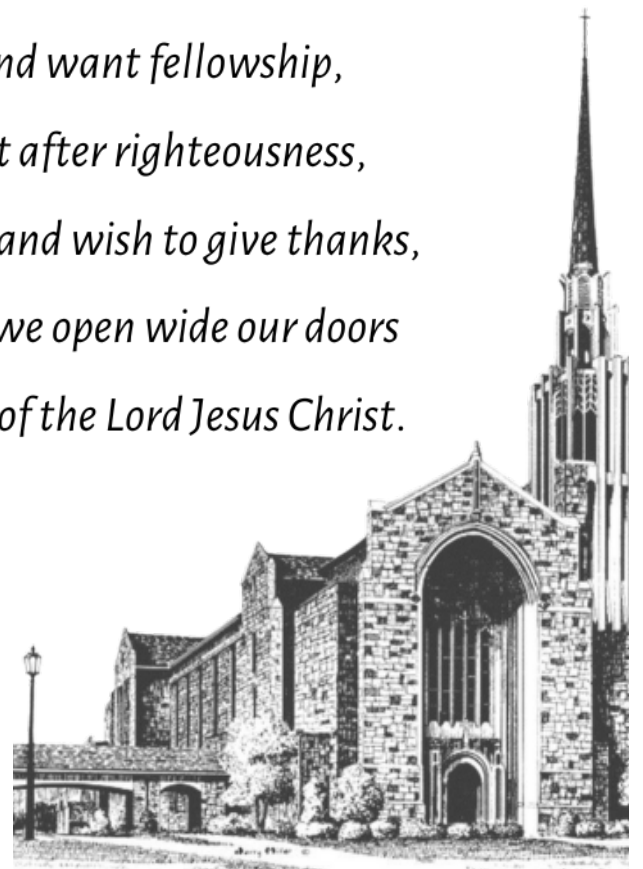


# WESLEY MEMORIAL

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* SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 16th, 2025

Sanctuary

11:00 am

### PRELUDE

*Be Thou My Vision*

Robert Hebble

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.

### INTROIT

*Christ Be Beside Me*

BUNESSAN

*Christ be beside me, Christ be before me, Christ be behind me, King of my heart. Christ be within me, Christ be below me, Christ be above me, never to part.*

### † CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER      Congregation reads bold print

I arise today

Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,

**Through a belief in the Threeness,**

Through confession of the Oneness

**Of the Creator of creation.**

I arise today

Through the strength of Christ's birth and His baptism,

**Through the strength of His crucifixion and His burial,**

Through the strength of His resurrection and His ascension,

**Through the strength of His coming on the Judgment Day.**

Salvation is the Lord's; Salvation is Christ's.

**May thy salvation, Lord, be always with us!**

### † HYMN No. 90

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

ST. COLUMBA

### PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

#### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pray in Unison

**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.**

#### 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.

THE CALL TO  
WORSHIP IS ADAPTED  
FROM A NINTH-  
CENTURY IRISH  
PRAYER ATTRIBUTED  
TO ST. PATRICK.

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.



SOLO

*I Cannot Tell*

*I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship, should set his love upon the sons of men, or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers, to bring them back, they know not how or when. But this I know, that he was born of Mary when Bethlehem's manger was his only home, and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured, and so the Savior of the world is come.*

*I cannot tell how silently he suffered, as with his peace he graced this place of tears, or how his heart upon the cross was broken, the crown of pain to three and thirty years. But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted and stays our sin and calms our lurking fear and lifts the burden from the heavy laden; for still the Savior of the world is here.*

*I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship, when at his bidding every storm is stilled, or who can say how great the jubilation when every heart with love and joy is filled. But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture, and myriad myriad human voices sing, and earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, will answer, 'at last the Savior of the world is King!'*

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

*Celtic Laud*

Craig Courtney

*For fruit of the vine, for harvest of wheat, for bread and for wine, the gift of your feast, The cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise, O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.*

*For dove in the sky, for wind in the trees, for coal in the fire, your Spirit in me, The cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise, O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.*

*For springtime's green earth, for morning's first light, for every new birth, for grace and for life, The cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise, O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.*

† DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 16: 24-26 (Pg.822)

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

SERMON

*“Obedience of Jesus”*

Dr. 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. 49

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

*(The Altar is open for prayer.)*

† BENEDICTION

*May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you on the road. May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve. May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart open your hearts to love. May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet, and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you. Amen.*

† The CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Blessing*

John Horman

*May the road rise to meet you; may the wind be ever at your back. May the sun shine upon you face, and rains fall softly on your fields. And ‘til we meet again may God always hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.*

† CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

† POSTLUDE

† Those who are able please stand.

