

Welcome to WESLEY MEMORIAL

A METHODIST CONGREGATION

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024
EPIPHANY SUNDAY ~ BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
HOLY COMMUNION



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 METHODIST CHURCH
Order of Worship
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January 7, 2024

Sanctuary

11:00 am

OPENING VOLUNTARY

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J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

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

Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord!

John C. Bechler
arr. James Christian Pfohl

This is the day the Lord hath made, Let us be glad, be glad and rejoice. This is the day the Lord hath made, Let us be glad, be glad and rejoice. Rejoice! Let us be glad and rejoice! Let us be glad and rejoice!

† **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Congregation reads bold print

Arise, shine; for your light has come,

And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

Let us pray:

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, One God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

† **HYMN NO. 141**

Children of the Heavenly Father

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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 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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:4-11 (N.T. Pg. 35)

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 Barbara Coughlin at BLBC215@aol.com or 336-414-6350.

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

SERMON

Jeff Patterson

"The Lies We Believe (Part One): Remembering Who You Are"

ON COMMUNION

SUNDAY we profess the Nicene Creed, AD325, that professes the faith of the universal church.

universal*

A BIG THANK YOU...

to all who participated in the recent Angel Tree Christmas Program. As a result of your incredible generosity, 95 children received Christmas gifts on behalf of an incarcerated parent. Your loving gifts provided so much more than the thrill of a new toy or article of clothing. More importantly, they were reminders of a parent's love at a time of year when separation is particularly difficult, helping these parents remain engaged in the lives of their children. The time and resources you shared to bless these children will certainly be one of the most impactful things you did this holiday season. Thank you again!



† 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 ANTHEM

We Three Kings

John H Hopkins Jr.
Arr. Philip W.J. Stopford

† 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 FOR EPIPHANY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

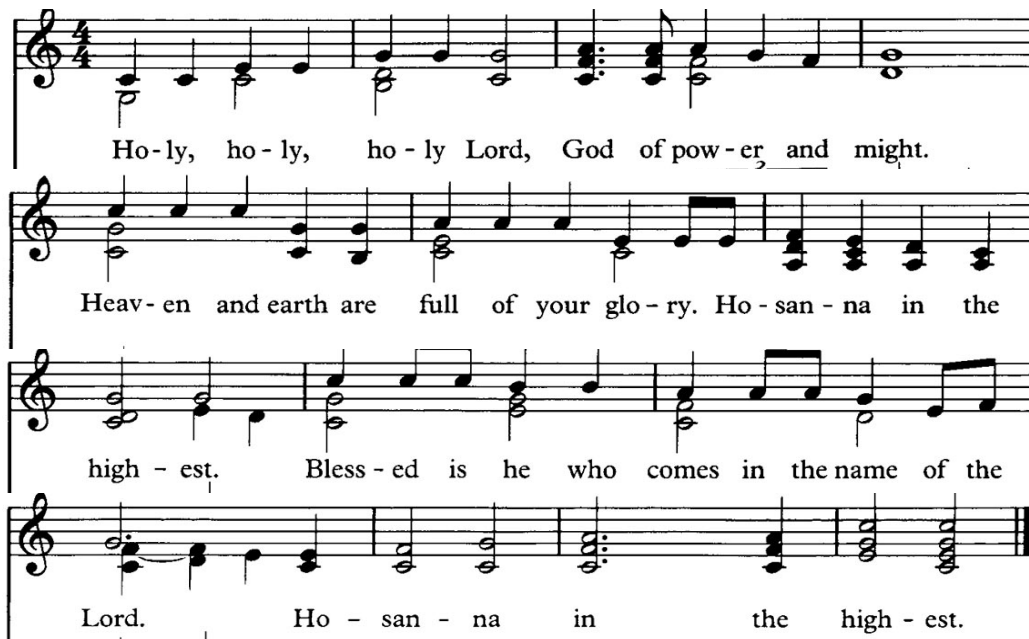
Lift up your hearts.

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. Before the mountains were brought forth, or you had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the 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:



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.

SYMPATHY TO
ABBIGAIL FLETON for the death of her grandmother.

RECENT
HOSPITALIZATION:
Kevin von der Lippe

REHABILITATION:
Dixie Pugh

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation. You sent a star to guide wise men to where the Christ was born; and in your signs and witnesses, in every age and through all the world, you have led your people from far places to his light. 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.

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.



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.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

DEAR WESLEY
MEMORIAL FAMILY,

Because of your generosity during this Christmas season, we were able to raise \$14,245.00 benefiting Victory Junction and the baby closet at YWCA. May the Lord reward you for your giving heart and may he continue to bless each and everyone of you so you may continue to bless others in this community.

Much Love,
Missions Team



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.



