WESLEY MEMORIAL

A METHODIST CONGREGATION

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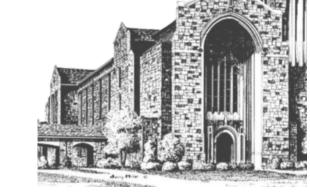
WELCOME

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.

NOVEMBER 30TH, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ HOLY COMMUNION

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL 8:30 AM



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, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

† Hymn No. 163

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

ENGELBERG

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art; dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by Thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

† THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Norman and Mrs. Beth Cooling

Solo

Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love Linda Wells Jesus! Name of wondrous love, name all other names above, unto which must ev'ry knee bow in deep humility.

Jesus! Name decreed of old, to the maiden mother told, kneeling in her lowly cell, by the angel Gabriel.

Jesus! Name of priceless worth to the fallen sons of earth for the promise that it gave, "Jesus shall his people save."

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 2:1-5 (Pg.567)

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 Vivian Penry, passed away on 11/18

Sympathy to Pat Brackett on the loss of her brother.

Recent Hospitalization: Tamera Regan Becky Burroughs

Recent Surgery: Hayden McKenzie On communion
Sundays we profess
The Nicene Creed, 325
AD, that professes
The faith of the
Universal Church.

† 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.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

† ADVENT DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

VENI EMMANUEL

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

† 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. 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, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.



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, whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations. You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts and have mercy on those who fear you from generation to generation. You put down the mighty from their thrones and exalt those of low degree. You fill the hungry with good things, and the rich you send empty away. Your own Son came among us as a servant, to be Emmanuel, your presence with us. He humbled himself in obedience to your will and feely accepted death on a cross. 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.

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 receiving it, 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 No. 162

O Come. O Come Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go. **Refrain**

O come, Thou Root of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell Thy people save and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. **Refrain**

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight. **Refrain**

O come, Thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home; the captives from their prison free and conquer death's deep misery. **Refrain**

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife and quarrels case; fill all the world with heaven's peace. **Refrain**

Hymn No. 173

Light of Those Whose Dreary Dwelling

BEACH SPRING

Light of those whose dreary dwelling borders on the shades of death, come, and by Thy love's revealing, dissipate the clouds beneath. The new heav'n and earth's Creator, in our deepest darkness rise, scatt'ring all the night of nature, pouring eye-sight on our eyes.

Still we wait for Thy appearing, life and joy Thy beams impart, chasing all our fears, and hearing ev'ry poor benighted heart. Come, and manifest the favor God hath for our ransom'd race, come, Thou universal Savior, come, and bring the gospel-grace.

Save us in Thy great compassion, O Thou mild pacific Prince! give the knowledge of salvation, give the pardon of our sins. By thine all-sufficient merit ev'ry burden'd soul release, ev'ry weary wand'ring spirit, guide into Thy perfect peace.

Light of those Whose Dreary Dwelling may be a "new-to-you" hymn, but the text is by Charles Wesley, first published in 1746. It is here set to the familiar tune Beach Spring.

- † Benediction
- † Postlude

† Those who are able please stand.

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

Organist, Mora Wolff will be absent for the next eight weeks due to an upcoming surgery. Your prayers are appreciated during this time. Join us in welcoming our newest members!

Cathy Davis Jimmy Davis Tricia Wood Phil Wood

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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

