

# WESLEY MEMORIAL

A METHODIST CONGREGATION



## CHILDREN'S SERMON



WINDOW SERIES

**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

### CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 24th, 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

*O Worship the King*

LYONS

*O worship the King all-glorious above, O gratefully sing his power and his love: our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.*

† 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 and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

† HYMN No. 279

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (v. 1, 2, 4, 6)*

CORONATION

#### 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 worshipping 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 Dee Dowdy on the passing of his brother, George Dowdy, on 11/14.

SYMPATHY TO Rena Norcross on the passing of her father, Orice "Buddy" Ritch, Jr., on 11/11.

ABOUT  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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



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.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response:

“Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**”

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.**

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*(After the Children's Sermon, children proceed to the pulpit side door for Children's Church)*

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Upon This Rock*

John Ness Beck

*Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

*I will give thee the keys of the Kingdom of heaven.*

*And whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven.*

*And whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*

*Upon This rock I will build my church.*

*Lo, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth;*

*The time of the singing of birds has come. Arise, and come away. Arise!*

*Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

**Congregation rises and joins the choir in unison:**

† HYMN No. 388

*The Church's One Foundation (v. 1 & 5)*

AURELIA

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is His new creation, by water and the word. From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride; with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.*

*Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won; O happy ones and holy! Lord give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.*



† 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!**

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 18:33-38 (Pg. 904)

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

SERMON

*“Thankful for the Voice of the King”*

Rev. Clark Chilton

† APOSTLES' CREED

We face the cross and profess in unison

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*universal

† HYMN No. 278

*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

DIADEMATA

*(The Altar is open for prayer.)*

† BENEDICTION

† The CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

*Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer unto thee. Young and old, thy praise expressing, in glad homage bend the knee. All the saints in heav'n adore thee; we would bow before thy throne; as thine angels serve before thee, so on earth thy will be done.*

† CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

† Those who are able please stand.

WE ARE WESLEY

DOING LIFE TOGETHER IN CHRIST



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](http://www.wesleymemorial.org/wearewesley)



## USHERS

Mr. Edwin Bass  
Mr. Bradley Gibson  
Mr. Wray Hodgkin  
Mr. Bill Bradner  
Mrs. Priscilla Smith  
Mr. Greg Smith

## 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. Lindsay Odom, Organist  
Mr. James Robbins, Acolyte  
Mr. David Robbins, Acolyte  
Mr. Christian Smith, Crucifer  
Miss Brielle Keunnen, Bible



The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving of our Wesley Memorial Church family by our brother in Christ, Joe Gamble.



*We invite you to take some of the flowers home after the service!*

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### REFLECTION QUESTIONS: JOHN 18:33-38

1. As we reflect upon Christ the King Sunday, how is this day significant for your faith journey? What does it mean to you to say that Christ is King?
2. Take a moment to consider John 13:36. What does Jesus mean by this statement? What are the marks of His Kingdom?
3. In verse 37, Jesus states, "Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." As you think about your day-to-day responsibilities and rhythms, how can you create space to listen to His voice?

# 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

<b>MONDAY, November 25</b> 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Student Ministry Ball & Bible Cub Scout Meeting Boy Scout Meeting AA Meeting	Fellowship Hall Student Ministry Wing Scout Room Adult Wing D208
<b>WEDNESDAY, November 27</b> 5:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	Thanksgiving Vespers Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Chapel Choir Room
<b>THURSDAY, November 28</b> 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	<b>Happy Thanksgiving - Church Office Closed</b> AA Meeting AlAnon	Adult Wing D202 Adult Wing D201
<b>SUNDAY, December 1</b> 7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>Communion Sunday/Food Collection Sunday/Angel Tree Gifts Due</b> Televised Worship Service Traditional Worship AA Meeting Children's Ministry Sunday Funday Adult Sunday School Contemporary Worship Small Groups/ All Welcome Traditional Worship Children's Church Student Ministry Young Adult Ministry Night	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D202 Children's Ministry Wing Adult Wing Fellowship Hall Dining Hall Sanctuary Children's Ministry Wing Off-site

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

### Winter Homeless Care Kits

The Community Impact and Missions Team is once again coming together to make a tangible difference in the lives of those in need. We are packing 1,000 Homeless Care Kits—500 for the High Point area and 500 for Western North Carolina. Please join us on TODAY, November 24th after the 9:45 am Contemporary Service in the Dining Hall. Your participation is crucial. After packing the kits, we encourage you to take one or two to distribute personally to those in need. This is a powerful opportunity to show compassion and support to our community.