SHARING THE EUCHARIST

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

SOLO

Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love

Linda Wells

W. Walsham How

HYMN No. 617

I Come with Joy

Congregation sing in unison

DOVE OF PEACE

HYMN No. 622

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

Congregation sing in unison

CLEANSING FOUNTAIN

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (PRAY IN UNISON) The Wesley Covenant Prayer

"I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

**Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.**

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

**And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.**

**And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."**

† HYMN No. 419

I Am Thine, O Lord

I AM THINE

† ANNOUNCEMENTS & RECEPTION OF A NEW MEMBER

† BENEDICTION

† THE CHORAL BENEDICTION

Sevenfold Amen

John Stainer
(1840-1901)

† CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Élévation from Messe Basse, Op 8

René Vierne
(1878-1918)

SERVICE NOTES:

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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 Susannah Pittman, Congregational Care/Adult Spiritual Formation
 Reverend Dr. Glenn Myers, Pastor of Visitation
 Mr. Elli Yu, Pastoral Intern
 Chancel Choir
 Mr. Phillip Leach, Baritone Soloist
 Mr. Dave McCoy, Sound
 Ms. Barbara Ann Peters, Guest Organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONDAY, January 8 10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Interdenominational Bible Study Student Ministry Ball & Bible Boy Scout Meeting AA Meeting	Adult Wing D213 (Media Center) Fellowship Hall Boy Scout Room Adult Wing D208
TUESDAY, January 9 7:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	High School Guys Bible Study Card Ministry Meeting Student Ministry Pickleball Admin Team Meeting	Chick-fil-A Circle View Room Fellowship Hall Circle View Room
WEDNESDAY, January 10 7:00 a.m. 7:20 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	High School Girls Bible Study John Willett's Men's Bible Study Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Prayer Shawl Ministry Wednesday Dinner (served until 6:30 p.m.) Vespers Children's Ministry Games & Gospel (ages 2-11) Student Ministry Midweek Motivation Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Chick-fil-A Dining Hall Dining Hall Conference Room 3 Dining Hall Chapel Dining Hall Student Ministry Wing Media Center Choir Room
THURSDAY, January 11 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting AlAnon	Adult Wing D208 Adult Wing D201
SATURDAY, January 13 9:00 a.m.	5 Love Languages Marriage Conference	Sanctuary
SUNDAY, January 14 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. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Televised Worship Service Traditional Worship AA Meeting Children's Ministry Sunday Funday Student Ministry Sunday Morning Live Adult Sunday School Contemporary Worship Small Groups/ All Welcome Traditional Worship	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D202 Children's Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing Adult Wing Fellowship Hall Fellowship Hall Sanctuary

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

SUNDAY

Worship

SERVICES

8:30 A.M.

TRADITIONAL
IN THE CHAPEL

9:45 A.M.

CONTEMPORARY
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

11:00 A.M.

TRADITIONAL
IN THE SANCTUARY

TELEVISED WORSHIP SERVICE ON WGHP FOX 8 AT 7:30 A.M.

9:45 A.M. & 11 A.M. SERVICES LIVESTREAMED VIA FACEBOOK

Wednesdays @ Wesley

Our Wednesday evenings meals and programming will resume on January 10th, 2024 from 5:15 p.m.-6:30 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.

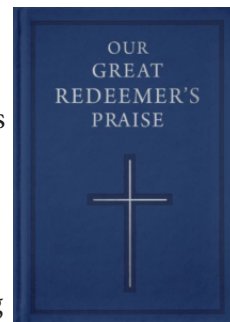
The menu for January 10th is pork chops, scalloped potatoes, and green beans. All dinners come with salad bar, roll, and dessert.

Congregational Information Meeting

The next congregational meeting will be on Tuesday, January 16, 2024. During this time the 2024 leadership team will be presented along with updates to our governing structure.

Sponsor New Wesley Memorial Hymnals

New hymnals are coming in 2024! Help our church purchase new hymnals by memorializing loved ones via sponsorship. Sponsorships are \$30 per hymnal. Visit www.wesleymemorial.org/hymnal, fill out the web form and submit your payment online. You may also submit your sponsorship by calling the church office with an accurate spelling of the person(s) you wish to sponsor, first-middle-last names. Make checks out to Wesley Memorial. Professionally printed stickers will be placed on the inside cover of each sponsored hymnal. Contact Rev. Clark Chilton at cchilton@wesleymemorial.org with questions.



5love Marriage
LANGUAGES® Conference
with Dr. Gary Chapman



Saturday, January 13, 2024

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Wesley Memorial Methodist Church
1225 Chestnut Drive
High Point, NC

Dr. Gary Chapman is an author, speaker, and counselor with passion for people and helping them form lasting relationships. He is the New York Times bestselling author of *The 5 Love Languages* series and the director of Marriage and Family Life Consultants, Inc. Gary travels the world presenting seminars and his radio programs airs on more than 400 stations.

