## WESLEY MEMORIAL

A METHODIST CONGREGATION

# Children's Mativity

"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. . . ."

Luke 1:32 (ESV)



#### 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

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8th, 2024

Sanctuary

11:00 am

#### 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.

#### Introit

Prepare the Royal Highway arr. John Ferguson Prepare the royal highway, the King of kings is near; let every hill and valley a level road appear. Then greet the king of glory foretold in sacred story: Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's Word!

His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heaven above. His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love. So let your praise be sounding, for kindness so abounding: Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's Word!

† 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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

- Hymn No. 175 Once in Royal David's City
- † THE LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE Laura and Alan Koonts
- CHORAL RESPONSE

Come. Lord Jesus

Anna Laura Page

Come, Lord Jesus, come and save us. Bring your light into our world of darkness. Come, Lord Jesus, come and save us. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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.

Welcome!

#### 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 Margie Kieke, who passed away on 12/3.

Tammy McGee (Daughter)

SYMPATHY TO the family of Howard Regan who passed away on 12/3.

Tamara Regan (Wife) Jon Regan (Son) Kennidi Regan (Granddaughter)

HEALTH CONCERN: Evelyn Porter

BLESSING OF THE BABIES

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Still, Still Still

arr. Mack Wilberg

Still, still, still, his bright eyes softly close. And Mary, breathless, draws him sleeping to her heart made pure for keeping. Still, still, his bright eyes softly close.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, he hears, and sweetly smiles. And kneeling Joseph joins in chorus, with the angels bending o'er us. Sleep, sleep, sleep, he hears and sweetly smiles.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, he breathes a tender sigh; for soon he'll wake the world from slumber, bringing life and endless wonder. Sleep, sleep, sleep, he breathes a tender sigh. Sleep, holy Jesus, sleep.

#### † ADVENT DOXOLOGY

VENI EMMANUEL

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

#### CHILDREN'S NATIVITY

Invitation

Isaiah Foretells the Birth of Jesus

Isaiah 9:6-7

Reader: Connor Ingram

CAROL

To A Maid Engaged to Joseph

ANNUNCIATION

Soloist: Callie Iliff

The Angel Gabriel Visits Mary

Luke 1:26-33

Reader: Tinley Tobin

CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST LOUIS

(Congregation will sing)

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie; above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Luke Tells of the Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-7

Reader: Ellis Robbins

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.



CAROL

Away in a Manger

AWAY IN A MANGER

(Congregation will sing)

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The Shepherds Go to Bethlehem

Luke 2:8-19

Carol

The First Noel

THE FIRST NOEL

(Congregation will sing)

Reader: Teagan Ayers

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.

Matthew Tells of the Wise Men's Visit

Matthew 2:1-12

Reader: Ryder Hiatt

CAROL

We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

(Congregation will sing)

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.

The Word Becomes Flesh

John 1: 1-5, 14

Readers: Tinley Tobin, Teagan Ayers, Ryder Hiatt, Ellis Robbins, Connor Ingram

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM Each Little Lamb

Diane Beckstead

† BENEDICTION

† Postlude

† Those who are able please stand.

USHERS

Mr. Windley Dunbar Mr. Scott Dunbar

Mr. Miles Gurley Mr. Tom Smothers

Mrs. Vickie Grobes Mr. Lane Adams

Mrs. Wendy Adams

**Participants** 

Mr. Nathan Peters Acolyte

Mr. Jude Blackerby Acolyte

Mr. Boone Chilton Crucifer

Mr. Colton Maines Bible

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#### 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

Ms. Callie Iliff, Mezzo-Soprano Soloist Ms. Charli Mills, Director of Traditional Music and Worship Arts Mr. Lindsay Odom, Organist

