

Welcome to **WESLEY MEMORIAL**

A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

Our purpose is to make and sustain spiritually healthy followers
of Jesus Christ who live in ways that transform the world.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022
TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL
8:30 AM

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The Worship of God

Chapel

November 20, 2022

8:30 am

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Variations on "Now Thank We All Our God"

John Barr
(b. 1938)

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

Jeff Patterson

† CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let Us Pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, it is your will to restore all things to Christ, whom you have anointed priest forever and ruler of creation. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

† HYMN No. 154

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

PRAYER 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.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SOLO

O Give Thanks

Robert J. Powell
(b. 1932)

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from trouble. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good. Whoever is wise, let him give heed to these things. Let us consider the steadfast

Welcome!

Thank you for worshipping 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.



ARE YOU HURTING?

Stephen Ministers bring Christ's love and care to people during a time of pain and need. Each specially trained Stephen Minister confidentially guides his or her care receiver toward a place of peace and healing. To learn more, contact Mike Flack at gmflack@northstate.net or 336-688-5526 or Barbara Coughlin at BLBC215@aol.com or 336-414-6350.

We share the addresses of some of our people who need to hear from you.

There are cards in the Welcome Folders. Won't you take a moment to write to them? Please address the card.

You may mail it yourself or place it at the altar rail or in the offering plate for us to mail.

On going treatments:
Michael Amos
1515 Gatehouse #13
High Point, NC 27262

Recent Illness:
Amy Culler
505 Harrogate Court
High Point, NC 27262

*universal

love, the love of the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever. (Psalm 107)

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.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

We Gather Together

Wilbur Held
(1914-2015)

†DOXOLOGY No. 94

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. 157

Jesus Shall Reign

DUKE STREET

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 1:4-8 (N.T. Page 245)

SERMON

“He’s on The Throne”

Jeff Patterson

†APOSTLES’ CREED

We face the cross and profess in unison

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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. 377
It Is Well with My Soul

VILLE DU HAVRE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

†BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Final on "Now Thank We All Our God"

John Barr
(b. 1938)

SERVICE NOTES:
Texts of the Call to
Worship, Old Testament,
Epistle, and Gospel
taken from the New
Revised Standard
Version Bible and The
United Methodist Book
of Worship, © 1992 The
United Methodist
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Music: OneLicense.net
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† Those who are able please stand.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor

Lisa Tanico, Congregational Care and Senior Adults

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome guests! Scan this QR code to receive a free welcome gift! (to scan the code, use your phone's camera and follow the provided link)

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.

Wesley Memorial School is closed Nov. 22-25 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.



Offering plates will be passed or you can scan the QR code with your camera phone or text the word DETAILS to 94000 to give online.

MONDAY, November 21 10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Interdenominational Bible Study Boy Scout Meeting AA Meeting	Adult D213 Media Center Boy Scout Room 1 Adult D208
WEDNESDAY, November 23 7:20 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	NO WEDNESDAY DINNER Men's Bible Study w/John Willett Thanksgiving Vespers	Dining Hall Chapel
THURSDAY, November 24 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Holiday– Office Closed AA Meeting Al Anon Meeting	Adult D208 Adult D201
FRIDAY, November 25	Thanksgiving Holiday– Office Closed	
SUNDAY, November 27 7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	1st Sunday in Advent Televised Traditional Worship Traditional Worship AA Meeting Children's Ministry Sunday Funday Adult Sunday School Contemporary Worship Student Ministry Sunday Morning Live Chancel Choir Rehearsal Small Groups/ All Welcome Traditional Worship	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D202 Children's Gathering Adult Wing Fellowship Hall Student Gathering Choir Room (under Sanctuary) Fellowship Hall Sanctuary

Cover the City

This project was founded by Amanda Foster Anderson 10 years ago after she saw a man sleeping behind Krispy Kreme Doughnuts. Thus Cover the City was born.



Wesley Memorial will conduct a blanket drive thru TODAY - November 20. Boxes will be placed at each worship location where you may bring your gently used or new blankets, comforters, or throws of any size. A Cleaner World will clean and pack the blankets for distribution. After the drive Wesley Memorial will match your donations so your one becomes two!

Blankets are also given to Law Enforcement to be given to those in need.

