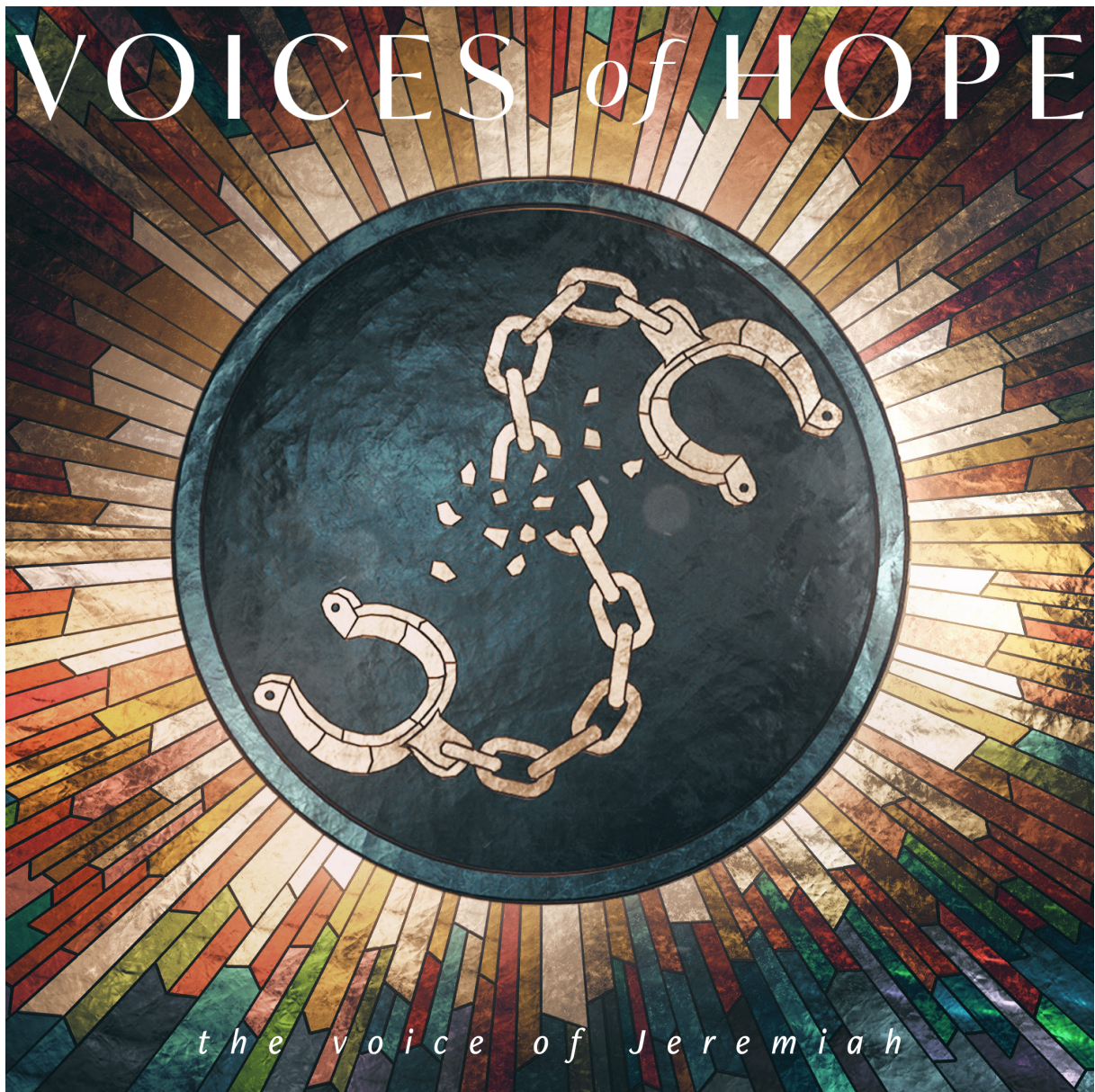


# WESLEY MEMORIAL

A METHODIST CONGREGATION



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

*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* **First Sunday of Advent** **Holy Communion**

December 1st, 2024

Sanctuary

11:00 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.