Chancel Choir

## Nativity Participants

Maddie Lewis ~ Mary	Adeline Jennings	Sheep
Austin Samuel ~ Joseph	Virginia Von der Lippe	Sasha Martin
Ezra Martin ~ Gabriel	Teagan Tobin	Meadow Thomas
Allyson McGee ~ Star	Lillian Jordan	Reggie Temanu
Albert Newsome ~ Donkey #1	Olivia Sumrell	Mehelet Getahun
Emerson Miller ~ Donkey #2	Laila Tobin	Tatum Ross
Wesley Samuel ~ Joseph's Donkey	Ella Hunt	Scarlett Ivy
Beecher Heald ~ Donkey # 3	September Spring	James Ward
Dulcie Sumrell ~ Butterfly	Desta Getahun	Bills Weaver
Everette Janney ~ Cow # 1	Quin Nesbitt	Susannie Williams
Marlowe Harris ~ Cow # 2	Amelia Veltre	Ellis Medley
Jameson Thomas ~ Camel # 1	Brielle Spires	
Jase Ricks ~ Camel # 2		Magi
Lily Tucker ~ Horse	Shepherds	Stone Petty
Parker Gibson ~ Cat # 1	Cooper Felton	Gabe Von der Lippe
Katherine Newsome ~ Cat # 2	Sterling Ayers	Ronak Ivy
Mary Gayle Jordan ~ Bunny	Rhett Petty	
Daisy Tucker ~ Mouse	Holder Riggan	Narrators/Readers
Tinsley Ross ∼ Dove	Grayson Samuel	Connor Ingram ~
Griffin Tobin ~ Lion	Brody Ricks	Reader 1
Lachlan Harris ~ Baby Jesus	Russell Ivy	Tinley Tobin ∼
	Maximus Tobin	Reader 2
Angels	Hudson Kuennen	Ellis Robbins ~
Miriam Peters	Miller Heald	Reader 3
Carraway Chilton	John Forshee	Teagan Ayers ~
Riley Lopez	Keagan Temanu	Reader 4
Ariellie Tapia	Hibir Getahun	Ryder Hiatt ~

David Sweger

Reader 5

Quin Martin

# Blessing of the Babies



Thomas Andrew Barker ~ May 6th, 2024

Son of Erin and Truman Barker

Grandson of . . . Martha Loflin and Ron Barker Elizabeth and Olin Rogers



Rosel-Bright Forwang

October 16th, 2024

Daughter of Mabel and Emmanuel Forwang



Madeline Kathleen Calhoun

April 12th, 2024

Daughter of Megan and Ben Calhoun

Granddaughter of . . . Vanessa and Charles Surles Jane and Tommy Calhoun



Lachlan James Harrís ~ July 16th, 2024

Son of Sydney and Chase Harris



Olivia Robinson Hauser May 16th, 2024

Daughter of Catherine and Scott Hauser



Wren Hartley Janney June 25th, 2024

Daughter of Hartley and Caleb Janney

Granddaughter of . . . Barbara and Paul Coughlin Janet and Gregg Hauser



Dominik Clay Thompson June 7th, 2024

Son of Amanda and Bryant Thompson



Rhet Carney Williams February 15th, 2024

Son of Leslie and Bret Williams

Grandson of . . . Amanda and Chris Reynolds Angela and Greg Williams

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Welcome guests! Scan the QR code on the left to receive a free welcome gift (to scan the code, use your phone's 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

	TIMO WEEKS CHEENDIK	
MONDAY, December 9		
5:30 p.m.	Student Ministry 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
TUESDAY, December 10		
6:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Dining Hall
WEDNESDAY, December 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
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.	GriefShare	Adult Wing D203
6:00 p.m.	Wesley Memorial Kids Games & Gospel (Ages 0-11)	Children's Ministry Wing
6:00 p.m.	Student Ministry School 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, December 12		
12:00 p.m.	Senior Adult Christmas Lunch	Adult Wing D202
7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	Adult Wing D201
7:30 p.m.	AlAnon	
SATURDAY, December 14		
6:00 p.m.	AA Christmas Party	Dining Hall
SUNDAY, December 15	White Christmas	
7:30 a.m.	Televised Worship Service	WGHP, FOX8
8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship	Chapel
9:00 a.m.	AA Meeting	Adult D202
9:30 a.m.	Wesley 100 Chicken Pie Sale	Dining Hall
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
12:00 p.m.	Wesley 100 Chicken Pie Sale	Asbury Room
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To view the full church calendar visit our website, wesleymemorial.org/calendar Visit wesleymemorial.org/announcements for our announcement board

