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.



Our purpose is to make and sustain spiritually healthy followers of Jesus Christ who live in ways that transform the world.

WESLEY MI	Welcome!		
Order of Worship			Thank you for
LAST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY			worshiping with us this morning! Please
TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD			take a moment to sign
HOLY COMMUNION			the Friendship
			Notebooks during the announcements.
March 2nd, 2025	Chapel	8:30 am	If you are a guest,
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			please leave your contact information and a pastor will contact you this week with more information about our church.
† Call to Worship and	OPENING PRAYER Cong	gregation reads bold print	CARING CARDS
 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. 			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.
SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION 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.			Sympathy to the family of Buck Kester, who passed away 2/23. Nan Kester (Wife) Sympathy to the family of Hayden Kirby-Smith, who passed away 2/18.
Assurance of Pard	ON		Eileen Kirby-Smith (Wife)

Solo

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

One Sweetly Solem Thought R. S. Ambrose One sweetly solemn thought comes to me o'er and o'er; I am nearer home today than I've ever been before. Nearer my Father's house, where the many mansions be; nearer the great white throne, nearer the crystal sea; nearer the bounds of life, where we lay our burdens down; nearer leaving the cross, nearer gaining the crown. But lying darkly between, winding a-down thr 'o the night, is the silent, unknown stream that leads at last to the light. Father, be near when my feet are slipping o'er the brink, for it may be I am nearer home, nearer than I think.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 9:28-36 (Pg.867)

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

Sermon

"Unveiling the Glory"

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

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!

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.



[†] 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, 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, 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 for-giveness 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.

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

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN NO. 88 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Нумп No. 113 Fairest Lord Jesus

ST. ELIZABETH

BEECHER

- † BENEDICTION
- † Postlude

† 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 Mr. Phillip Leach, Baritone Soloist Ms. Charli Mills, Director of Traditional Music and Worship Arts Ms. Mora Wolff, Organist Sermon Reflection Questions: Luke 9: 28-36

1. What does this passage reveal about the glory of Jesus Christ? Why do you think we focus on the Transfiguration as we conclude the season of Epiphany and prepare for the season of Lent?

2. In verse 35, the Father declares, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" How is the call to listen to Christ personally speaking to you? How can you be intentional about listening to Him in your day-to-day living?

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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, March 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
TUESDAY, March 4		
12:30 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal	Adult Wing D212
5:15 p.m.	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (until 6:45 p.m.)	Dining Hall
WEDNESDAY, March 5		
7:20 a.m.	John Willett's Men's Bible Study	Dining Hall
12:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
1:30 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Conference Room 3
6:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
THURSDAY, March 6		
7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	Adult Wing D202
7:30 p.m.	AlAnon	Adult Wing D201
FRIDAY, March 7		
4:00 p.m.	Spirit & Truth Experience	Fellowship Hall
SATURDAY, March 8		
8:00 a.m.	Spirit & Truth Experience	Fellowship Hall
SUNDAY, March 9		
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
2:00 p.m.	Rise Against Hunger	Dining Hall
2:00 p.m.	Lent Small Group (for all ages)	Adult Wing D201

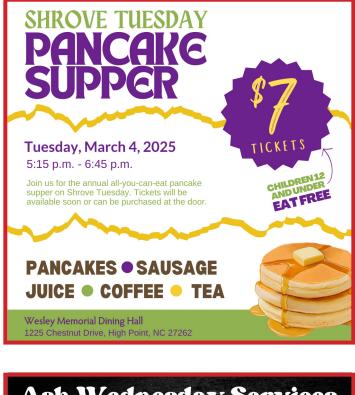
To view the full church calendar visit our website, wesleymemorial.org/calendar Visit wesleymemorial.org/announcements for our announcement board

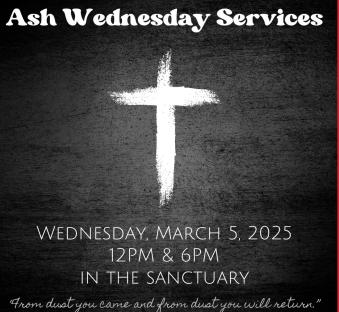
Mark Your Calendars for the First-Ever MERGE: Day of Service!

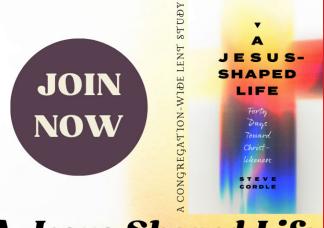
On Saturday, March 22, our church family will come together to serve alongside our local mission partners and make a lasting impact in our community. We want everyone to be part of this special day! Learn more and sign up at wesleymemorial.org/merge.

Transfiguration Evensong:

Contemplating the mystery of Christ's glory revealed on March 2, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary All are invited to attend a Choral Evensong for Transfiguration, featuring the Chancel Choir and professional octet on Sunday, March 2 at 4pm. From ancient times, Christians have gathered as evening falls to place their trust in God and celebrate the Light that shines in the darkness. As we engage in the spiritual practice of contemplation, Evensong draws us deeper into the life of God. This service features Scripture, silence, and choral music of exquisite beauty.







A Jesus-Shaped Life

This Lent, let's take a journey together to discover what it truly means to live, love, and lead like Jesus. A Jesus-Shaped Life – Forty Days Toward Christlikeness by Steve Cordle will guide us through Sunday sermons and small group gatherings as we deepen our faith and connection with one another.

Find Your Group!

We're offering multiple small groups right here at Wesley Memorial, so you can find one that fits your schedule. This congregation-wide study is open to everyone - whether you've been part of a small group before or this is your first time, you are welcome here!

77 Key Dates:

- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: March 4, 5:15 6:30 p.m.
- Ash Wednesday: March 5
- Study Kickoff: Sunday, March 9
- Group Meetings Begin: Week of March 9th

👤 How to Join:

- Visit wesleymemorial.org/lent2025,
- Contact the church office, or
- Scan the QR code



Let's walk through this season of Lent together, shaping our lives to reflect Christ in deeper and more meaningful ways.

REGISTER TODAY

Wesley Memorial Methodist Church NOW: MARCH 7-8 = High Point, NC

This weekend could change everything. REGISTER AT WESLEYMEMORIAL.ORG/SPIRITANDTRUTH

This powerful weekend led by the Spirit and Truth ministry from Dayton, OH will help you deepen your relationship with God and equip you to live a Spirit-filled life. Through worship, impactful teachings, and hands-on experiences, Spirit & Truth Weekend is designed to transform your faith journey. The cost is \$25 and open to any youth or adult. For more information and to register, visit wesleymemorial.org/ spiritandtruth. Questions? Contact Pastor Clark at cchilton@wesleymemorial.org.



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 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

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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Welcome to Wesley New Membership Class

You're invited to Welcome to Wesley: a two-Sunday new church member course!

- Learn more about Wesley Memorial's history,
- beliefs, & leadership
- Core beliefs of the Methodist Church
- Discover your own gifts for your ministry

Your starting point to join the Wesley Memorial Church Family!

Dates: Sunday, March 23 & 30 Time: 11:00 am Location: Fellowship Hall

RSVP with Pastor Clark Chilton via email at cchilton@wesleymemorial.org or via phone at 336-812-4813 by March10th

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Service opportunities

• And much, much more!

• Meet clergy team & church staff