

# 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, AUGUST 27, 2023**  
**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY**  
**11:00 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*

### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 27, 2023

Sanctuary

11:00 am

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY

arr. Dan Miller  
(b. 1954)

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

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

#### THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Welsh Melody

*I believe in God almighty, Father of all things that be. Maker of the earth  
and heavens, keeper of the sky and sea. I believe in God's Son, Jesus, now  
for us both Lord and Christ, of the Spirit and of Mary born to bring abun-  
dant life.*

#### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Congregation reads bold print

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered  
together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your  
power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### † HYMN NO. 545

*The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

#### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pray in Unison

**Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your loving-kindness.  
According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our  
transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse  
us from our sins. For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our  
sin is ever before us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a  
right spirit within us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### † SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

#### 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.

#### JOIN US IN WELCOMING OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

Brenda Coates

WE REJOICE IN THE  
BAPTISM of Franklin  
Thomas Ward, son of  
Amelia "Millie"  
Warburton Ward and  
Bryan Hunter Ward.  
Granddaughter of  
Nancy and Mark  
Warburton of High  
Point, NC, Frances and  
Richard Shefka, and the  
late Stephen Ward.

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.

CONDOLENCES TO  
HENRY McMULLAN on  
the death of his mother,  
Kitty Field.

HEALTH CONCERNS:

Judy Marsh

*After the parents' profession of faith, the pastor asks the congregation:*  
Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin  
and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include  
Frank in your care? **We will.**

*After the baptism, the pastor addresses the congregation:*  
Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ:  
**Through baptism we are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's  
new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are  
all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you  
as a member of the family of Christ.**

† HYMN No. 611

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*  
(Verses 1 & 4)

STUTTGART

*Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign;  
With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.*

*Child of God your loving Parent, learn to know whose child you are.  
Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.*

#### GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

C. Hubert H. Parry  
(1848-1918)

*Dear Lord and Father*

*Dear Lord and Father of mankind, Forgive our foolish ways! Reclothe  
us in our rightful mind, In purer lives Thy service find, In deeper  
reverence, praise. In simple trust like theirs who heard beside the Syrian  
sea the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow Thee. Drop Thy still dews of quietness, till all our  
strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our  
ordered lives confess the beauty of Thy peace. Breathe through the heats  
of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh  
retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, o still, small voice  
of calm.*

† 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. 328

*Surely the Presence of the Lord*

WOLFE

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty  
power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory  
on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*



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

SERMON

*"Very Good and Pleasant"*

Rev. Jeff Patterson

† HYMN NO. 534  
*Be Still, My Soul*

FINLANDIA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† BENEDICTION

† The CHORAL BENEDICTION Ralph Vaughan-Williams  
*Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray; the nights of tears give way to joyous day. As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

† CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY Dietrich Buxtehude  
*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (1637-1707)

† Those who are able please stand.

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WORSHIP LEADERS:

Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor  
Reverend Clark Chilton, Associate Pastor of Contemporary Worship/Evangelism  
Reverend Dr. Ken Lyon, Generosity/Church Vitality/Missions  
Reverend Dr. Glenn Myers, Congregational Care/Senior Adults  
Mr. Elli Yu, Pastoral Intern  
Chancel Choir  
Mr. Chris Massey, Audio Visual Technician  
Mr. Dave McCoy, Sound  
Mr. Frank Pifferetti, Director of Traditional Music Ministries and Organist

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THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Franklin Thomas Ward on the day of his baptism.

SERVICE NOTES:

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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 phone's camera and follow the provided link)!

Attendance: please fill out and pass the friendship folders located in each row.

Wesley Memorial School is open Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The 61st school year begins September 6th.

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.

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.



<b>MONDAY, August 28</b> 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting AA Meeting	Boy Scout Room Adult Wing D208
<b>TUESDAY, August 29</b> 11:00 a.m.	Susanna Wesley End-of-Summer Luncheon	Dining Hall
<b>WEDNESDAY, August 30</b> 7:20 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	John Willett's Men's Bible Study with Pastor Clark Prayer Shawl Ministry Vespers Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Dining Hall Media Center Chapel Choir Room (under Sanctuary)
<b>THURSDAY, August 31</b> 1:30 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	"Meaning Behind the Message" Bible Study Wesley Memorial School Parent Night AA Meeting AlAnon	Adult D202 Dining Hall Adult Wing D208 Adult Wing D201
<b>SUNDAY, September 3</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. 10:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Televised Worship Service Traditional Worship AA Meeting Children's Ministry Sunday Funday Adult Sunday School Contemporary Worship Chancel Choir Rehearsal Small Groups/ All Welcome Traditional Worship	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D208 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.wesleymemorial.org/calendar](http://www.wesleymemorial.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.

SAVE	CONGREGATIONAL VOTE
AUGUST 27 <b>2023</b> <small>Doors Open 4:30 p.m. Start Time 5:30 p.m.</small>	THE
DATE	 Sanctuary of Wesley Memorial

### Our Commitment to Open Door Ministries

Open Door Ministries provides critical services in our community for individuals and families experiencing homelessness and/or food insecurity. Wesley Memorial has been associated with this ministry for many years by providing both financial aid and volunteers. To help offset this increased demand for Food Pantry items, a collection of nonperishables is taken up each month on Communion Sunday. **Next Sunday, September 3rd will be our next collection. Bins will be placed outside of all three services for your deposits.** Presently, the greatest need is for protein products such as: — Canned meat (i.e. chicken, tuna, turkey, ham, etc) — Peanut Butter — Beans or Rice & Beans products.

Please consider bringing items as you feel led, knowing that your act of love and kindness is providing for our neighbors who lack the most basic needs. Thank you for your generosity.

### 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 [wesley memorial.org/baptism](http://wesley memorial.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.



### 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:

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### 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).

## Rise Against Hunger - September 17th

Calling All Meal Pack-ers...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!

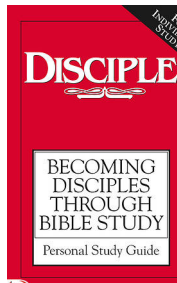


### Pillow Ministry

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.

### Disciple Bible Study Returning in September

Disciple I is the foundational class in the internationally acclaimed Disciple series. The class is open to all adults and is not limited to church members. It is a 32-week study of the Bible in which participants read approximately two-thirds of the Bible during the course. Disciple 1 will meet on Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. starting September 21st. There is a small charge for course materials. To sign up, or to find out more, contact Tucker at [tuckermitchell4104@gmail.com](mailto:tuckermitchell4104@gmail.com), or 843-409-5587, or contact the church office.



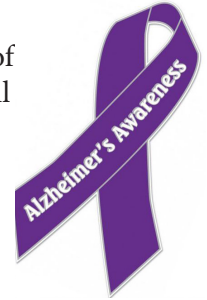
## Autumn Lights Outdoor Candlelight Prayer Service

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.



### "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?"



# Sermon Growth Notes

## Sermon Title

## "Very Good and Pleasant"

## Key Verses

## Psalm 133