#### **Inclement Weather Updates**

For all weather related schedule changes, you may call 336-884-2204 and press 6 for weather information. We will also share scheduled changes to WFMY Channel 2, WXII Channel 12, WGHP FOX8, and our Facebook/Instagram pages.

#### Dec. Food Collection: Fairview Backpack Program

Help Feed Children Over Christmas Break

In December, 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. Please bring single-serving food items to place in backpacks for the students. Ideas include:

- -Drinks: Juice boxes, non-perishable milk 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 Today is the last day of collecting donations. You can also drop off items anytime before 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!

#### Join Us for Our Last Wed. Night Supper of 2024

On Wednesday, December 11th, we'll serve our final Wednesday night dinner of the year. Enjoy a warm, home-cooked meal of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, and peas, along with a salad bar, roll, and dessert. Dinner is served from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in our Dining Hall. Wednesday night dinners will resume on January 8, 2025. We look forward to sharing this special evening with you!





#### Volunteer at Christmas Drive-Thru Experience

The Christmas Drive Thru Experience on Dec. 15th 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 adding a "Christmas Village" in the front circle so guests can connect with our church afterwards. 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 (click the big red button to sign up) or call 336-884-2204. Let's make this our best year yet!

#### A Morning of Worship with the Chancel Choir

On Sunday, December 15 at the 11am service, the Chancel Choir with chamber orchestra will present Taylor Scott Davis's *Magnificat*. Premiered in 2023 by the critically acclaimed chamber choir VOCES8, this new setting of Mary's song combines the traditional Latin text with new English poetry. Davis's music sounds both classic and contemporary, appealing to a wide range of listeners. Everyone is invited to experience this special morning of worship.

#### Get Your Wesley 100 Chicken Pies for Christmas!

The Wesley 100 will be selling their delicious chicken pies just in time for Christmas on Sunday, December 15th. Pies will be available for purchase in the Dining Hall from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. and in the Asbury Room following the 11:00 a.m. service. Each pie costs \$15. Pre-orders are encouraged and can be placed by emailing Edwin Bass at edwinbass@triad.rr.com or by contacting the church office. Don't miss this chance to enjoy a holiday favorite while supporting a great cause!



#### **December Senior Adult Outing**

Senior adults (age 60+) are invited to a special Christmas outing to High Point University's Planetarium, featuring the programs "The Star of Bethlehem" and "Wonders of the Wintertime Sky." On Wednesday, December 18, senior adults will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the church's upper parking circle to board the church bus or caravan together in cars. The Planetarium experience includes a guided tour and star show from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., with no cost to attend. Following the program, those interested can head to Sammie G's for lunch (at their own expense). Please RSVP by Monday, December 16, by calling the church office at 336-884-2204. Indicate whether you plan to attend both the Planetarium program and lunch or if you will return to the church after the Planetarium visit. This is a wonderful opportunity for senior adults to enjoy the beauty of the season & the wonders of the winter sky!

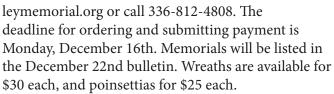
#### Community Blood Drive - Give the Gift of Life

Join us for the Annual Red Cross Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, December 17, from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Blood supplies are critically low, and your donation could save lives. Be a hero this holiday season by giving the life-saving gift of blood. Sign up today at redcrossblood.org.