**PRAISE REPORT!**

We have begun our Lenten journey of growing in “A Jesus Shaped Life”! We celebrate that 19 small groups and Sunday School classes are engaging in this congregation-wide study. It’s not too late to join—some of our small groups and Sunday School classes have room for new participants. If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Susannah.

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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

Mrs. Patti Wood, flute

Mr. Phillip Leach, Baritone Soloist

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

Mr. Chris Ward, Organist

Mr. Kyle Brown, Usher

Mr. Ken Marsh, Usher

Mr. Rex Walser, Usher

Mr. Gene LaPrade, Usher

Mr. Tom Talbot, Usher

Miss Brielle Keunnen, Acolyte

Mr. Nathan Peters, Acolyte

Mr. Christian Smith, Crucifer

Miss Caraway Chilton, Bible

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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 CHUCK DOAK FOR THE DEATH OF HIS MOTHER, BONNIE GAY BLEVINS, WHO PASSED AWAY ON 3/1/2025.

# 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, March 17</b> 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Monday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Lent Small Group (for all ages) Ball & Bible Lent Small Group (for all ages) Cub Scout Meeting Boy Scout Meeting AA Meeting	Media Center Adult Wing D201 Fellowship Hall Adult Wing D201 Student Ministry Wing Scout Room Adult Wing D208
<b>TUESDAY, March 18</b> 12:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal Lent Small Group (for all ages)	Adult Wing D212 Adult Wing D201
<b>WEDNESDAY, March 19</b> 7:20 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:15 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 Lent Small Group (for ages 40+) Prayer Shawl Ministry Wednesday Dinner (served until 6:30 p.m.) Vespers Handbells Rehearsal Wesley Memorial Kids Games & Gospel (Ages 0-11) Student Ministry Midweek Motivation W.O.W. (Women of Wesley) Bible Study Disciple II Lent Small Group (for ages 60+) Lent Small Group (for couples with school-aged children) Men's Bible Study Revelation Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Dining Hall Dining Hall Adult Wing D201 Conference Room 3 Dining Hall Chapel Adult Wing D208 Children's Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing Student Wing - C111 Circle View Room Small Dining Room Adult Wing D201 Conference Room 3 Media Center Choir Room
<b>THURSDAY, March 20</b> 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Reaching Rwanda: Hear from Pastor Herve AA Meeting AlAnon	Circle View Room Adult Wing D202 Adult Wing D201
<b>FRIDAY, March 21</b> 6:00 p.m.	Wesley Memorial Kids' Family Swim Night	High Point Swim Club
<b>SATURDAY, March 22</b> 8:00 a.m.	MERGE: Day of Service	
<b>SUNDAY, March 23</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 Lent Small Group (for all ages)	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D202 Children's Ministry Wing Adult Wing Fellowship Hall Dining Hall Sanctuary Children's Ministry Wing Adult Wing D201

### 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 March 19th is corned beef, garlic herb potatoes and lemon garlic green beans.

### Wesley Memorial Methodist Church High Point | North Carolina

**Saturday | March 22 | 8AM - 12PM**

Register online or scan the QR code.  
[www.wesley memorial.org/merge](http://www.wesley memorial.org/merge)



Bringing the church and the community together for the good of all.

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**MERGE**  
Day of Service

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### Join us for the First-Ever MERGE: Day of Service

On Saturday, March 22, Wesley Memorial is launching MERGE: Day of Service, a new opportunity for our church family to serve alongside local mission partners and make a real impact in our community. Whether you're painting, gardening, organizing, or lending a helping hand in another way, there's a place for everyone to get involved. Be part of this special day! Learn more and sign up at [wesley memorial.org/merge](http://wesley memorial.org/merge)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 21ST**  
**6:00-8:00 PM**

**FAMILY SWIM NIGHT**

**@ HIGH POINT SWIM CLUB**  
1701 Whitehall St.  
HP, NC 27262

**SIGN UP AT**  
**[WESLEYMEMORIAL.org/SWIM](http://WESLEYMEMORIAL.org/SWIM)**

# 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 | RSVP with Pastor Clark Chilton via email at [cchilton@wesley memorial.org](mailto:cchilton@wesley memorial.org) or via phone at 336-812-4813 by March 20th  
Time: 11:00 am  
Location: Fellowship Hall

### Fairview Reading Day – Volunteers Needed!

Fairview Elementary is hosting a special Reading Day on Wednesday, March 26, from 9:00–10:00 AM, and they need volunteers to read to individual classrooms. Books will be provided by the classroom teachers. The school is seeking a total of 26 volunteers, and Wesley Memorial has been asked to provide 5–6 volunteers to support this effort. If you are available to help inspire young readers, please contact Mary Drummond at 336.255.4009 or Lisa Cheek at 336.848.5050.

