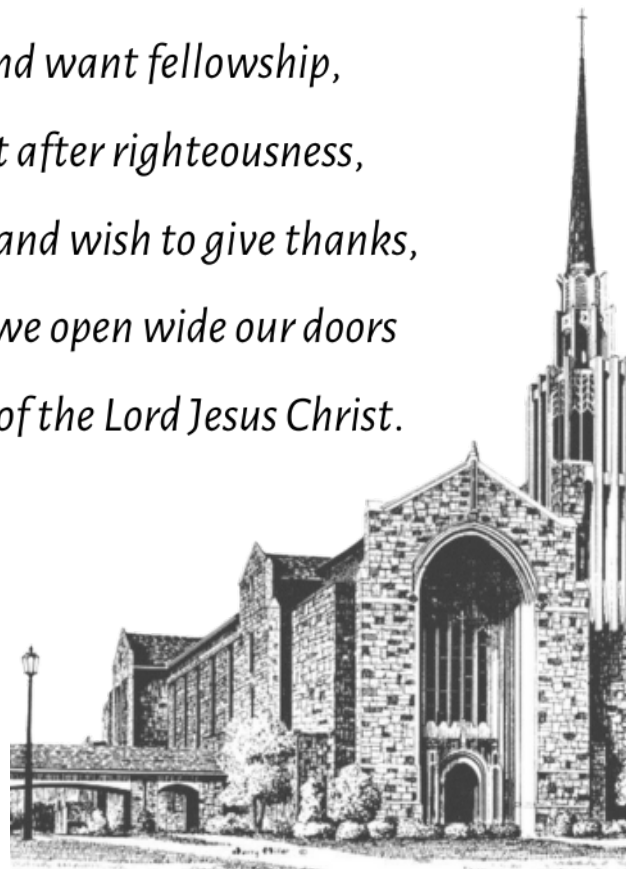


WESLEY MEMORIAL

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 23rd, 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.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers, and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

† HYMN NO. 5

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

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:

Tommy Greene

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

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

arr. Joel K. Boyd

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be Christian in my heart. Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

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

Acts 8: 26-40 (Pg. 916)

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

SERMON

“*Go and Tell*”

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.

*universal

† HYMN NO. 570

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

ASSURANCE

† RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

† Those who are able please stand.

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: Acts 8:26-39

1. Philip aptly is called “the evangelist” because of the ways he faithfully shared the Gospel with others. How does Philip’s example encourage you in sharing the Good News? What can we learn about Philip’s interaction regarding evangelism and outreach?
2. As you reflect on your faith journey, who has guided and supported you in growing deeper in your relationship with Christ? What was it about their guidance that helped you in your walk with Christ?
3. In the week to come, what specific ways can you “go and tell” of the Good News to others?

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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

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| MONDAY, February 24 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 |
| TUESDAY, February 25 12:30 p.m. | Handbells Rehearsal | Adult Wing D212 |
| WEDNESDAY, February 26 7:20 a.m. 9:30 a.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. 6:30 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 Handbells Rehearsal 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 Adult Wing D208 Children's Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing Student Wing - C111 Circle View Room Conference Room 3 Media Center Choir Room |
| THURSDAY, February 27 10:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. | Senior Adult Outing to TAG AA Meeting AlAnon | Off-site Adult Wing D202 Adult Wing D201 |
| SATURDAY, March 1 10:00 a.m. | GriefShare's "Loss of a Spouse" Seminar | Adult Wing D201 |
| SUNDAY, March 2 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. 4:00 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 Choral Evensong Service | WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D202 Children's Ministry Wing Adult Wing Fellowship Hall Dining Hall Sanctuary Children's Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing Sanctuary |

To view the full church calendar visit our website, wesleymemorial.org/calendar
 Visit wesleymemorial.org/announcements for our announcement board

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 26th 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

Senior adults aged 60 and above are invited to a special Winter Outing on Thursday, February 27, for a fun art class at TAG (The Art Gallery) at Congdon Yards, located at 400 West English Road in High Point. The class runs from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM and costs \$12 per person, payable upon arrival. Participants will paint an outdoor scene featuring our church, with instructor Michaela providing pre-drawn canvases, color guidance, and brush techniques. No prior experience is needed, and all supplies are included. Transportation is available, with the church bus departing at 9:30 AM from the front parking lot. To reserve a spot, call the church office at 336-884-2204.



