WESLEY MEMORIAL

A METHODIST CONGREGATION

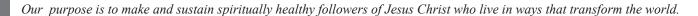
WELCOME

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest,
to all who mourn and long for comfort,
to all who struggle and desire victory,
to all who sin and need a Savior,
to all who are strangers and want fellowship,
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
to all who have been blessed and wish to give thanks,
and to whoever will come -- we open wide our doors
and offer welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

OCTOBER 5TH, 2025

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY 11:00



Order of Worship

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

Bless His Holy Name Andraé Crouch Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! He has done great things, bless his holy name!

† 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, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

† Hymn No. 402

When in Our Music God is Glorified **ENGELBERG** When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!

How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound, as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!

So has the church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong, borne witness to the truth in ev'ry tongue: Alleluia!

And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the light? Then let us sing, for whom He won the fight: Alleluia!

Let ev'ry instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia! Amen.

† Prayers of Confession

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pray in Unison O holy merciful God, we confess that we have not always taken upon ourselves the yoke of obedience, nor been willing to seek and to do your perfect will. We have not loved you with all our heart and mind and soul and strength, neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. You have called us in the need of our sisters and brothers, and we have passed unheeding on our way. In the pride of our hearts, and our unwillingness to repent, we have turned away from the cross of Christ, and have grieved your Holy Spirit. Amen.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE'S NEW PARENT MINISTRY HAS PLACED A ROSEBUD ON THE ALTAR TODAY TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN HONOR OF THE BIRTH OF KATHRYN LOUISE HUSSEY, DAUGHTER OF WELDON AND JIM Hussey. The GRANDPARENTS ARE LANEY AND GEORGE MORRIS AND GAIL HUSSEY.



ABOUT CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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



ON COMMUNION
SUNDAYS WE PROFESS
THE NICENE CREED, 325
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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.



ANTHEM

Ke Aloha O Ka Haku [The Queen's Prayer] Queen Lili'uokalani O Lord, Thy loving mercy is high as the heavens; It tells us of Thy truth and 'tis filled with holiness.

Whilst humbly meditating within these walls imprisoned, Thou art my light, my haven, Thy glory my support.

Oh look not on our failing, nor on the sins of men. Forgive with loving kindness that we might be made pure.

For Thy grace I beseech Thee; bring us 'neath Thy protection and peace will be our portion, now and forevermore. Amen.

† Sharing the Peace of Christ

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

(children proceed to the front for a blessing and then exit through the pulpit side door for Children's Church)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Joshua 24:15 (Pg.198)

SERMON

"As for Me and My House"

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

Many and Great

arr. Cathy Mocklebust

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.

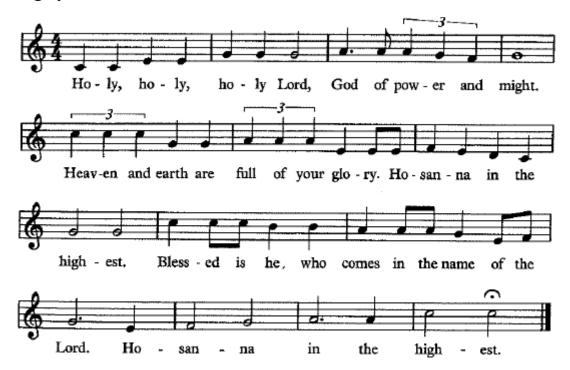
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right 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. You have made from one every nation and people to live on all the face of the earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. 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. He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth and to make disciples of all nations, and today his family in all the world is joining at his holy table.

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.

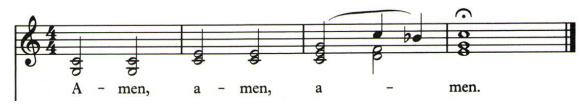


Please be Seated

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.

Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world, and strengthen it in every nation and among every people to witness faithfully in your name. 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 God, 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.

SHARING THE EUCHARIST

Please come to one of the 4 available serving stations 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. (If you are unable to come forward and would like to be served at your seat, please let an usher know.)

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

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. Please write your encouraging message on the caring card and drop in the offering plate for us to address and mail.

