more details, contact Caleb Janney, Director of Contemporary Worship Music, at cjanney@wesleymemorial.org. Let's make a joyful noise together!

The Walk to Emmaus

The Walk to Emmaus is a three-day retreat held twice a year by the Piedmont Emmaus Community. It is sponsored by the Upper Room. 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 for this spring are March 13 -16 and the Women's Walk is from March 20 - 23. 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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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 scrip-



ture is to give generously. Will you take your spiritual generosity to the next level? Scan the QR code to visit www.wesleymemorial.org/wearewesley

Sermon Growth Notes