

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

Epiphany Sunday ~ Holy Communion

January 5th, 2025

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

O Radiant Dawn

James MacMillan

O Radiant Dawn, Splendour of eternal Light, Sun of Justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. Isaiah had prophesied, the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light: upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. Amen.

† 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, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

† HYMN NO. 208

We Three Kings of Orient Are

KINGS OF ORIENT

† PRAYERS 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

(children proceed to the pulpit side door for Children's Church)

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 PROCEDURE:

Lindsay Odom
Vicki Shipman

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.



SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 60: 1-3 (Pg. 619)

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

SERMON *"His Light Overcomes Our Darkness"* Rev. Jeff Patterson

† 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

Brightest and Best

arr. Shawn Kirchner

*Hail, the bless'd morn, see the great Mediator, down from the regions of glory
descend! Shepherds, go worship the babe in the manger; lo, for his guard the
bright angels attend.*

*Refrain: Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, dawn on our darkness
and lend us your aid! Star in the east, the horizon adorning, guide where our
infant Redeemer is laid.*

*Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining; low lies His bed with the beasts
of the stall. Angels adore him in slumber reclining: Maker, and Monarch, and
Savior of all!*

*Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion, odours of Edom and off'rings
divine? Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean, myrrh from the forest
and gold from the mine?*

† 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!

† 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. 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he, who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

Faith Mentors Needed -
Confirmation 2025

Are you interested in making an everlasting investment in our church? Do you want to see what God can do through you in the year 2025? If you answered yes to either one of these questions or if you have a desire to pour into the next generation of faithful followers, join us for Confirmation 2025 as a Faith Mentor and walk alongside our students as they continue to form and grow their faith. Interested? Contact charris@wesleymemorial.org

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. 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 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."

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

MONDAY, January 6 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
WEDNESDAY, January 8 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. 6:15 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 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 Children's Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing Student Wing - C111 Circle View Room Conference Room 3 Media Center Choir Room
THURSDAY, January 9 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting AlAnon	Adult Wing D202 Adult Wing D201
FRIDAY, January 10 6:30 p.m.	Spirit & Truth Workshop: Cultivating a Hunger for God	Fellowship Hall
SATURDAY, January 11 9:00 a.m.	Spirit & Truth Workshops (until 8:00 p.m.)	Fellowship Hall
SUNDAY, January 12 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.	Baptism of the Lord Sunday 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	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D202 Children's Ministry Wing Adult Wing Fellowship Hall Dining Hall Sanctuary Children's Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing

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



The Book of Revelation (Part 2)

Dr. Jeff Patterson will lead a verse-by-verse study of Revelation 10:1–22:21, exploring the messages in the last book of the Bible which is a book of last things. Even if you were not able to attend Part 1 in the fall, you are welcome to join Part 2, beginning January 8. Sessions are offered on Wednesdays at 9:30 AM in the Dining Hall and 6:45 PM in the Media Center, with the flexibility to alternate between morning and evening sessions to suit your schedule. To register, please contact the church office at 336-884-2204 or email receptionist@wesleymemorial.org.

Wednesdays @ Wesley

Our Wednesday night programming will resume on January 8th! Join us in the Dining Hall for a warm, home-cooked meal from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The menu for the evening is BBQ, baked beans, and coleslaw, with a mac & cheese option for kids. All meals include a salad bar, roll, and dessert. There is no cost for dinner, but donations are appreciated..

Wesley Memorial Ball Caps Available for Preorder

The Wesley 100 is now offering new Wesley Memorial ball caps for sale! The cost is \$20.00 per cap. The first group of hats is expected to arrive by the first week of January. Caps will be ordered based on preorders only—no extras will be available. To reserve your ball cap, please call the church office or email your order to edwinbass@triad.rr.com. Don't miss out—place your order today!