### INTROIT

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

*Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He, of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore.*

† 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:

**Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

† HYMN NO. 163  
*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

HYFRYDOL

† THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE      Heather & Chris Ward  
Children: James and Jonathan

† CHORAL RESPONSE  
*Come, Lord Jesus*      Anna Laura Page  
*Come, Lord Jesus, come and save us. Bring your light into our world of darkness. Come, Lord Jesus, come and save us. Amen.*

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
*(children proceed to the pulpit side door for Children's Church)*

SCRIPTURE LESSON      Jeremiah 33:14-16 (Pg. 662)

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

SERMON      *"Living the Promise"*      Rev. Jeff Patterson

### 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.

### 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.

SYMPATHY TO Bonnie Wallace in the death of her sister, Margaret Gould, on 11/24/2024.

RECENT HOSPITALIZATION:  
Kara Nifong



ABOUT  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH

For quick  
information about  
Children's Church,  
please scan me!



ON COMMUNION  
SUNDAYS WE PROFESS  
THE NICENE CREED, 325  
AD, THAT PROFESSES  
THE FAITH OF THE  
UNIVERSAL CHURCH.

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.



† NICENE CREED

We face the cross and profess 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.**

\*universal

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

arr. Gustav Holst

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence and with fear and trembling stand; ponder  
nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand Christ our Lord to  
earth descendeth our full homage to demand.*

*King of Kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of Lords, in  
human vesture, in the body and the blood. He will give to all the faithful his  
own self for heav'nly food.*

*Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads his vanguard on the way, as the light  
of light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the pow'rs of hell may  
vanish as the darkness clears away.*

*At his feet the six wing'd seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye, veil their faces to  
the presence as with ceaseless voice they cry, 'Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, Lord most high.'" Amen.*

† ADVENT DOXOLOGY

VENI EMMANUEL

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here  
below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy  
Ghost. Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

† THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and good to give him 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:

The musical score is written in 4/4 time on a single treble clef staff. It consists of four lines of music. The first line begins with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The melody starts on a middle C, moving stepwise up to a G, then down to an F, and finally to a half note G. The lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.' are written below the notes. The second line continues the melody with a triplet of eighth notes (G, A, B) followed by a quarter note C, then a quarter note D, and a quarter note E. The lyrics 'Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the' are written below. The third line continues with a quarter note F, a quarter note G, a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The lyrics 'high - est. Bless - ed is he, who comes in the name of the' are written below. The fourth line concludes with a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, and a final half note G. The lyrics 'Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' are written below. The score ends with a double bar line.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations. You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts and have mercy on those who fear you from generation to generation. You put down the mighty from their thrones and exalt those of low degree. You fill the hungry with good things, and the rich you send empty away. Your own Son came among us as a servant, to be Emmanuel, your presence with us. He humbled himself in obedience to your will and feely accepted death on a cross. 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.

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.

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.



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.**

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs from under your table, but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us, Amen.**

USHERS

Mr. Windley Dunbar  
Mr. Scott Dunbar  
Mr. Miles Gurley  
Mr. Tom Smothers  
Mrs. Vickie Grobes  
Mr. Lane Adams  
Mrs. Wendy Adams

SHARING THE EUCHARIST

*Please come to the serving table and receive the bread and juice. Proceed to the next available station. If you need an individual cup of juice or a gluten-free wafer, please proceed to the center station. Our Stephen Ministers are available behind the communion rail if you wish for anointing with oil and prayer.*

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

*Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming*

arr. John Purifoy

HYMN No. 162

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Choir and Congregation Singing in Unison

VENI EMMANUEL

HYMN No. 167

*Who Is This Whose Silent Advent*

Choir and Congregation Singing in Unison

BEACH SPRING

† BENEDICTION

† THE CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

*Christ! to thee with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be, honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory- evermore and evermore.*

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

† CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

† Those who are able please stand.

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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

Chancel Choir

Mr. Phillip Leach, Baritone soloist

Ms. Callie Iliff, Mezzo-soprano soloist

Mrs. Patti Wood, Flute

Ms. Charli Mills, Director of Traditional Music and Worship Arts

Mr. Lindsay Odom, Organist

Mr. James Robbins, Acolyte

Mr. David Robbins, Acolyte

Mr. Christian Smith, Crucifer

Miss Brielle Keunnen, Bible

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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.

