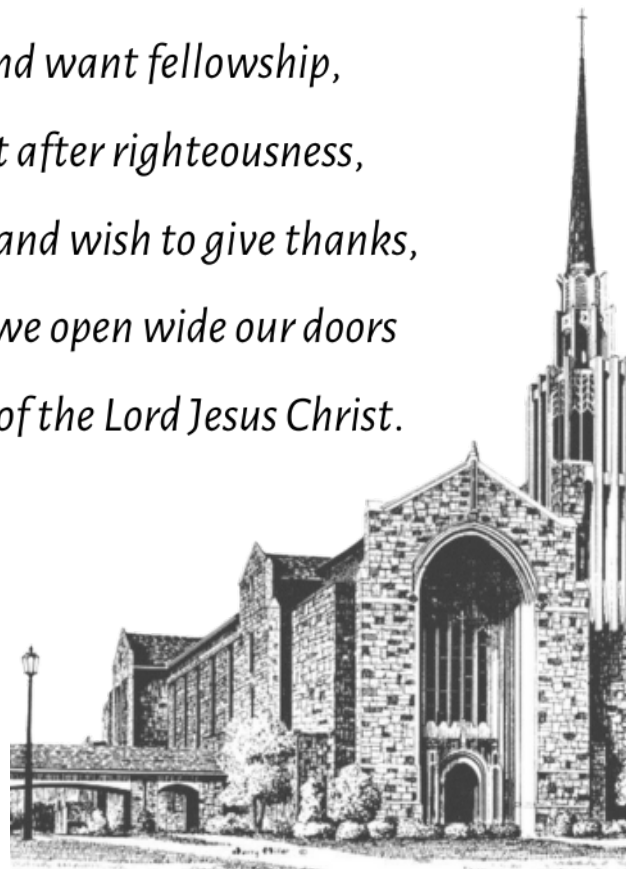


# WESLEY MEMORIAL

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 CHAPEL 8:30**

*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*

### SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 16th, 2025

Chapel

8:30 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.

#### 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, look mercifully upon your people, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

† HYMN NO. 279 (VERSES 1,2,4, & 6)  
*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

DIADEM

#### 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 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.

#### RECENT SURGERY:

Kim Cossaart  
Catherine Niebauer

## 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.



### SOLO

#### *Deep River*

arr. Henry Burleigh

*Deep river, my home is over Jordan,  
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.  
Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast,  
That promised land where all is peace?  
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.*

### 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.**

### 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

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 8:26-39 (Pg. 865)

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

### SERMON

*“Declaring Freedom”*

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.**

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† HYMN NO. 119

*Victory in Jesus*

HARTFORD

† BENECTION

† POSTLUDE

† 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

Mr. Phillip Leach, Baritone Soloist

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

Ms. Mora Wolff, Organist

Reflection Questions: Luke 8:26-39

1. What does this passage reveal about the authority of Christ?
2. As you reflect on Jesus' encounter with the man, in what ways have you experienced healing in Christ and the freedom to become the human that God created you to be?
3. Just as Jesus told the man to "go and tell" of what God had done for him, how can you share your testimony to others this week?

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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

<b>MONDAY, February 17</b> 10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Monday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Ball & Bible Cub Scout Meeting Boy Scout Meeting AA Meeting	Media Center Fellowship Hall Student Ministry Wing Scout Room Adult Wing D208
<b>TUESDAY, February 18</b> 6:00 p.m.	Board of Ministries Meeting	Dining Hall
<b>WEDNESDAY, February 19</b> 7:20 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	John Willett's Men's Bible Study Revelation Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Prayer Shawl Ministry Wednesday Dinner (served until 6:30 p.m.) Vespers Wesley Memorial Kids Games & Gospel (Ages 0-11) Student Ministry Midweek Motivation W.O.W. (Women of Wesley) Bible Study Disciple II Men's Bible Study Revelation Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Dining Hall Dining Hall Conference Room 3 Dining Hall Chapel Children's Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing Student Wing - C111 Circle View Room Conference Room 3 Media Center Choir Room
<b>THURSDAY, February 20</b> 10:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Dr. Charletta Phillips AA Meeting AlAnon	Media Center Adult Wing D202 Adult Wing D201
<b>SUNDAY, February 22</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. 2:00 p.m.	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 Confirmation Class	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D202 Children's Ministry Wing Adult Wing Fellowship Hall Dining Hall Sanctuary Children's Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing

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

### Thank You, Pillow Ministry Volunteers!

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who joined us on January 28th for our Pillow Ministry stuffing party. Your time, energy, and care helped us stuff over 200 pillows, spreading comfort and kindness throughout our community. We couldn't do this without you, and your efforts continue to make a meaningful impact. Thank you for sharing your hearts and hands with this ministry!