### Angel Tree Gift Reminders

To all who claimed an angel from our Angel Trees, please be reminded that all gifts are due back by Sunday, December 1st.

### Cover the City Blanket Drive

Our annual Cover the City Blanket Drive runs throughout November! Donate blankets in collection boxes at all three services or contribute by marking your check "Cover the City." Let's share warmth this season—thank you for your generosity!

### **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. We encourage everyone to focus their efforts on supporting this important initiative. We need your help! 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
- Donations will be collected on **Sunday, December 1st** and **Sunday, December 8th**. 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!

### **We want to Honor the birth of your Baby!**

As we approach the celebration of the birth of our savior, we want to honor all the births within our congregation since November 2023. If you have received a new baby into your family (child or grandchild) since last November of 2023, please send your baby's full name, date of birth, parent/grandparent information, and a good quality picture to Isabel Cruz at [icruzvalencia@wesleymemorial.org](mailto:icruzvalencia@wesleymemorial.org) or by visiting [wesleymemorial.org/babyblessings](https://wesleymemorial.org/babyblessings) by Monday, Dec. 2nd.

### **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](https://redcrossblood.org). Together, we can make a difference!

### **Lighting of the Christmas Tree**

The lighting of the tree will be held on Friday, December 6th at 6 p.m. in the Circle Parking Lot. Join us as we gather around the Christmas tree with family and friends, singing Christmas carols, and celebrating the joy of the season.

### **Don't Miss the Gingerbread Bash**

Christmas time is right around the corner, and Gingerbread Bash is the perfect way to kick off the season! This fun and interactive experience is designed for the whole family. Join us to build a gingerbread nativity while celebrating the birth of Jesus. Enjoy hearing the



Christmas story from the Bible, singing songs, playing games, and discovering the good news of Jesus. The Gingerbread Bash will be held on Saturday, December 7th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church Dining Hall. Lunch will be served, featuring grilled cheese and soup! You won't want to miss this sweet opportunity to celebrate with friends, neighbors, grandparents, and more! Register today at <https://wesleymemorial.org/gingerbread>.

### **Children's Nativity**

Sunday, December 8th, is almost here! Children ages 4 years old through 5th grade will share the most beautiful story ever told during the 11:00 a.m.



traditional worship service in the Sanctuary. Kids will dress and prepare during the 9:45 Sunday School hour and will conclude the service by singing "Each Little Lamb." The final Nativity rehearsal will take place on Saturday, December 7th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Sign up at [wesleymemorial.org/nativity](https://wesleymemorial.org/nativity) now to be part of this special tradition.

### **Poinsettia Delivery for REACH Members**

Please help Congregational Care share Christmas love with our REACH members. We will be distributing poinsettias for delivery on Friday, December 6th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. after the tree lighting.



Drive through the porte cochere at the side entrance to the narthex where we will load your car. You may request the number of poinsettias you wish to deliver along with specific neighborhoods or specific recipients. There are a few minor changes to delivery instructions in compliance with our Safe Church policies. These changes will be shared during pickup in the narthex. Share the joy of giving this Christmas season!



SENIOR ADULT CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON!  
An Invitation to Wesley Memorial Members ages 60+ years

# "SILVER BELLS ARE RINGING"

DEC | 12 | 12 PM  
CHURCH DINING HALL

This Christmas Luncheon is a gift to you! A Musical Program of Holiday Favorites will delight our guests - presented by a very special local musician, *Rachelle Brand Denny*. Rachelle is familiar to many from her years of service as a Principal for HP City Schools and at Wesleyan Christian Academy. She also served as Professor of Christian Elem Education for John Wesley College for 15 years. She is the widow of Rev. James. L. Denny.

