

# 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, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023**  
**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**HOLY COMMUNION**



**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL**  
**8:30 AM**

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*"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2).*

# WESLEY MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Order of Worship

### Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

### Holy Communion

September 3, 2023

Chapel

8:30 am

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Prayer for Peace*

Frances W. Snow

(1890-1961)

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. Ken Lyon

† CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER      Congregation reads bold print  
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and  
from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love  
you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our  
Lord. Amen.**

† HYMN No. 73

*O Worship the King*

LYONS

PRAYER 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 dis-  
regarded your Word and Sacraments. Forgive us, O Lord. Give us  
grace and power to put away all hurtful things, that, being deliv-  
ered 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

SOLO

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

Robert E. Kreutz

(1922-1996)

*You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat. Come, give to us,  
O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat. As when the shepherd calls his  
sheep, they know and heed his voice, so when you call your family, Lord,  
we follow and rejoice. With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and  
gratitude, that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heavenly  
food. Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ our-poured?  
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord? The mystery  
of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell; whom all the world  
cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. You give yourself to us, O  
Lord; then selfless let us be, to serve each other in your name in truth  
and charity.*

## 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](mailto:gmflack@northstate.net) or 336-688-5526 or Barbara Coughlin at [BLBC215@aol.com](mailto:BLBC215@aol.com) or 336-414-6350.

ON COMMUNION  
SUNDAYS we profess  
the Nicene Creed,  
AD325, that professes  
the faith of the  
universal church.

\* universal

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 3: 5-6 (O.T. Pg. 586)

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

## SERMON

*"One Voice Above all Others"*

Rev. Ken Lyon

## † NICENE CREED

We face the cross and read in unison  
**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy \*catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY

## † 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!**

## † THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. At his ascension you exalted him to sit and reign with you at your right hand. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*Please be seated*

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

#### THE 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 EUCHARIST

*Please come to the serving table and receive the bread or gluten-free wafer. After receiving, you may kneel at the prayer rail. (If you are unable to come forward and would like to be served at your seat, please let an usher know.)*

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

† HYMN No. 623

*Here, O My Lord, I See Thee*

PENITENTIA

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

† BENEDICTION

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

#### HOSPITALIZATION:

Lynn Foscue

Polly LaPrade

#### SERVICE NOTES:

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† Those who are able please stand.

### WORSHIP LEADERS:

Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor  
Reverend Dr. Ken Lyon, Generosity/Church Vitality/Missions  
Reverend Dr. Glenn Myers, Congregational Care/Senior Adults  
Mr. Elli Yu, Pastoral Intern  
Mr. Phillip Leach, Baritone Soloist  
Mr. Frank Pifferetti, Director of Traditional Music Ministries and Organist

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

<b>MONDAY, September 4</b> 7:30 p.m.	<b>LABOR DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b> AA Meeting	Adult Wing D208
<b>WEDNESDAY, September 6</b> 1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	<b>WESLEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL'S FIRST DAY</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry Vespers Midweek Motivation Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Media Center Chapel Student Ministry Wing Choir Room (under Sanctuary)
<b>THURSDAY, September 7</b> 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting AlAnon	Adult Wing D208 Adult Wing D201
<b>SUNDAY, September 10</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. 9:45 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Televised Worship Service Traditional Worship AA Meeting Student Ministry Sunday Morning Live Children's Ministry Sunday Funday Adult Sunday School Contemporary Worship Chancel Choir Rehearsal Small Groups/ All Welcome Traditional Worship	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D208 Student Ministry Wing Children's Ministry Wing Adult Wing Fellowship Hall Choir Room (under Sanctuary) Fellowship Hall Sanctuary

To view the full church calendar visit our website, [www.wesley memorial.org/calendar](http://www.wesley memorial.org/calendar)