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MONDAY, December 1		_ ,, ,, ,, ,,
5:30 p.m.	Bible and Ball	Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Daisy Troop	Admin A220
6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts	Gathering Room
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts	Admin-Boy Scout Room 1
7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	Adult Wing D208
TUESDAY, December 2		
10:30 a.m.	Advent Study	Media Center
12:30 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal	Adult Wing D212
1:00 p.m.	Griefshare	Adult Wing D203
6:30 p.m.	Advent Study	Adult Wing D201
7:00 p.m.	Sea Scouts	Admin-Boy Scout Room 1
WEDNESDAY, December 3		
7:20 a.m.	John Willett's Men's Bible Study	Dining Hall
1:30 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Conference Room 3
5:30 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal	Adult Wing D212
5:30 p.m.	Vespers	Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Wesley Memorial Kids' Games & Gospel	Children's Ministry Hall
6:00 p.m.	Single & Parenting	Adult Wing D202
6:00 p.m.	GriefShare	Adult Wing D203
6:00 p.m.	Wesley Memorial Students (Grades 6-12)	Student Gathering
6:15 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study	Circle View Room
6:15 p.m.	WOW Bible Study	Student Soul Cafe
6:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Conference Room 3
6:45 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
THURSDAY, December 4		
6:00 p.m.	Contemporary Praise Team Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	Adult Wing D202
7:30 p.m.	AlAnon	Adult Wing D201
FRIDAY, December 5		
6:00 p.m.	Christmas Tree Lighting	Front Circle
6:30 p.m.	Pinsettia Pick-Up for REACH	Narthex
SATURDAY, December 6		
10:00 a.m.	Nativity Rehearsal	Sanctuary
11:30 a.m.	Gingerbread Bash	Dining Hall
SUNDAY, December 7		
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.	Contemporary Worship	Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m.	Children's Ministry Sunday Funday	Children's Ministry Wing
9:30 a.m.	Youth Sunday School	Student Ministry Wing
9:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Adult Wing
10:15 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:45 a.m.	Couples under 45 - Advent Study	Circle View Room
10:45 a.m.	Young Adults - Advent Study	Student Soul Cafe
11:00 a.m.	Contemporary Unity Group - Advent Study	Dining Hall
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
11:15 a.m.	Children's Church	Children's Ministry Wing
2:00 p.m.	Blessed Beginnings Unity Group - Advent Study	Circle View Room

Monthly Food Collection The Missions team rotates our monthly Communion Sunday food collection. This Sunday, November 30th, donations will go to Open Door Ministry. Bins will be placed outside all three services. Please consider bringing items as you feel led; Please no expired food, drinks, or snacks. Your generosity helps provide for neighbors in need. Thank you!

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 Dec 3rd is baked ham, pineapple casserole, broccoli, green peas, roll. The dessert is yellow cake. All dinners come with salad bar and bread.

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. If you are a member and have received a new baby into your family (child or grandchild) since last November of 2024, please send your baby's full name, date of birth, parent/grandparent information, and a good quality picture to Isabel at icruzvalencia@ wesleymemorial.org Monday, December 1 to be featured in our December 7 bulletin.

Stephen Ministry Informational Meeting

Interested in learning more about becoming a Stephen Minister? Join us for an informational meeting on **Tuesday, December 2** at 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. in the room D201 in the Adult Wing. For questions, please email Abbigail Felton at afelton@wesleymemorial.org.

Happening Friday, December 5th!

Lighting of the Christmas Tree

For over 20 years, the Lassiter Family has gifted our church and community with this wonderful experience. Join us at 6 p.m. in the Front Circle as we sing your favorite Christmas carols, enjoy festive refreshments, and celebrate the joy of the season with family and friends.

Poinsettia Delivery for REACH Members

Please help Congregational Care share Christmas love with our REACH members. We will be distributing poinsettias for delivery 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!



This is the Christmas party you do NOT want to miss!

Join us Saturday December 6th at 11:30AM in the Dining Hall for

Gingerbread Bash where your family will build a gingerbread nativity

while celebrating the birth of Jesus. More than that, you'll hear the

Christmas story from the Bible, eat lunch, sing songs, play games,

and discover the good news of Jesus!

Sign up today at WesleyMemorial.org/Gingerbread



Deliver gifts wrapped and labeled to the church by **Sunday, December 7**. Blessing one child at a time just as our Father continues to bless us!

