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, FEBRUARY 5, 2023 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



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 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 5, 2023

Chapel

8:30 am

OPENING VOLUNTARY Liturgical Improvisation No. 3

George Oldroyd

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

[†]GREETING 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.

†Нуми No. 158

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SPANISH HYMN

Pray in Unison Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Assurance of Pardon

Solo

We Meet You, O Christ

STANLEY BEACH

We meet you, O Christ, in many a guise; your image we see in simple and wise. You live in a palace exist in a shack; we see you, the gardener. a tree on your back. In millions alive, away and abroad; involved in our

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.



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.

Recently in hospital: Kathy Coble C/O Friends Home 925 New Garden Rd Room 910 Greensboro, NC 27410

Son recently in hospital Chase & Gail Lassiter 2504 Lakeshore Dr. Greensboro, NC 27407

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life, you live down the road. Imprisoned in systems, you long to be free; we see you, Lord Jesus, still bearing your tree. We hear you, O man, in agony cry; for freedom you march, in riots you die. Your face in the papers we read and we see. The tree must be planted by human decree. You choose to be made at one with the earth; the dark of the grave prepares for your birth. Your death is your rising, creative your word; the tree springs to life and our hope is restored.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:34-40 (NT pg. 25)

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

SERMON

"Love Is..." (Part 1)

Jeff Patterson

*†*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.

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 have given birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

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.

SERVICE NOTES: Texts of the Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, Old Testament, Epistle, and Gospel taken from the New **Revised Standard** Version Bible, The United Methodist Hymnal © 1989, The United Methodist Publishing House and The United Methodist Book of Worship, © 1992 The United Methodist Publishing House. Music: OneLicense.net A721606.

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 AND ANOINTING WITH OIL

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

†Нумп No. 170 *O How I Love Jesus*

O HOW I LOVE JESUS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY In Thee Is Gladness

Giovanni Gastoldi

† Those who are able please stand.

WORSHIP LEADERS: Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor Lisa Tanico, Pastor of Congregational Care and Senior Adults Ken Lyon, Pastor of Generosity/Church Vitality Phillip Leach, Baritone Frank Pifferetti, Director of Traditional Music Ministries and Organist

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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)

Attendance: please fill out and pass the attendance pads located in each row.

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 open Monday – Friday at 9 a.m.

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.



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MONDAY, February 6		
10:30 a.m.	Interdenominational Bible Study	Adult Wing D213 (Media Center)
10:30 a.m.	Jubilate Ringers	Handbell Room
5:30 p.m.	Ball & Bible	Gym
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting	Boy Scout Room
7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	Adult Wing D208
TUESDAY, February 7		
7:00 a.m.	High School Guys Bible Study	Chick-fil-A
9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study on Isaiah	Media Center
7:00 p.m.	YAM (Young Adult Ministry)	Student Gathering Area
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Bells	Handbell Room
WEDNESDAY, February 8		
7:00 a.m.	High School Girls Bible Study	Chick-fil-A
7:20 a.m.	Men's Bible Study with John Willett	Dining Hall
	Bible Study with Pastor Jeff	
9:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Dining Hall Media Center
1:30 p.m.		
5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Dinner	Dining Hall
5:30 p.m.	Vespers	Chapel Children's Cathering
6:00 p.m.	Children's Ministry Games & Gospel (ages 4-11)	Children's Gathering
6:00 p.m.	Student Ministry Middle School Midweek Motivation	Student Gathering
6:15 p.m.	DivorceCare	Adult Wing D202
6:30 p.m.	WOW (Women of Wesley) Bible Study	Student Ministry Wing
6:30 p.m.	Young Men's Bible Study w/Pastor Clark	Conf. Rm. 3- Admin Building
6:45 p.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Jeff	Media Center
6:45 p.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Lisa	Adult Wing D201
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room (under Sanctuary)
THURSDAY, February 9		
1:30 p.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Lisa	Pennybyrn
5:30 p.m.	Open Door Ministry (Serve Food)	Off-site
7:00 p.m.	C.S. Lewis Society	River Landing
7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	Adult Wing D208
7:30 p.m.	AlAnon	Adult Wing D201
SATURDAY, Saturday 11		
2:00 p.m.	GriefShare's Loss of a Spouse	Media Center
SUNDAY, February 12		
7:30 a.m.	Televised Traditional Worship	WGHP, FOX8
8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship	Chapel
9:00 a.m.	AA Meeting	Adult D208
9:45 a.m.	Children's Ministry Sunday School	Children's Gathering
9:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Adult Wing
9:45 a.m.	Contemporary Worship	Fellowship Hall
9:45 a.m.	Student Ministry Sunday Morning Live	Student Gathering
10:15 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room (under Sanctuary)
11:00 a.m.	Small Groups/ All Welcome	Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
2:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Meeting	Dining Hall
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To view the full church calendar visit our website, www.wesleymemorial.org/calendar