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

<b>MONDAY, December 2</b> 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Student Ministry Ball & Bible Cub Scout Meeting Boy Scout Meeting AA Meeting	Fellowship Hall Student Ministry Wing Scout Room Adult Wing D208
<b>TUESDAY, December 3</b> 5:30 p.m.	Decorating of the Chrismon Trees	Sanctuary
<b>WEDNESDAY, December 4</b> 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. 6:00 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 GriefShare Wesley Memorial Kids Games & Gospel (Ages 0-11) Student Ministry School Midweek Motivation Confirmation Informational Meeting 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 D203 Children's Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing Student Wing - C111 Circle View Room Conference Room 3 Media Center Choir Room
<b>THURSDAY, December 5</b> 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting ALAnon	Adult Wing D202 Adult Wing D201
<b>FRIDAY, December 6</b> 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Christmas Tree Lighting Poinsettia Delivery for REACH Members	Front Circle Porte Cochere
<b>SATURDAY, December 7</b> 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Nativity Rehearsal Gingerbread Bash	Sanctuary Dining Hall
<b>SUNDAY, December 8</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. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>ANGEL TREE GIFTS DUE</b> 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 Nativity Sunday Student Ministry Young Adult Ministry Night	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D202 Children's Ministry Wing Adult Wing Fellowship Hall Dining Hall Sanctuary Off-site

To view the full church calendar visit our website, [wesleymemorial.org/calendar](http://wesleymemorial.org/calendar)  
 Visit [wesleymemorial.org/announcements](http://wesleymemorial.org/announcements) for our announcement board



### **Dec. Food Collection: Fairview Backpack Program**

#### *Help Feed Children Over Christmas Break*

In December, our monthly food collection will go to the Fairview Elementary School Backpack Ministry. This ministry helps ensure that 80 children have food during their Christmas break when school meals are unavailable. We encourage everyone to focus their efforts on supporting this important initiative.

We need your help! Please bring single-serving food items to place in backpacks for the students. Ideas include:

- Drinks: Juice boxes, non-perishable milk boxes
  - Breakfast: Cereal boxes/cups, Pop-Tarts, granola bars, muffin packs
  - Meals: Chef Boyardee cups, ravioli, beefaroni, pork and beans, mac and cheese cups
  - Snacks: Fruit cups/cans, pudding cups, Jello cups, cookies, chips, pretzels, Rice Krispy Treats, Goldfish
- Donations will be collected on **Sunday, December 1st** and **Sunday, December 8th**. You can also drop off items anytime before these dates in the designated bins located in the Administrative Area. Thank you for helping us share love and support with the children at Fairview Elementary this holiday season!

### **Poinsettia Delivery for REACH Members**

Please help Congregational Care share Christmas love with our REACH members. We will be distributing poinsettias for delivery on Friday, December 6th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. after the tree lighting. Drive through the porte cochere at the side entrance to the narthex where we will load your car. You may request the number of poinsettias you wish to deliver along with specific neighborhoods or specific recipients. There are a few minor changes to delivery instructions in compliance with our Safe Church policies. These changes will be shared during pickup in the narthex. Share the joy of giving this Christmas season!



### **Don't Miss the Gingerbread Bash**

Christmas time is right around the corner, and Gingerbread Bash is the perfect way to kick off the season! This fun and interactive experience is designed for the whole family. Join us to build a gingerbread nativity while celebrating the birth of Jesus. Enjoy hearing the Christmas story from the Bible, singing songs, playing games, and discovering the good news of Jesus.

The Gingerbread Bash will be held on Saturday, December 7th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church Dining Hall. Lunch will be served, featuring grilled cheese and soup! You won't want to miss this sweet opportunity to celebrate with friends, neighbors, grandparents, and more! Register today at <https://wesley memorial.org/gingerbread>.

### **We want to Honor the birth of your Baby!**

As we approach the celebration of the birth of our savior, we want to honor all the births within our congregation since November 2023. If you have received a new baby into your family (child or grandchild) since last November of 2023, please send your baby's full name, date of birth, parent/grandparent information, and a high-quality picture to Isabel Cruz at [icruzvalencia@wesley memorial.org](mailto:icruzvalencia@wesley memorial.org) or by visiting [wesley memorial.org/babyblessings](http://wesley memorial.org/babyblessings) by Monday, Dec. 2nd. We invite you to join our 9:45 or 11 o'clock service as we will invite your family to stand before the congregation and present your little one!

### **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 December 4th is ham with green bean casserole and sweet potatoes.

### **Lighting of the Christmas Tree**

The lighting of the tree will be held on Friday, December 6th at 6 p.m. in the Circle Parking Lot. Join us as we gather around the Christmas tree with family and friends, singing Christmas carols, and celebrating the joy of the season.

