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, January 22, 2023 Third Sunday After Epiphany



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL 8:30 AM

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"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2).

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Order of Worship THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 22, 2023

Chapel

OPENING VOLUNTARY Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

J. Wayne Kerr (b. 1958)

8:30 am

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.

Jeff Patterson

[†]GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

Congregation reads bold print

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

WELCOME

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

†Нуми No. 127 Guide Me. O Thou Great Jehovah

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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.





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 Mike Flack at gmflack@northstate. net or 336-688-5526 or Barbara Coughlin at BLBC215@aol.com or 336-414-6350.

Pray in Unison

We share the addresses of some of our people who need to hear from you.

Recently in hospital: Carolyn Watson 1515 Wickliff Ave. Apt. 8 High Point, NC 27262

Death of her mother: Judy Hustrulid 1402 Westminster Dr High Point, NC 27262

There are cards in the Welcome Folders. Won't you take a moment to write to them? Please address the card.

You may mail it yourself or place it at the altar rail or in the offering plate for us to mail.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

[†]Hymn No. 349 (Sing Twice) Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus LEMMEL Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (NT pg. 181)

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

SERMON

"What Happens When We Die?"

†Apostles' Creed We face the cross and profess in unison I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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

Solo Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933)

Down Galilee's slow roadways a stranger traveled on from Nazareth to Jordan to be baptized by John. He went down to the waters like soldier, scribe, and slave, but there within the river the sign was birth and grave. Arising from the river he saw the heavens torn; it seemed the sky so open revealed the Spirit's form. The holy dove descended amid a glorious voice: "You are my own beloved, my child, my heart, my choice." We too have found a roadway; it led us to this place. We all have had to travel in search of hope and grace. But now beside this water again a voice is heard. "You are my own, my chosen, beloved of your Lord."

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

[†]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!

Jeff Patterson

Нумп No. 724 On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Walk In the Light

† Those who are able please stand.

WORSHIP LEADERS: Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor Lisa Tanico, Pastor of Congregational Care and Senior Adults Ken Lyon, Pastor of Generosity/Church Vitality Ms. Veronica Siebert, Alto Singer Mr. Frank Pifferetti, Director of Traditional Music Ministries and Organist

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