Transfiguration Evensong:

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

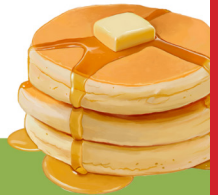
Join us for the annual all-you-can-eat pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday. Tickets will be available soon or can be purchased at the door.



CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER
EAT FREE

PANCAKES ● SAUSAGE
JUICE ● COFFEE ● TEA

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



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.

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.

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.

SCAN TO REGISTER



Ash Wednesday Services



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

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

Monthly Food Collection

The Missions team is now splitting our monthly Communion Sunday food collection between Open Door Ministries and Macedonia Family Resource Center.

Next Sunday, March 2nd, donations will go to Open Door. Bins will be placed outside all three services.

Please consider bringing items as you feel led, knowing helps provide for neighbors in need—thank you!

JOIN
NOW

A CONGREGATION-WIDE LENT STUDY

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A
**JESUS-
SHAPED
LIFE**

Forty
Days
Toward
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likeness

STEVE
CORDLE

A Jesus-Shaped Life

This Lent, let's take a journey together to discover what it truly means to live, love, and lead like Jesus. *A Jesus-Shaped Life – Forty Days Toward Christlikeness* by Steve Cordle will guide us through Sunday sermons and small group gatherings as we deepen our faith and connection with one another.

♥ Find Your Group!

We're offering multiple small groups right here at Wesley Memorial, so you can find one that fits your schedule. This congregation-wide study is open to everyone - whether you've been part of a small group before or this is your first time, you are welcome here!

📅 Key Dates:

- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: March 4, 5:15 - 6:30 p.m.
- Ash Wednesday: March 5
- Study Kickoff: Sunday, March 9
- Group Meetings Begin: Week of March 9th

👥 How to Join:

- Visit wesley memorial.org/lent2025,
- Contact the church office, or
- Scan the QR code



Let's walk through this season of Lent together, shaping our lives to reflect Christ in deeper and more meaningful ways.

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

This powerful weekend led by the Spirit and Truth ministry from Dayton, OH will help you deepen your relationship with God and equip you to live a Spirit-filled life. Through worship, impactful teachings, and hands-on experiences, Spirit & Truth Weekend is designed to transform your faith journey. The cost is \$25 and open to any youth or adult. For more information and to register, visit wesley memorial.org/spiritandtruth. Questions? Contact Pastor Clark at cchilton@wesley memorial.org.



Rise

AGAINST HUNGER

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

Volunteer
Release
& Waiver



Scan me

REGISTER AT
WESLEYMEMORIAL.ORG/RISE

Generosity Forms

A spiritually healthy follower of Christ is constantly growing in all spiritual practices including the spiritual practice of generosity. The goal we learn from scripture is to give generously. Will you take your spiritual generosity to the next level? Scan the QR code to visit www.wesley memorial.org/wearewesley



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. 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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Mac Lane, 336-471-3335, maclane@northstate.net
Michele Lane, 336-899-9601, luckeyleshell@gmail.com
Dan Smoak, 336.905.0980, drsmoak54@gmail.com
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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 or via phone at 336-812-4813 by March 10th




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. As we prepare our hearts for Holy Week, Dr. McDermott will offer insights into these sacred practices and their significance in the life of faith. With a distinguished career in Christian theology, the history of Christianity, and the Jewish roots of our faith, Dr. McDermott brings a wealth of knowledge and experience. 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 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.