Sympathy to Susan Sumpter on the passing of her son, Mike Sumpter, on 9/29.

Sympathy to the family of Nancy Ilderton who passed on 10/1.

Clarence Ilderton (Husband)

RECENT SURGERY: Robert Primrose James Peeler Hymn No. 418

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

ANTHEM

He Never Failed Me

Robert Ray

I will sing of God's mercy every day, every hour, He gives me power. I will sing and give thanks to Thee for all the dangers, toils and snares that He has brought me out. He is my God and I'll serve Him no matter what the test. Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out. He never failed me yet. I know God is able to deliver in times of storm; and I know that He'll keep you safe from all earthly harm. One day when my weary soul is at rest, I'm going home to be forever blessed. Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out. He never failed me yet. Didn't my God deliver Moses from King Pharaoh? And didn't He cool the fiery furnace for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego? When I think of what my God can do—He delivered Daniel, I know He will deliver you. Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out. He never failed me yet.

- † Benediction
- † The Choral Benediction Amen

Spiritual

- † CHIMES OF THE TRINITY
- † Postlude arr. Cathy Mocklebust The Lord Now Sends Us Forth [Enviado soy de Dios]

† Those who are able please stand.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor

Reverend Clark Chilton, Contemporary Worship/Evangelism

Reverend Dr. Ken Lyon, Generosity/Church Vitality/Missions

Reverend Dr. Glenn Myers, Pastor of Visitation

Chancel Choir

Handbell Choir

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

Mr. Chris Ward, Organist

Miss Emma Eller, acolyte

Miss Brielle Keunnen, acolyte

Mr. Jonathon Getahun, crucifer

Mr. Teagan Ayars, Bible

Mr. Mark Clark, usher

Mr. Tim Lassiter, usher

Mr. Brooks Reitzel, usher

Mr. Bill Utley, usher

Mr. Jerry Hughes, usher

Join us in welcoming our newest members!

Phyllis Shifflette
Ed Shifflette
Travis Spires
Barbara Geddie
Gail Thacker
Mac Thacker
Kim Douoglas
William Douglas
Janice Kirkland
Milton Kirkland

VISITING EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY SERVERS

Mrs. Mary Hooper Ms. Laura Simmonds Dr. Les Hurrelbrink Mr. Jerry Hooper Ms. Bonnie Beasley Mrs. Susan Sumpter

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome, guests! We're glad you're here. Scan the QR code to receive a free welcome gift. Nursery childcare is available for infants through 2-year-olds during the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services on the children's ministry hall (ask an usher for help finding it).

Members and guests, please take a moment to fill out and pass the friendship folders in each row. Large-print hymnals are available in the Narthex.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

MONDAY, October 6 10:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Fellowship Hall Fellowship Hall G:00 p.m. Girl Scout Daisy Troop Children's Ministry W Dining Hall Scout Room Adult Wing D208 Adult Wing D208 TUESDAY, October 7 12:30 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal Adult Wing D203 p.m. Adult Wing D203 p.m. GriefShare Adult Living Well Series Media Center WEDNESDAY, October 8 7:20 a.m. John Willett's Men's Bible Study Dining Hall 1:30 p.m. Pastor Jeff's Bible Study Dining Hall 1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Conference Room 3 Dining Hall 1:30 p.m. Vespers Chapel Children's Ministry Handbells Rehearsal Adult Wing D212 Children's Ministry Handbells Rehearsal Adult Wing D212 Children's Ministry Conference Room 3 Dining Hall	/ing
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11:00 a.m. Couple Unity Group Circle View Room	
11:15 a.m. Children's Church Sanctuary	

New Group for Moms

Blessed Beginnings is a Bible study and support group for expecting, new, and preschool moms. Join us this afternoon (Oct. 5) from 2–3:30 p.m. in the Circle View Room. Complimentary childcare, refreshments, and encouragement are provided.

Upcoming dates: Oct. 19, Nov. 2, Nov. 16, and Dec. 7.

RSVP by scanning the QR code.



Senior Adult Fall Learning Series

Join us for the 2025 Aging Well Learning Series, "New Learnings, Rising Hope", taking place on Tuesdays in October from 1:30–2:30 p.m. in the Media Center.