### WESLEY MEMORIAL KIDS PRESENTS

**EPIC EASTER 2025!**



**3PM. SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH**  
**IN THE GYM**  
**AN EXCITING & INTERACTIVE SHOW**  
**PLUS OUTDOOR EGG HUNT!**

**REGISTER AT**  
**[WESLEYMEMORIAL.org/EASTER](http://WESLEYMEMORIAL.org/EASTER)**

### Reaching Rwanda


Come and hear from Pastor Herve about Rwanda and how you can be involved in sharing God's love and expanding God's kingdom! Thursday, March 20 at 7:00 pm in the Circle View Room (directly above the front reception desk) OR Thursday, March 27 at 9:00 am in the Circle View Room.


### Easter Flower Delivery

Celebrate Easter by delivering flowers to REACH members of our congregation, including those who are homebound. Join the Congregational Care Team on Friday, April 11th, from 6 to 7 p.m. Drive through the porte cochere at the narthex side entrance to pick up flowers for delivery. Help us share Easter joy with our church family!

## JOIN US FOR A MORNING WITH Dr. Gerald McDermott



 Saturday, April 12th

 Location: Sanctuary

 Lecture: 9:00 AM–12:00 PM


Dr. Gerald McDermott, renowned theologian, author, and speaker, will be joining us for a special morning of insight and discussion. This event will include **two powerful lectures** exploring the **rich meanings of Baptism and Holy Communion**—two of the greatest gifts to the Christian community. He has authored, co-authored, or edited 25 books and is recognized as a leading authority on Jonathan Edwards, Christian understandings of other religions, Anglicanism, and the significance of Israel in redemption history. His latest book, *A New History of Redemption: The Work of the Jewish Messiah Through the Millennia* (2024), explores the story of salvation with Israel at its center.

#### Why Attend?

- Deepen your understanding of Baptism and Holy Communion
- Gain fresh theological insights from a globally respected scholar
- Explore the deep connections between Christianity and its Jewish roots
- Engage in meaningful discussion in a welcoming setting

#### Additional Highlights!

 Dr. McDermott's books will be available for purchase

 Following the event, Tucker Mitchell will lead Stained Glass Tours in the Sanctuary

💰 No cost for the lectures, but registration is encouraged.

 To register, contact the front desk.

**Don't miss this opportunity to learn from one of the most respected voices in Christian theology today.**

### Easter Memorials

Our worship spaces will be decorated with Easter Lilies on Easter Sunday. To place an order in remembrance or celebration of a loved one, kindly reach out to Isabel at 336-812-4808 or [icruzvalencia@wesleymemorial.org](mailto:icruzvalencia@wesleymemorial.org) before April 11. Each lily is priced at \$26.

### Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Holy Week is a time to reflect on the pivotal moments of Jesus Christ's last week, from His triumphant entry into Jerusalem to His resurrection, shaping both history and the Christian faith. Through the Sacred Triduum—Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday—we immerse ourselves in His journey, pausing to remember His sacrifice, meditate on His teachings, and renew our commitment as His disciples today. Through worship and contemplation, we allow the events of Holy Week to shape our lives and bear witness to Christ's transformative power. Below is a preview of the Holy Week calendar.

#### Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025

7:30 a.m. TV Service on WGHP FOX8

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Chapel)

9:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall)

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

3:15 p.m. EPIC Easter Event 2025 (Fellowship Hall)

#### Wednesday, April 16, 2025

5:30 p.m. Vespers in the Chapel

*Holy Communion and Anointing of Oil*

#### Thursday, April 17, 2025

7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)

*Holy Communion to commemorate the Last Supper*

#### Friday, April 18, 2025

7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)

#### Saturday, April 19, 2025

7:30 p.m. Holy Saturday Service (Sanctuary)

*Candlelight service and baptismal reaffirmation*

#### Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

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 Hall)

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

### Contemporary Worship Time Change

Beginning on Easter Sunday, April 20, our Contemporary Worship service will move to 9:30 a.m. instead of 9:45 a.m. This new time will remain in place going forward. We look forward to worshipping with you at 9:30 a.m. as we celebrate the risen Christ together!