Surviving the Holidays

TODAY - 2:00- 4:00 p.m. in D201 -

After separation or divorce, your Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays won't look the same as they used to. Traditions change. Some family members won't be there. Social gatherings can feel stressful. But DivorceCare Surviving the Holidays can help! We are offering this 2-hour seminar on **November 20** and **December 21**. This short event includes a video, sharing time, and a "Survival Guide" filled with tips and encouragement for managing the holidays after separation and divorce. We encourage you to register at divorcecare.org/holidays.

TOWN HALL MEETING

Tuesday, Nov. 29, 6 pm, Dining Hall

Everyone is invited to this important meeting. There will be presentations both for and against disaffiliation from the UMC followed by Q & A. Nursery will be provided.

Tech Session & Holiday Shopping Guide



Bring all of your tech questions!

- Open Q&A for all things technology.
- We will go over some of the best holiday sales on new technology products for you and your family.



**Monday
November 21st
@ 4:00pm
in the dining hall.**

**Monday, Dec. 14, 2022 - 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Blood Drive in the Dining Hall.**

The Red Cross is low on blood donations and they need for you to give the life-saving gift. Please mark your calendar to give at Wesley Memorial UMC.

Lighting of the Tree

Friday, Dec. 2 at 6 pm in the Circle Parking Lot

Join us as we gather around the Christmas tree with family and friends, singing Christmas carols,



The Congregational Care Team would appreciate your help delivering poinsettias to REACH (Restricted or Reduced Mobility, Exceptional Circumstances, Advanced

Aging, Convalescing, or Homebound) members of our congregation on Friday, December 2nd from 6:30 to 7:30 immediately following the tree lighting. Please 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. Hope to see you!

INTERESTED IN HELPING TO START A SINGLES MINISTRY FOR THE HIGH POINT COMMUNITY? Did you know that nearly 50% of U.S. adults are single? That is 126.9 million unmarried Americans. Our congregation would like to create a singles group that would meet periodically for Christian friendship, fellowship and fun. **We will have an informational meeting on Monday, Nov. 28, 6:30 pm.** If interested in this ministry, please contact Pastor Jeff at jpatterson@wesleymemorial.org.

**December 9th at 1:00 in the Dining Hall
Polar Express with Santa & Mrs. Claus**

All Aboard the Polar Express! Delight in this Joyful experience as you pretend to travel on the Polar Express to the North Pole. Get a golden ticket as you climb aboard. But don't lose it. The Conductor will be along to punch it confirming your invitation. Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus while enjoying cocoa and cookies and have a photo made. You will get the first gift of Christmas!

Gingerbread Bash in the Dining Hall

On **December 10th at 11:30am** we will build gingerbread nativities, play games, sing songs, hear the Christmas story from the Bible, eat lunch together, and discover that sometimes the best gift comes in the most ordinary box. It's a truly sweet way for your family to celebrate the birth of Jesus! All ages welcome. This is a fun and interactive experience designed for the whole family! Registration is required at

wesleymemorial.org/gingerbread.

Children's Nativity

Sunday, Dec. 11 at the 11 am Service

Children ages 4 through 5th grade can participate in this beautiful depiction of the birth of Christ. Roles are assigned according to age and grade. Participating children need to attend at least two music and worship sessions, either on Sunday morning or Wednesday night between November 6th and December 11th to be able to participate. Rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 10th at 10am. For more details and to register, please visit wesleymemorial.org/nativity.

White Christmas will be celebrated on:

Sunday, December 18, 2022 at all three services

This year's White Christmas gift collection will go to West End Ministries and Leslie's House to provide essential clothing, food, and supplies to men and women using those facilities. Please consider the purchase of one or more items from the following list. Items should be wrapped in white paper and will be called forward to be deposited at the altar rail/platform during the services. Items specific to men should be marked for West End Ministries and those for women to Leslie's House. The requested items are: Coats or sweatshirts (L, XL, XXL), white socks, stocking caps, scarfs, gloves, flip flops, blankets, twin sheets, toiletries, and canned goods. Thank you for your generosity!



Sunday, Dec. 18th, 2022 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Christmas Drive-Thru at Wesley Memorial Church!

It will take lots of volunteers to make the December 18th Christmas Drive-Thru a success. The guiding narrative of the Drive-Thru is "What God Wants for Christmas". (The answer to "What God Wants" is YOU, and people will discover that answer at the final station.) Actors just act/pose. People will be listening to a recording in their cars, so actors don't have to say anything. The church will provide costumes as well. ANY AGE from 5-105 are WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE. Serve alongside your kids! It will be fun. From setup to acting as sheep. Give back this holiday season by committing to serve as a volunteer. Sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4daca92dabf8c43-sunday> For more information contact Pastor Clark at cchilton@wesleymemorial.org.