#### **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, contact Isabel Cruz via email at icruzvalencia@wes-



#### **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 wesleymemorial.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 Tuesday, December 31, 2024. Thank you for helping us honor and bless our wonderful staff this holiday season!

#### **Christmas Eve Offering**

This Christmas Eve, we invite you to join Wesley Memorial in continuing our tradition of generosity and community outreach. This year, our offering will focus on hurricane relief efforts for our neighbors in the Western North Carolina mountains.

Our Missions Team has been actively gathering information and identifying the best ways to support these communities as they face the long road to recovery. While immediate needs have been addressed through organizations such as Samaritan's Purse, UMCOR, and Weaverville United Methodist Church, the rebuilding process presents significant challenges. Many families and churches in this region have experienced devastating losses, and we are committed to walking alongside them as they rebuild their lives and livelihoods.

The funds collected will be directed to long-term relief efforts, including potential partnerships with local Methodist churches or organizations deeply connected to the impacted communities. Your generosity will help provide hope, resources, and encouragement to those navigating this difficult journey.

Thank you for your compassion and for being the hands and feet of Christ during this season of giving. Together, we can make a lasting difference.

#### **End-of-Year Giving**

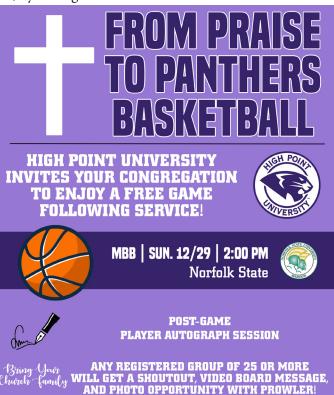
The end of the year is fast approaching. At Wesley Memorial, our staff is happy to work with you to help you achieve your 2024 giving goals and intentions. Over and above regular giving you can make additional financial gifts including gifts of stock and IRA distributions. Below are some options and timelines available to you. There are several ways to direct your generous year-end giving. All year-end giving to the church must be received by Tuesday, December 31st. Electronic giving must be received by Tuesday, December 31st. Call Beth Rose at 336-812-4801 for assistance with online giving, gifts of stock, or IRA distributions.

- Give at one of the remaining Sunday or Christmas Eve worship services
- Mail check to WMMC 1225 Chestnut Drive, High Point, NC 27262 postmarked by 12/31/24
- Contribute online by clicking here before 12/27
- Use your bank's bill pay system before 12/25
- To gift stock or make an IRA distribution, ask for transfer completion by 12/26
- Bring your gift to the church office by 12/31/24 at 12 noon

Tax-deductible gifts received by the above deadlines will appear on your 2024 giving statement. Thank you for making a difference in countless lives in this community and around the world.

#### Church Outing to HPU Basketball Game

Join us for a fun-filled church outing to cheer on the High Point University Panthers as they take on Norfolk State on Sunday, December 29, at 2:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy time with your church family and experience the excitement of HPU basketball! Our group will receive special perks, including recognition on the jumbotron, a personal visit from Prowler, HPU's mascot, and a post-game autograph session with the players. Don't miss out on this memorable event! Please RSVP by Monday, December 23, by calling the church office at 336-884-2204.



Spirit and Truth Weekend - January 10-12, 2025 Sometimes, a single moment in God's presence or a new practice can transform a person's life in Christ. Led by the Spirit and Truth ministry from Dayton, OH (United Seminary), the weekend covers topics like:

- Building a Foundation of Prayer (Making prayer the starting place for life)
- Cooperating with the Holy Spirit (Hearing God's voice)
- Everyday Evangelism (Sharing faith where you live, work, and play)
- Becoming a Disciple-Maker (Mobilizing every member for the Great Commission)

Cost is \$25 and open to youth and adults. Sessions will be held at Wesley Memorial on Friday night and Saturday morning/afternoon (breakfast and lunch included). Register at wesleymemorial.org/spiritandtruth or contact Rev. Clark Chilton at cchilton@wesleymemorial.org.

## Sermon Growth Notes

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