### Wednesdays @ Wesley

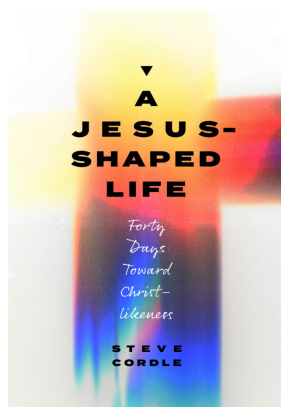
On Wednesday evenings we serve a warm, home-cooked meal from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in our Dining Hall. The menu for February 19th is sloppy joes with tater tots and corn. All dinners come with salad bar, roll, and dessert. The cost is free, but donations are accepted.

### Senior Adult Winter Outing to TAG

Join fellow senior adults for a special Winter Outing designed exclusively for senior adults aged 60 and above! On Thursday, February 27, the group will enjoy a fun art class at TAG (The Art Gallery) at Congdon Yards, located at 400 West English Road, High Point. The class will take place from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon, with a cost of \$12 per person, payable upon arrival. Transportation will be provided—meet in the front church parking lot at 9:30 AM to board the church bus or carpool. Participants will paint individual pictures of an outdoor scene featuring our beautiful church. The instructor, Michaela, will have the church pre-drawn on each canvas and will guide participants through color selection and brush techniques. No prior experience is necessary, and all supplies will be provided. Each participant will leave with their own completed painting. The class is limited to the first 20 senior adults who RSVP, so call the church office at 336-884-2204 to secure a spot. If the class fills up, additional names will be added to a waiting list, with a second session scheduled once at least 10 participants are confirmed.

### A Jesus-Shaped Life: Lent 2025 Study

This Lent, join us on a transformative journey as we explore A Jesus-Shaped Life. Through Sunday sermons and small group discussions, we'll discover how to live, love, and lead more like Jesus. Whether you're part of an existing group or looking for a new one, there's a place for you in this congregation-wide study. Visit [wesleymemorial.org/lent2025](http://wesleymemorial.org/lent2025) to register.



SCAN TO REGISTER

## Grieving the death of a spouse?

*Or do you know someone who is?*



Your life has changed forever. The daily emotions and challenges can seem too hard to bear.

#### You'll hear:

- Practical advice from others who've been there.
- What to expect in your grief.
- How to cope with life without your spouse.
- Why it won't always hurt this much.

Find help at a **Loss of a Spouse seminar.**

# LOSS OF A SPOUSE

Saturday, March 1, 2025 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in room D201

Please join us for this encouraging seminar.

### Transfiguration Evensong:

**Contemplating the mystery of Christ's glory revealed on March 2, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.**

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.

## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, March 4, 2025  
5:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Join us for the annual all-you-can-eat pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday. Tickets will be available soon or can be purchased at the door.



CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER  
EAT FREE

**PANCAKES • SAUSAGE  
JUICE • COFFEE • TEA**



Wesley Memorial Dining Hall  
1225 Chestnut Drive, High Point, NC 27262

# Ash Wednesday Services



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025  
12PM & 6PM  
IN THE SANCTUARY

*"From dust you came and from dust you will return."*

## REGISTER TODAY

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



# SPIRIT & TRUTH WEEKEND

This weekend could change everything.

REGISTER AT [WESLEYMEMORIAL.ORG/SPIRITANDTRUTH](http://WESLEYMEMORIAL.ORG/SPIRITANDTRUTH)

### 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](mailto: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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# Rise

AGAINST HUNGER

SUNDAY, MARCH 9  
2:00 - 4:30 PM

Volunteer  
Release  
& Waiver



REGISTER AT  
[WESLEYMEMORIAL.ORG/RISE](http://WESLEYMEMORIAL.ORG/RISE)

# 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
- Service opportunities
- Meet clergy team & church staff
- And much, much more!

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](mailto:cchilton@wesleymemorial.org) or via phone at 336-812-4813 by March 10th