The Administrative Team invites the

congregation to bless our staff with a financial gift at Christmas. To participate, please make a check out to WMUMC and mark "Staff Bonus" in the memo line. You may place your check in a Sunday offering plate, mail to the church, OR drop off at the Front Desk. You can also contribute online at wesleymemorial.org/gift and select "Staff Christmas Bonus" from the drop down options under "Fund." If you are unable to participate in a monetary gift, please consider a note of appreciation to let specific staff members know that they are truly appreciated and the impact they make. Thank you for helping us express gratitude to our wonderful staff. Please make your contribution on or before **Sunday, December 10.**

If you have questions, please contact **Tom Smothers** at tdsmothers@me.com. You may also reach out to our 2020/21 Administrative Team which includes: Mary Sansing, Dan Smoak, Jim Holcomb, Henry McMullan, David Pruetto, Harvey Lowd, Samantha Klemme, Don Shaw, Tom Smothers, Teresa Huffman, Iris Sunshine, Barbara Frye, Jerry Cornwell, Trip Dixon and David McCoy.

Angel Trees

It's that time of year again! We will launch our Angel Tree Project on November 18. This program provides Christmas gifts for children who have an incarcerated parent. Each child will receive a clothing gift and a non-clothing gift. Angels will be on the Christmas trees in the Bridge Café, Sunday School area and the Narthex outside the sanctuary. Angels will provide the necessary information to purchase gifts. Wrap the two gifts in the same paper and stick the angel on the package. "A" for non-clothing and "B" for clothing. Please include the receipt for your items. Presents need to be turned into the church before December 4. You can place the gifts under the trees.



Dec. 14 will be the last Wednesday Night Dinner until the new year.

Senior Adult Luncheon

Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022 at 12 p.m. - Dining Hall

For Senior Adults ages 60+. This magical Christmas Luncheon is a gift to our Senior Adults. Come in your festive Christmas attire and enjoy. A very special program will follow our meal. Sponsored by the Senior Adult Council. Please RSVP to the church office

December 16th at 10:30 in the Sanctuary Kindergarten Nativity Program

It has always been such a very special time to witness the birth of the Baby Jesus reenacted by children. Experience the joy of the season as the greatest story is retold through drama and song. The Inn Keeper points to, "A Stable Warm and Dry", welcoming Joseph and Mary. The star, animals, angels, and shepherds shout out in a joyful noise delighting in the birth of the baby. The kindergarten children will also share some fun Christmas secular songs and share a special surprise by playing the handbells. Join us afterwards for Christmas cookies and cider.

Fairview Backpacks

Wesley Memorial will feed 33 children from

Fairview Elementary School for 6 days during the Christmas break. Currently, we need ALL food items for our food pantry and we would like to ask everyone in the congregation to bring single serving food items to place in backpacks for the students at Fairview for Christmas break. Ideas for items: individual juice boxes, individual milk boxes (non-perishable), individual cereal boxes/cups, pop tarts, granola bars, muffin packs, fruit packs/cans, individual containers of Chef Boyardee spaghetti, ravioli, beefaroni, small cans of pork and beans, mac and cheese cups, individual pudding cups, individual jello cups, cookies, chips, pretzels, rice krispy treats, goldfish.



Don't Forget Your Christmas Memorials for this year...

You may order wreaths and poinsettias in honor or memory of your loved one to decorate the church this

Christmas Season. Because we are bringing back our traditional Lovefeast Service on Christmas Eve, we will offer new this year, Moravian Buns to be used at the Lovefeast for you to purchase in memory or honor of your love ones in lots of \$25, \$50 or \$100. Place your order now by calling Sue Schoch at 336-812-4806. Deadline for ordering your memorial is Monday, Dec. 19. Your memorial will be listed in the December 25th bulletin.

Looking Ahead...

- Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Services
 - 4 pm - Contemporary - Fellowship Hall (this service will be live-streamed)
 - 5 pm - Lovefeast - Sanctuary
 - 8 pm - Holy Communion Service - Sanctuary (this service will be live-streamed)
 - 11 pm - Holy Communion Service - Sanctuary
- Dec. 25 - Christmas Day
 - 10 am service only in the Sanctuary
- Jan. 1, 2023 - We will be back to the regular schedule for our worship services.