### **Children's Nativity**

Sunday, December 8th, is almost here! Children ages 4 years old through 5th grade will share the most beautiful story ever told during the 11:00 a.m. traditional worship service in the Sanctuary. Kids will dress and prepare during the 9:45 Sunday School hour and will conclude the service by singing "Each Little Lamb." The final Nativity rehearsal will take place on Saturday, December 7th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Sign up at [wesley memorial.org/nativity](http://wesley memorial.org/nativity) now to be part of this special tradition.



### **Angel Tree Gift Reminders**

To all who claimed an angel from our Angel Trees, please be reminded that all gifts are due back by Sunday, December 8th.

SENIOR ADULT CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON!  
An Invitation to Wesley Memorial Members ages 60+ years

# "SILVER BELLS ARE RINGING"

DEC | 12 | 12 PM  
CHURCH DINING HALL

This Christmas Luncheon is a gift to you! A Musical Program of Holiday Favorites will delight our guests - presented by a very special local musician, *Rachelle Brand Denny*. Rachelle is familiar to many from her years of service as a Principal for HP City Schools and at Wesleyan Christian Academy. She also served as Professor of Christian Elem Education for John Wesley College for 15 years. She is the widow of Rev. James. L. Denny.

*Come in your festive Christmas attire to enjoy the food, fellowship and spirit of the season*

**MENU**  
Beef Tips and Noodles with Gravy | Garden Salad  
Asparagus Seasoned with Onion and Bacon Bits  
Rolls with Butter | Coffee, Tea, and Water  
Old-Fashioned Christmas Sugar Cookies | Ice Cream

Sponsored by the Senior Adult Council  
Kindly RSVP by Monday, December 9  
with a call to the church office: 336-884-2204



WESLEY MEMORIAL'S ANNUAL  
**WHITE CHRISTMAS**  
GIFT COLLECTION

December 15th, 2024

Gifts will go to West End Ministries and Leslie's House

REQUESTED ITEMS:  
COATS (L,XL,XXL), SWEATSHIRTS (L,XL,XXL), WHITE SOCKS, STOCKING CAPS, SCARFS, GLOVES, FLIP FLOPS, BLANKETS, TWIN SHEETS, TOILETRIES, CANNED GOODS

### Volunteer at Christmas Drive-Thru Experience

The Christmas Drive Thru Experience on Dec. 15th from 5pm-6:30pm is an audio narrated journey through the Christmas story. Every year 150+ vehicles visit our campus to drive through the experience, and it takes 30+ volunteers to accomplish this powerful evangelistic outreach to our community. Help set up or tear down! Be an angel, Mary, or Joseph! In addition to live animals with the nativity, this year we will also be adding a "Christmas Village" in the front circle so guests can connect with our church afterwards. This is a great service opportunity for entire Sunday school classes, small groups, families, children and youth. To sign up for your spot, visit [wesleymemorial.org/drive](http://wesleymemorial.org/drive) (click the big red button to sign up) or call 336-884-2204. Let's make this our best year yet!

### Get Your Wesley 100 Chicken Pies for Christmas!

The Wesley 100 will be selling their delicious chicken pies just in time for Christmas on Sunday, December 15th. Pies will be available for purchase in the Dining Hall from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. and in the Asbury Room following the 11:00 a.m. service. Each pie costs \$15. Pre-orders are encouraged and can be placed by emailing Edwin Bass at [edwinbass@triad.rr.com](mailto:edwinbass@triad.rr.com) or by contacting the church office. Don't miss this chance to enjoy a holiday favorite while supporting a great cause!

### Christmas Memorials: Honor Your Loved Ones

This Christmas season, you can honor or remember a loved one by ordering wreaths or poinsettias to decorate the church. To place your order, contact Isabel Cruz via email at [icruzvalencia@wesleymemorial.org](mailto:icruzvalencia@wesleymemorial.org) or call 336-812-4808. The deadline for ordering and submitting payment is Monday, December 16th. Memorials will be listed in the December 22nd bulletin. Wreaths are available for \$30 each, and poinsettias for \$25 each.



### December Senior Adult Outing

Senior adults (age 60+) are invited to a special Christmas outing to High Point University's Planetarium, featuring the programs "The Star of Bethlehem" and "Wonders of the Wintertime Sky." On Wednesday, December 18, senior adults will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the church's upper parking circle to board the church bus or caravan together in cars. The Planetarium experience includes a guided tour and star show from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., with no cost to attend. Following the program, those interested can head to Sammie G's for lunch (at their own expense).