#### Dates to Save

September 6, 2023 - Vespers moves back to 5:30 p.m.  
September 16, 2023 - Chancel Choir Workshop  
September 17, 2023 - 3rd Grade Bibles Sunday  
September 17, 2023 - Rise Against Hunger at 2 p.m.  
September 20, 2023 - Wed. Night Dinner starts back  
September 24, 2023 - Autumn Lights at 7:30 p.m.  
September 29, 2023 - Soul of the Community Dinner  
October 8, 2023 - Blessing of the Animals at 4 p.m.  
October 29, 2023 - Serving Expo (one service at 10 am)

November 5, 2023 - All Saints Sunday  
November 12, 2023 - Consecration Sunday  
December 1, 2023 - Christmas Tree Lighting  
December 3, 2023 - 1st Sunday of Advent  
December 13, 2023 - Red Cross Blood Drive  
December 14, 2023 - Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon  
December 17, 2023 - Drive-thru Nativity  
December 17, 2023 - White Christmas/Angel Tree  
December 24, 2023 - 50th Annual LoveFeast at 5 p.m.

### **Baptism Day - Sunday, September 10th**

We have had many people in our congregation inquire about baptism. To help with this exciting development, we are offering a baptism day on Sunday, September 10. There will also be an opportunity for individuals to reaffirm their baptism.

Please sign up ahead of time at the following link so that a Pastor may be in touch with you to further discuss the meaning of baptism in your spiritual life. This is open to children up to any age adults. We will have a great celebration on the front lawn after the 11 a.m. worship service on Sept. 10. To sign up, visit [wesleymemorial.org/baptism](http://wesleymemorial.org/baptism) by August 31st.



### **Substitute Teachers**

Wesley Memorial School is looking for Substitute Teachers for our 61st school year, 2023-2024. If you have a passion for teaching and caring for our littlest ones in an Early Childhood Development Program, we would love to speak with you. Please call Susan Kelley at 336-884-4232. We will have a training on Wednesday, Sept 20th at 9:30 that includes Safe Sanctuaries training.



### **Join Our New Eucharistic Ministry**

Congregational Care is starting the Visiting Eucharistic Ministry to serve communion to our members who are unable to join us at church for the Great Thanksgiving. We need members to visit congregants and serve communion and to make phone calls and coordinate schedules. To learn more and to sign up, please email Pastor Glenn Myers at [gmyers@WesleyMemorial.org](mailto:gmyers@WesleyMemorial.org).

### **Pillow Ministry**

Join us in the Scout Room for a stuffing party on Monday, September 18th at 1:30. This important ministry provides 30 pillows every month to Hospice of High Point in addition to comfort pillows for members of our church and community. Please help if you can! Also, remember that these pillows are yours to distribute to anyone who needs a reminder of God's love, grace, and mercy. They are available from Brittany at the reception desk in the administrative wing.

### **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 of the United Methodist Church. 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 fall are Sept. 14-17 and the Women's Walk is from Sept. 21-24. The retreat looks in depth at a variety of topics related to basic Christian theology. It is a very spiritual and renewing experience. 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:

Les Hurrelbrink 336-687-2769 [leh3md@gmail.com](mailto:leh3md@gmail.com)

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### **Rise Against Hunger - September 17th**

Calling All Meal Packers...it's that time again! Our annual packing event for Rise Against Hunger is scheduled for September 17th from 2-4:30 in the Dining Room. All ages, young to not-so-young are welcome as there are jobs for everyone. Please come join us for a time of great fellowship, music, and laughter as we create meal packets that will provide critical nutrition for children and families living in one of several impoverished parts of the world. We have committed to packing 36,000 meals in the time allotted. Last year was the first time we have come up short in reaching our goal so we are doubly committed this year. Participation is the key and we will only succeed with your help. To assist with planning, if you will be able to attend please visit [wesleymemorial.org/rise](http://wesleymemorial.org/rise) to register your name and the number of participants in your party. Please bring the whole family as well as any friends...this will be a great chance to introduce nonmembers to our church. This event offers something enjoyable for everyone, and continues to be one of our most popular activities...please come join in the fun as we strike a blow to food insecurity!

