

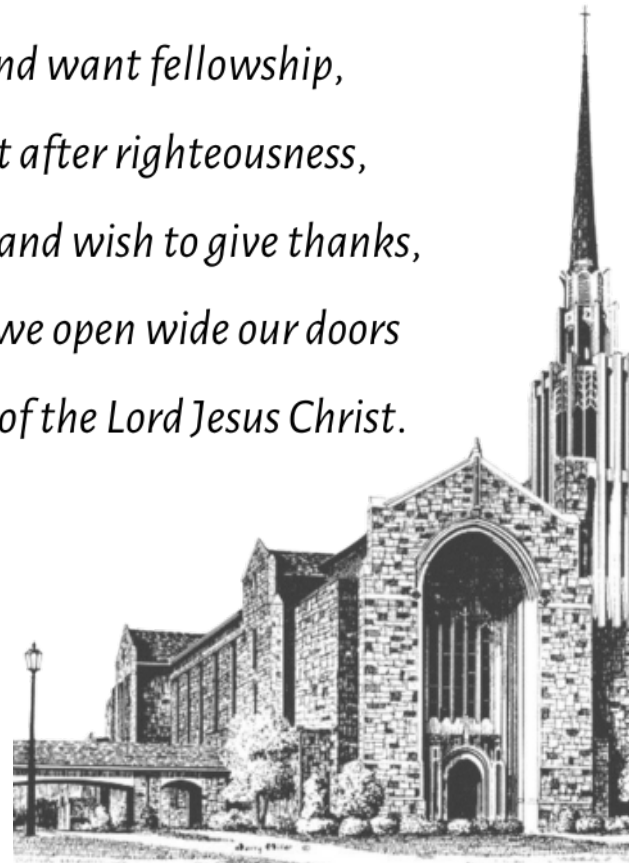
# WESLEY MEMORIAL

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.*

**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*

### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 10th, 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.

† 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.

**O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

† HYMN No. 59  
*God of Our Fathers*

NATIONAL HYMN

#### 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

SOLO  
*Deep River*

arr. Moses Hogan

#### 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. 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 Linda Groome Casey, who passed away 11/1.

RECENT SURGERY:  
Robert Barto

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.



\*universal

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

*(Children proceed to the pulpit side door for Children's Church)*

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!**

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

† HYMN No. 52

*God Is So Good*

GOD IS SO GOOD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 138:1-8 (Pg. 521)

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

SERMON

*“A Declaration of Praise”*

Rev. Jeff Patterson

† 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.**

† HYMN NO. 51  
*God Moves in a Mysterious Way*

DUNDEE

*(The Altar is open for prayer.)*

† NEW MEMBER RECEPTION & BENEDICTION

† CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

† Those who are able please stand.

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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  
Chancel Choir  
Mr. Phillip Leach, Baritone Soloist  
Ms. Charli Mills, Director of Traditional Music and Worship Arts  
Mr. Lindsay Odom, Organist  
Mr. Edwin Bass, Usher  
Mr. Bart Lassiter, Usher  
Mr. Bradley Gibson, Usher  
Mr. Wray Hodgin, Usher  
Mr. Bill Bradner, Usher

**REFLECTION QUESTIONS: PSALM 138**

1. As you consider Psalm 138 and your own faith journey, for what do you give thanks to God?
2. Take a moment to reflect upon verse 7. Do the words of the psalmist resonate with your experience? How have you experienced God's love and faithfulness even in the midst of trouble?
3. Why do you think a posture of gratitude is essential to our Christian faith?

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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)



LET US WELCOME  
OUR NEWEST  
MEMBERS!

Kathy Anderson  
Olivia Albertson  
Rosa Albertson  
Allen Albertson  
Kathryn Pierce  
Phil Pierce