Please RSVP by Monday, December 16, by calling the church office at 336-884-2204. Indicate whether you plan to attend both the Planetarium program and lunch or if you will return to the church after the Planetarium visit. This will be a wonderful opportunity for senior adults to enjoy the beauty of the season and the wonders of the winter sky!



### A Morning of Worship with the Chancel Choir

On Sunday, December 15 at the 11am service, the Chancel Choir with chamber orchestra will present Taylor Scott Davis's *Magnificat*. Premiered in 2023 by the critically acclaimed chamber choir VOCES8, this new setting of Mary's song combines the traditional Latin text with new English poetry. Davis's music sounds both classic and contemporary, appealing to a wide range of listeners. Everyone is invited to experience this special morning of worship.

### Christmas Staff Bonus

The Board of Directors invites you to help us celebrate and bless our incredible staff this Christmas. Their dedication, hard work, and love for our congregation make Wesley Memorial a place of true connection and ministry throughout the year.

If you would like to show your appreciation with a financial gift, you can participate in one of the following ways:

- Write a check to WMMC with "Staff Bonus" in the memo line and place it in the Sunday offering plate, mail it to the church, or drop it off at the Front Desk.
- Contribute online at [wesleymemorial.org/give](https://wesleymemorial.org/give) by selecting "Staff-Christmas Bonus" from the drop-down menu under "Fund."

Let's come together to show our gratitude for all they do. Please make your contribution by Tuesday, December 31, 2024. Thank you for helping us honor and bless our wonderful staff this holiday season!

### Western NC Relief

Thank you for your generosity as we pray for those affected by Hurricane Helene. Wesley Memorial invites you to support our Disaster Relief Fund, dedicated to aiding our neighbors in Western North Carolina. To make a financial contribution, please visit [wesleymemorial.org/give](https://wesleymemorial.org/give) and select "Disaster Relief-WNC." Your kindness makes a difference in these challenging times.

### Small Group Survey

Small groups are at the heart of how we do life together in Christ, offering encouragement and support as we strive to be more like Him each day. Wesley Memorial has a rich tradition of creating and caring for these groups, and we're excited to expand this ministry to connect our growing congregation. To do so, we need your help. Please take a moment to complete the brief survey at [wesleymemorial.org/sgsurvey](https://wesleymemorial.org/sgsurvey) to guide the next steps of this vital ministry.

### Confirmation 2025

Attention all parents and grandparents of current 6th-8th grade students! Confirmation is a discipleship experience in which middle schoolers are taught the Christian faith ("catechized") and prepare to officially join Wesley Memorial. Join us on Wednesday, December 4th, from 6:00-6:15 p.m. in the Youth Wing to learn more about our new Confirmation process and see if it's the next step for your student.

Confirmation classes will begin in January 2025, and registration is now open. To learn more and sign up, visit [wesleymemorial.org/confirmation](https://wesleymemorial.org/confirmation). For questions, contact Chase Harris at [charris@wesleymemorial.org](mailto:charris@wesleymemorial.org) or Pastor Clark at [cchilton@wesleymemorial.org](mailto:cchilton@wesleymemorial.org).

### Church Outing to HPU Basketball Game

Join us for a fun-filled church outing to cheer on the High Point University Panthers as they take on Norfolk State on Sunday, December 29, at 2:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy time with your church family and experience the excitement of HPU basketball! Our group will receive special perks, including recognition on the jumbotron, a personal visit from Prowler, HPU's beloved mascot, and a post-game autograph session with the players. Don't miss out on this memorable event! Please RSVP by Monday, December 23, by calling the church office at 336-884-2204. We look forward to seeing you there!

# FROM PRAISE TO PANTHERS BASKETBALL

HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY  
INVITES YOUR CONGREGATION  
TO ENJOY A FREE GAME  
FOLLOWING SERVICE!



MBB | SUN. 12/29 | 2:00 PM  
Norfolk State



POST-GAME  
PLAYER AUTOGRAPH SESSION

Bring Your  
Church Family

ANY REGISTERED GROUP OF 25 OR MORE  
WILL GET A SHOUTOUT, VIDEO BOARD MESSAGE,  
AND PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH PROWLER!



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BY SCANNING THE QR CODE or VISITING  
[www.highpoint.edu/basketball](https://www.highpoint.edu/basketball)