Whether you've been married for six months or six years, every marriage can be better. In this popular one-day conference led by Dr. Gary Chapman, author of the #1 New York Times bestseller *The 5 Love Languages*®, you and your spouse will focus on the basics of every marriage. With wisdom and a healthy dose of humor, Dr. Chapman gives valuable tips on breaking unhealthy patterns and choosing to develop a more intimate, happy marriage.

Couples Registration: \$59

Single Registration: \$39

Boxed lunch provided - \$10 suggested donation.

Sign up by visiting:
wesleymemorial.org/marriage

Thank You from Our Staff

During this holiday season we celebrated the gift that is Jesus. We also celebrated family and friendships through fellowship and gift giving. On behalf of all the staff here at Wesley Memorial, we want to give a heartfelt thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness towards us. We thank you all for your kindness and all the ways you remembered us this Christmas. We wish you a happy new year full of joy, peace, and blessings!

02.09.24 - 02.10.24

THE JOHN WESLEY INSTITUTE PRESENTS
THE SCHOOL OF METHODISM

Join leading scholars for this two-day event to explore our history as Wesleyans, what we believe, how we read scripture, what it means to live out our faith, and how our lives are shaped and formed by the worship of God.

Location: Wesley Memorial Methodist Church
1225 Chestnut Drive
High Point, NC 27262



More information: wesleymemorial.org/som

TICKETS
Available now for \$25 each

REGISTER TODAY

School of Methodism

The launching of The School of Methodism by the John Wesley Institute will take place at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church on February 9-10. The John Wesley Institute founded in 2021 exists to make faithful scholarship accessible to the Christian faithful. Session will be led by leading scholars from the broad Wesleyan tradition – Methodist, Anglican, Holiness, Pentecostal. Now more than ever the message of Scriptural Christianity, the universal offer of salvation, and the promise of wholeness in Christ needs to be proclaimed with clarity. Cost of the event is \$25 per person. For more information and registration, go to wesleymemorial.org/som.

Calling All Tour Guides!

Wesley Memorial's main sanctuary is one of the great worship spaces in this state and region and a powerful symbol of Wesley's role as an advocate for Christianity in our community. The sanctuary's stunning architecture and its marvelous stained glass window are an ongoing lesson in our faith and scriptures, fixed in place for all to see. Unlocking the potential of that witness will require some special efforts, however. To that end, Wesley is in the process of putting together a group to manage and lead tours of the sanctuary and the windows. A variety of gifts will be needed, including those willing and able to lead tours, to prepare accompanying materials, and to provide general support for this effort. Church members with an interest in the history of the space, and knowledge of same, are also sought and welcome. To find out more, or to express interest, contact Tucker Mitchell at tuckermitchell4104@gmail.com or 843-409-5587.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

You are invited to a 7-Session Study, Jesus and Women, by Kristi McLelland beginning February 13. The class will meet in the Media Center each Tuesday at 9:00.

Imagine walking the dusty roads of Galilee with Jesus of Nazareth—braving jostling crowds just to touch the edge of His cloak and hear Him say, "Take heart, daughter, your faith has healed you." Those words, once meant to comfort a hurting woman's soul thousands of years ago, were also meant for you. Explore how Jesus generously restores dignity and honor to women in the first century and now.

Join biblical culturalist Kristi McLelland on those dusty roads as she transports you back to Jesus' world, stepping into the footsteps of the women who came face to face with the living God. Over 7 sessions, examine the historical and cultural climate of first-century Middle Eastern society to not only understand Jesus more deeply but to fuel your worship of Him today.

Please contact Debbie Carmichael at debcarmichael123@aol.com if you are interested in attending or if you have any questions. She will purchase the workbooks for the class (\$21.99) and you can pay for them on Feb. 13.

Welcome New Pastor of Congregational Care & Adult Spiritual Formation

Beginning January 1, the Rev. Susannah Pittman joined our staff to fill the position that was left vacant when the Rev. Melissa Lowe took a new appointment in 2022. Su-



sannah's last appointment was at Centenary UMC in Winston-Salem. Susannah Pittman will serve in the areas of Congregational Care (Congregational Care Team, Senior Adult Council, Stephen Ministry, pastoral counseling) and Adult Spiritual Formation (Adult Spiritual Formation Team, individual spiritual direction, and leading the development of small groups and discipleship bands). She holds a graduate degree in counseling from Wake Forest University and a divinity degree from Candler School of Theology, Emory University. Susannah is passionate about journeying alongside of people in all of life's seasons to offer care and support. She is married to Lonnie, who is also clergy, and they have a son, Preston, who is a student at Wesleyan Christian Academy. We are very grateful for all the extra work that Pastor Ken and Pastor Glenn have given to our congregation. They will return to serving us as part-time clergy.