## Disciple Bible Study Returning in September

Disciple Bible Study, which has changed millions of lives across the country and around the world, will be available again at Wesley Memorial this fall. Wesley member Tucker Mitchell will be leading another session of the Disciple I course, **Thursday** evenings, beginning Sept. 21.

Disciple I is the foundational class in the internationally acclaimed Disciple series. Participants read approximately two-thirds of the Bible during the 30-plus week course and explore the rich meaning of the scriptures through weekly classes featuring lectures and lively discussions.

The class is open to adults of all ages and is not limited to members of Wesley Memorial.

### Disciple I Bible Study at Wesley

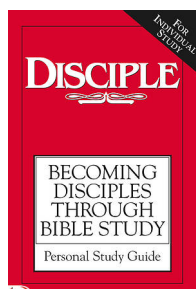
What: A 32-week Bible study

When: Thursdays at 6-8 p.m.

Where: Wesley Memorial -Conference Room #3

Who: All adults are invited!

To sign up, or to find out more, contact Tucker at tuckermitchell4104@gmail.com, or 843-409-5587, or contact the church office at Wesley at 336-884-2204. There is a charge for course materials, including videos and the Disciple Study Manual.



Coleman Cares Presents the Annual

## Soul of the Community

- DINE IN OR TAKE OUT -

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023**  
**4PM - 7PM**

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church  
1225 Chestnut Drive  
High Point, NC



**TICKETS \$15**  
Scan the QR to purchase your tickets today  
Tickets are available for purchase at Wesley Memorial UMC and the Macedonia Family Resource Center  
[macedoniacenter.org](http://macedoniacenter.org)

**Menu Includes:**  
Chicken  
Pinto Beans  
Collards  
Cornbread  
Dessert

### “LIVING WELL ALL YOUR LIFE”

New Adult Learning Series Coming This Fall!

Tuesdays, beginning September 26 from 1:30 to 2:30 pm in the Media Center

As adults maturing in our spiritual journey, we all have questions about end-of-life. We want to have real information, but the topic is too difficult for most of us to think about ... let alone to ask. In your Christian walk with the Lord, you know that through understanding and proper planning, a legacy of love and care that you leave for your family and friends can be a special gift. Part of being a “good and faithful servant” is to create a good plan. This series will guide you in that process and provide a comfortable setting for you to ask difficult questions. Open to all adult ages, this series is sponsored by your Senior Adult Ministry. Please rsvp by calling the front desk, 336-884-2204.

Session 1 – Tuesday, September 26  
“Biblical Perspectives on Death and Beyond”

Session 2 – Tuesday, October 3  
“When My Time Comes”

Session 3 – Tuesday, October 10  
“The Celebration of My Life”

Session 4 – Tuesday, October 17  
“What Is My Legacy?”

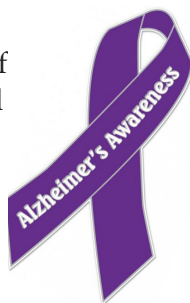
### Autumn Lights Outdoor Candlelight Prayer Service

Sunday, September 24, 2023 from 7:30-8:00 pm

(Registration begins 7:00)

Location ~ Dining Hall Patio. In case of rain, Service held in the Fellowship Hall

The Senior Adult Council invites ALL FAMILIES of our church and community to participate in an OUTDOOR candlelight worship service of songs and prayers. Attendees will receive candle votives for this beautiful service, and invited to write names on paper flowers of their loved ones affected by Alzheimer's. Our pastors will pray over these names. This event is to raise awareness and financial support to benefit Alzheimer's/Dementia patients & their care partners. All donations benefit The Alzheimer's Association of Guilford County, given in a combined gift from Wesley Memorial. Last year's donations totaled \$6,490. Our 2023 goal is to meet or exceed this gift.



# Sermon Growth Notes

# Sermon Title

# "One Voice Above All Others"

## Key Verses

## Proverbs 3:5-6