Heart of the Triad Christmas Concert

Wesley Memorial is delighted to host the Heart of the Triad Choral Society for their 2025 Christmas Concert, "Merry and Bright!" HTCS is a non-profit community choir made up of singers from across the Piedmont Triad. Performances will be held on Friday, December 12, at 7 p.m. & Saturday, December 13, at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We're excited that our own Wesley Memorial children have been invited to take part! Come and celebrate the season with this festive choral event.

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."

Wesley 100 Apple Pies - Just in time for Christmas! The Wesley 100 will be selling apples pies again on Sunday, December 14. The cost is \$10 a pie. Grab your pies from the church dining hall from 9 am - 11:15 am or the Asbury Room after the 11:00 am service. To pre-order, please email Edwin Bass at edwinbass@triad.rr.com and let him know how many pies to reserve. Thank you for your support!



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."

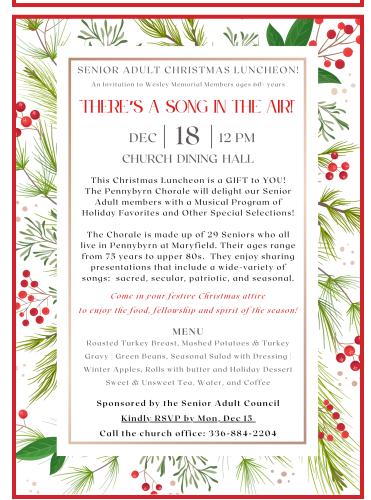
Let's come together to show our gratitude for all they do. Make your contribution by **Sunday**, **December 14**, **2025**. Thank you for helping us honor and bless our wonderful staff this holiday season!

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, visit wesleymemorial.org/memorials2025 and fill out the form, or contact Isabel Cruz via email at icruzvalencia@ wesleymemorial.org or call 336-812-4808. The deadline for ordering and submitting payment is **Monday**, **December 15.** Memorials will be listed in the December 21 bulletin. Wreaths are available for \$30 & poinsettias for \$25 each.

The Christmas Drive Thru Experience

Sunday, December 14 from 5:00 pm-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 providing refreshments in the front circle so guests can connect with our church. 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 or call 336-884-2204. Let's make this our best year yet!





Wesley Memorial MC

Blood Drive

Fellowship Hall
1225 Chestnut St., High Point

Tuesday, December 16th 12:30pm-6:30pm

Schedule your appointment today!

RedCrossBlood.org | Sponsor Code: HighPoint
Give a gift, get a gift! Give blood 12/8-12/18 & get a \$15 Amazon
Gift Card by email!



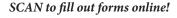


"...Choose this day whon you will serve



It is a Holy time for our Wesley Memorial family. We are in a season of prayer and fasting as each of us reflects on God's goodness to us and our response. We are Christ-centered serving, growing, and giving community. Each year we set aside this time to prayerfully and intentionally seek God's direction for how we will live faithfully as God's people. Please join your Wesley Memorial family in filling out and returning the

Serving, Growing and Giving Response Forms. Visit our website at wesleymemorial. org/wearewesley to learn more about what the Lord is accomplishing through your generosity.



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 your support and helping maintain this fund that helps our church family.

Your Kindness Can Feed a Neighbor

As you all have been following in the news there is a desperate need for food. We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the next several weeks to help our local food pantries. Collected food items will be distributed to Macedonia Family Resource Center and Open-Door Ministries.

Items Needed: Box mac n cheese, Canned Soup (Not condensed), Canned Meat (tuna, chicken, etc.), Hamburger, Spaghetti, Chicken, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cans that do not require openers, Bread, Grits, Rice, Ramen, Ravioli, Instant Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, & Cereal.

Together, let's share God's blessings with others and make a meaningful difference.



Looking Ahead

Several upcoming dates to note in the life of our church:

- Sanctity of Life Community Service Jan. 20, 2026
- Rise Against Hunger will take place Feb. 1, 2026
- Leadership Summit Feb. 21, 2026
- Evensong service is set for March 1, 2026
- Gary Chapman returns on March 7, 2026
- Community Impact Serving Day March 14, 2026
- The School of Methodism will be March 20-21, 2026