Spirit and Truth Weekend - January 10-11, 2025

Sometimes all it takes is a single moment in the presence of God to change the course of someone's life. Sometimes a little bit of training and invitation into one new practice can reset the trajectory of a person's life in Christ. Led by the Spirit and Truth ministry from Dayton, OH (and out of United Seminary), some typical topics covered in a Spirit & Truth Weekend:

- Building a Foundation of Prayer (Making prayer the starting place for all of life)
- Cooperating with the Holy Spirit (Learning to hear God's voice)
- Everyday Evangelism (Learning to share your faith right where you live, work and play)
- Becoming a Disciple-Maker (Mobilizing every member to participate in the Great Commission)

Cost is \$25 and open to any youth or adult. Sessions will be at Wesley Memorial on Friday night and Saturday morning/afternoon (breakfast and lunch provided on Saturday). To register, visit wesleymemorial.org/spiritandtruth. Questions? Rev. Clark Chilton cchilton@wesleymemorial.org

DID JESUS REALLY SAY THAT?

A STUDY OF THE HARD SAYINGS OF JESUS
with Dr. Jeff Patterson

This study will look at many of the difficult sayings of Jesus, particularly those that apply to the divisive issues of our day.

EVERY MONDAY
10:30 TO 11:30 AM
BEGINNING JANUARY 6TH AND
RUNNING THROUGH MAY 12TH

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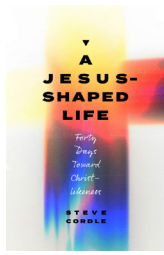
Inclement Weather Updates

For all weather related schedule changes, you may call 336-884-2204 and press 6 for weather information. We will also share changes to WFMY Channel 2, WXII Channel 12, WGHP FOX8, and our Facebook/Instagram pages.



A Jesus-Shaped Life: Lent 2025 Study

This Lent, join us on a transformative journey as we explore A Jesus-Shaped Life. Through Sunday sermons and small group discussions, we'll discover how to live, love, and lead more like Jesus. Whether you're part of an existing group or looking for a new one, there's a place for you in this congregation-wide study. Stay tuned for more details in the new year!



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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Missing Notebook: Have You Seen Me?

Sometime in the past month, the wonderful notebook created by Brenda Bradner, containing pictures and details about our Sanctuary Kneelers, "walked out" of the Historical Museum. The other artifacts miss it dearly and want it to come back home! If you happen to see it, please help it find its way back to where it is loved and belongs. Thank you for your help!

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



A Season of Gratitude and Blessings

The Advent and Christmas season at Wesley Memorial has been filled with abundant blessings, including an incredible \$16,451.39 raised through the Christmas Eve offering (as of 12/31/24). This generosity reflects the loving and giving spirit of our congregation, and we want to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude for the ways you have shared God's love with others.

Thank you!

Angel Tree Generosity

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Angel Tree program. Your generosity provided over 200 gifts of toys and clothes, ensuring that more than 90 children received Christmas gifts on behalf of an incarcerated parent. These thoughtful gifts are a powerful reflection of God's love and will help nurture vital parent-child relationships strained by separation.

Fairview Backpack Ministry

The Missions Team is deeply thankful for your incredible support in filling the Fairview Closet. Through your contributions, we were able to pack 70 backpacks with much-needed food for children at Fairview Elementary. The backpacks, prepared by our Student Ministry and delivered on December 16th, brought hope and care to these students during the holiday break. This ministry wouldn't be possible without your generosity and willingness to be the hands and feet of Christ.

Poinsettia Delivery

The Congregational Care team extends gratitude to all who helped deliver poinsettias to the REACH members of our congregation. Your efforts brought joy and Christ's love into their homes, reminding them that they are cherished. We look forward to spreading hope and beauty together again during the Lenten season with the delivery of Easter flowers.

A Grateful Heart from the Staff

Finally, the staff is overwhelmed by your kindness and thoughtfulness through the gifts and goodies shared with us. Your generosity has brightened our season and reminded us of the wonderful community we are privileged to serve. Thank you for making us feel so appreciated!

Together, as a church family, you have shared the light of Christ in so many ways, and we are truly blessed by your faithfulness and love. Thank you for being a part of these meaningful ministries during this season of gratitude and hope.