SHROVE TUESDAY - Feb. 21 at 5:30 - 7:30 pm in the Dining Hall. Tickets will be on sale by the Wesley 100 Men. More details to follow. Tickets will also be available at the door.

ASH WEDNESDAY-Feb. 22 at 12 Noon & 6:00 pm. in the Chapel. <u>No Wednesday night dinner on</u> Feb. 22.

Wednesdays at Wesley

On Wednesday evenings we serve a warm, homecooked meal beginning at 5:15 p.m. in our Dining Hall. The cost is free, but donations are accepted. Following dinner is a wide range of opportunities for learning and spiritual growth.

The menu for February 8th is country style steak with mushroom gravy served with mashed potatoes and peas. All dinners come with salad bar, roll and dessert. Donations are accepted.



Divorced or separated?

Find help, hope and healing

Wednesdays, Feb. 8 – May 17 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Wesley Memorial UMC Room 202 For more info, call 336-884-2204 Childcare provided

13-week seminar/support group. You can join at any time! www.divorcecare.org

WOW starts back on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 All ladies 18 and up are invited to attend our 7 week session "Get Out of Your Head" by Jennie Allen. WOW (Women of Wesley) will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m. starting February 8th, in the back corner room of the Underground Student Ministry wing. The 7 week study will cover the book of Philippians and is filled with super truth nuggets to help you keep your sanity in a world that feels a little crazy at times! Please contact Barbara Coughlin 336.414.6350 or Jessica Nelson 910.520.7383 for questions. Workbooks can be purchased through Amazon or at Hobby Lobby. **ATTENTION PARENTS:** Rev. Ellen Martin will return the weekend of February 17th. Ellen will do her usual, "The Talk," on Saturday. Our kids ask questions about sex, and we may cringe or evade. In Genesis 2, Adam and Eve were naked and felt no shame. What if we talked about sex with each other and our kids as it was initially proclaimed by God, as good?

<u>Additionally, this year</u> Ellen will host "The Talk Continues" on Friday evening. For more details and registration information, please visit wesleymemorial. org/thetalk

GRIEFSHARE'S

"Loss of A Spouse" Saturday, February 25th 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Media Center. Grief-Share brings you both spiritual and practical tools for surviving the loss of your



spouse. Registration is necessary in order to ensure that you have a participant's book, which is \$10. Please contact Pastor Lisa if you're interested (ltanico@wesleymemorial.org) or 336-812-4815. Please join us for this important workshop facilitated by Abbigail Felton.

Special Needs Listening Session

April Maines and Pastor Ken are holding a listening session on February 26th from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm in the Dining Hall. This meeting is for anyone with a special needs child, as well as, all those who may be interested in special needs ministry. The goal of this meeting is to get a deeper understanding of what Wesley Memorial can offer spiritually to those with special needs and their families. Light hor d'oeuvres will be provided.

Volunteer Opportunity at Our Father's Table As the New Year begins, Wesley Memorial begins another year of serving food at Open Door Ministry. Volunteers are needed to assist in the kitchen plating food trays for hungry people in our community. Three to four adults or teens are needed the 2nd Thursday of each month from 5:15 - 6:15. If you would like to serve, please contact Myra Snider at 336.803.1403