

WESLEY MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH



GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 3RD, 2026 ~ SANCTUARY ~ 7:30 PM



MICHAEL JOHN TROTTA

SEVEN LAST WORDS

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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

Mount of Olives

Michael Anderson

† GREETING

Congregation reads bold print

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree.
That we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

LET US PRAY:

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. Grant that we, who glory in this death for our salvation, may also glory in his call to take up our cross and follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† HYMN NO. 292

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PASSION CHORALE

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down, now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown: how pale Thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn! How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn!

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain; mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain. Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place; look on me with Thy favor, vouch safe to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest friend, for this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end? O make me Thine forever; and should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.

PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION NARRATIVE

-SEVEN LAST WORDS- BY MICHAEL JOHN TROTTA

I. FATHER, FORGIVE THEM

Luke 23:33-34

*Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, kyrie eleison.
(Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy).*

II. TODAY, YOU WILL BE WITH ME

Luke 23:39-43

*Today, you will be with me in paradise.
Remember me, O Lord, when you come into your kingdom. O Lord, hear me!*

III. BEHOLD YOUR SON

John 19:25-27

Behold your son. At the cross her station keeping, stood mournful mother weeping.

Callie Iliff, mezzo-soprano

IV. I THIRST

John 19:28-29; Matthew 27:39-40

*I thirst! If you are Christ, come down from the cross, that we might see and believe.
If you are King, save yourself, that we might see and believe.*

Robby Steinour, tenor

V. MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU ABANDONED ME?

Mark 15:33-34

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

VI. INTO YOUR HANDS I SURRENDER MY SOUL

Luke 23:44-46

Into your hands I surrender my whole soul. Not mine, but your will be done.

VII. IT IS FINISHED

John 19:30; Luke 23:44-45; Matthew 27:51-52, 54

And with a loud voice, Jesus cried, exclaiming: It is finished!

*Darkened was the sun, darkness covered the earth; torn was the veil; the earth did quake;
all the graves were opened wide!
Truly this man was the Son of God.*

Mr. Robby Steinour, tenor

Mr. Phillip Leach, baritone

Matthew 27:55-61

Stripping of the altar

† POSTLUDE

Adagio for Strings

Samuel Barber

Please depart in silence as the bells toll.

This service is a joint endeavor of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church. We extend our gratitude to the choir and leadership of First Presbyterian for their collaboration in this offering of worship.

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
Wesley Memorial Stephen Ministers, greeters

Chancel Choir

First Presbyterian Choir

Ms. Callie Iliff, mezzo-soprano

Mr. Robby Steinour, tenor

Mr. Phillip Leach, baritone

Dr. Michael Dodds, Director of Worship, Music, and the Arts at First Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem

Ms. Susan Orgain, Organist and Associate Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem

Ms. Charli Mills, Director of Traditional Music and Worship Arts

Mr. Chris Ward, Organist

VIOLIN I

Gregorio Midero, Concertmaster

Ewa Gondek

Marjorie Sharpe

VIOLA

Marian Wilson

Valentina Masone

FLUTE

Debra Reuter-Pivetta

TRUMPET

Ken Wilmot

Steve Sutton

OBOE

Robin Driscoll

HARP

Kristen Young

VIOLIN II

Laura Blankenship

Margaret Rehder

Elizabeth Gatewood

CELLO

Meaghan Skogen

Lee Richey

HORN

Timothy Papenbrock

TIMPANI

Timothy Heath

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, April 4, 2026

7:30 p.m. Holy Saturday Service (Sanctuary)
Candlelight service and baptismal reaffirmation

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at the Columbarium
7:30 a.m. TV Service on WGHP FOX8
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Chapel)
9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Fellowship)

ADORN OUR CROSSES FOR EASTER SUNDAY

Help our crosses bloom on Easter Sunday! Bring flowers (purchased or from your garden) to adorn the crosses outside the Sanctuary and Bridge Cafe entrance starting Saturday, April 4, 2026.

On Easter Sunday, enjoy a free digital image and 4x6 photo print from a professional photographer. Photos will be taken by the flower crosses outside the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall after the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services (refreshments provided). We look forward to celebrating with you!

Easter Offering

Our Easter offering this year will support two impactful ministries—one local and one global—both faithfully serving communities in need and sharing the love of Christ in tangible ways.

Locally, we are partnering with Open Door Ministries in High Point, which has been on the front lines of serving individuals experiencing homelessness, food insecurity, and crisis for over 33 years. In 2025 alone, they provided food to 9,399 individuals, offered shelter to 382 men, and touched more than 20,000 lives. In addition, they provide housing and vital support services for veterans facing chronic physical and mental health challenges.

Globally, we are supporting Friends of Gahini and the Smart Legacy School in Rwanda. This Christian school, serving children from pre-K through 6th grade, is a ministry of a small local church and plays a vital role in both education and spiritual formation. Due to new regulations, the school must undergo significant renovations to remain open. While the church has begun this work, the financial burden exceeds their resources. Without these updates, both the school and church face closure—impacting not only students and families, but the entire community that depends on them for education and a spiritual home.

Your Easter offering will help sustain and strengthen both of these vital ministries. You may give in advance by dropping off your offering at the church office or mailing it to 1225 Chestnut Drive, High Point, NC 27262.