*Come in your festive Christmas attire to enjoy the food, fellowship and spirit of the season*

**MENU**  
Beef Tips and Noodles with Gravy | Garden Salad  
Asparagus Seasoned with Onion and Bacon Bits  
Rolls with Butter | Coffee, Tea, and Water  
Old-Fashioned Christmas Sugar Cookies | Ice Cream

Sponsored by the Senior Adult Council  
Kindly RSVP by Monday, December 9  
with a call to the church office: 336-884-2204

WESLEY MEMORIAL'S ANNUAL  
**WHITE CHRISTMAS**  
GIFT COLLECTION

December 15th, 2024  
Gifts will go to West End Ministries and Leslie's House

REQUESTED ITEMS:  
COATS (L,XL,XXL), SWEATSHIRTS (L,XL,XXL), WHITE SOCKS, STOCKING CAPS, SCARFS, GLOVES, FLIP FLOPS, BLANKETS, TWIN SHEETS, TOILETRIES, CANNED GOODS

### 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](http://wesleymemorial.org/drive) (click the big red button to sign up) or call 336-884-2204. Let's make this our best year yet!

### 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](mailto: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!

### 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@wesleymemorial.org](mailto:icruzvalencia@wesleymemorial.org) or call 336-812-4808. The deadline for ordering and submitting payment is Monday, December 16th. Memorials will be listed in the December 22nd bulletin. Wreaths are available for \$30 each, and poinsettias for \$25 each.

### 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 will be a wonderful opportunity for senior adults to enjoy the beauty of the season and the wonders of the winter sky!



### **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.

### **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](https://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!

### **Western NC Relief**

Thank you for your generosity as we pray for those affected by Hurricane Helene. Wesley Memorial invites you to support our Disaster Relief Fund, dedicated to aiding our neighbors in Western North Carolina. To make a financial contribution, please visit [wesleymemorial.org/give](https://wesleymemorial.org/give) and select "Disaster Relief-WNC." Your kindness makes a difference in these challenging times.

### **Small Group Survey**

Small groups are at the heart of how we do life together in Christ, offering encouragement and support as we strive to be more like Him each day. Wesley Memorial has a rich tradition of creating and caring for these groups, and we're excited to expand this ministry to connect our growing congregation. To do so, we need your help. Please take a moment to complete the brief survey at [wesleymemorial.org/sgsurvey](https://wesleymemorial.org/sgsurvey) to guide the next steps of this vital ministry.

### **Confirmation 2025**

Attention all parents and grandparents of current 6th-8th grade students! Confirmation is a discipleship experience in which middle schoolers are taught the Christian faith ("catechized") and prepare to officially join Wesley Memorial. Join us on Monday, December 4th, from 6:00-6:15 PM in the Youth Wing to learn more about our new Confirmation process and see if it's the next step for your student.

Confirmation classes will begin in January 2025, and registration is now open. To learn more and sign up, visit [wesleymemorial.org/confirmation](https://wesleymemorial.org/confirmation). For questions, contact Chase Harris at [charris@wesleymemorial.org](mailto:charris@wesleymemorial.org) or Rev. Clark Chilton at [cchilton@wesleymemorial.org](mailto:cchilton@wesleymemorial.org).

### **Team 66**

Kids of all ages are eager to join Team 66 at Wesley Memorial Kids! It's simple—any child who memorizes all 66 books of the Bible in order earns a spot on Team 66. To join, kids can recite the books to Mrs. Ann Marie in person or send her a video via text.

Team 66 members receive a supersoft Team 66 T-shirt, their name on the Team 66 Wall, and their favorite candy bar (just for fun). Even more valuable, they gain a lifetime skill of knowing how to find the books of the Bible, helping them learn and explore God's Word. Find more information at <https://wesleymemorial.org/team66>. Start practicing today and become part of Team 66!

### **Spirit and Truth Weekend - January 10-12, 2025**

Sometimes all it takes is a single moment in the presence of God to change the course of someone's life. Sometimes a 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](https://wesleymemorial.org/spiritandtruth). Questions? Rev. Clark Chilton [cchilton@wesleymemorial.org](mailto:cchilton@wesleymemorial.org)





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First Church Build  
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