This engaging 4-part series is designed just for senior adults (60+) and will focus on brain health, dementia awareness, caregiving, and personalized approaches to cognitive decline.

- Oct. 7: Brain Health and Enhancing Memory
- Oct.14: Understanding Alzheimer's/Dementia: 10 Signs and Advances in Research
- Oct. 21: Supporting Care Partners
- Oct. 28: The Bredesen Protocol: A Personalized Approach to Prevent and Reverse Cognitive Decline

The first three sessions will be presented by professional speakers from the Guilford County Alzheimer's Association. The final session will be led by our own Dr. Bose Ravenel. To help with preparations of handouts and refreshments, please RSVP by calling the front desk at 336-884-2204. This event is sponsored by your Senior Adult Council.

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 Oct. 8 is chicken Mexicali casserole, confetti corn and black beans. The dessert will bebaked cinnamon crisps.

Serving Expo Sunday, Oct. 19

"I had no idea ..." That's what someone said after attending last year's Serving Expo.

That's why we do the expo. Each year we have displays about our ministries and mission partners with representatives who can answer questions and talk about serving opportunities. All this takes place in the Dining Hall from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. You can come by, enjoy some delicious refreshments, and check it out before or after the three services.

That day, our 11 a.m. traditional service will be held in the Fellowship Hall so attendees can easily visit the expo without the long walk from the Sanctuary.

It is a magnificent opportunity to see and engage how the good people of Wesley Memorial are being salt and light within and beyond the walls of our campus.

God may be inviting you to consider a place of service in one of these high-impact ministries. Make your plans now to attend and explore the possibilities.



Calling All Drivers: Support Our Veterans Ministry

Our Veterans Ministry is in need of dedicated bus drivers to help transport veterans to and from events and activities. If you have a valid driver's license, can pass a background check, and have a passion for serving veterans, we'd love to hear from you. To learn more or volunteer, please contact Richard Nifong at 336.259.0874.

Senior Adult Event: Jazz Ambassadors Concert

The Senior Adult Council invites you to a performance by the official touring band of the U.S. Army Field Band at the High Point Theatre. The Jazz Ambassadors will present a versatile musical program featuring the big band sounds of the 1940s and contemporary hits of today.

The concert will be Tuesday, Nov. 4, at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m., and it is recommended that you arrive early as seats are general admission.

Tickets are free, but we only have 40 available. There is a limit of four per person. You may reserve tickets by calling the church office at 336-884-2204 and picking them up at the front desk until they are gone.

Carolina Christmas Bazaar - General Store Donations

The trailer is here and ready to receive your donations... in fact, it's half full!

Clean out the closets, attic and garage. We welcome your gently used toys, holiday decor, acces-



sories, sports equipment, lamps and more. No clothing, large furniture or electronics.

To arrange a drop-off time, contact:

- Debbie Lassiter at 336.880.7111
- Teresa Swartz at 336.848.1793

Thank you for supporting the Wesley Women and the Carolina Christmas Bazaar!

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The number of cakes sold at the Bake Sale at the 2024 Carolina Christmas Bazaar.

Plus 80 batches of cookies/brownies, 48 casseroles, 33 loaves of bread, 25 pies, and 82 other yummy items. Contact Lesa Pierce to join the bakers and makers, 336-848-8886 or pierce@northstate.net.

Support Wesley Women & the Carolina Christmas Bazaar Saturday, Nov. 15, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sponsored by Wesley Women

Stephen Ministry Informational Meeting

Interested in learning more about becoming a Stephen Minister? Join us for an informational meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 4 p.m. in the Media Center. For questions, please call Barbara Coughlin at 336-414-6350, Mary Hooper at 704-999-9878, or Cathy Weaver at 336-689-6279.



This trip is exclusive for our Wesley Memorial Seniors and their invited guests. Our Motorcoach will not include pickups of other groups. Daily itinerary presented at a later date yes! It will include some free time for beach walking! Attractions we will attend are:

- Alabama Theatre See the South's Grandest Christmas Show!
- Legends In Concert Christmas Show-Tribute Artists perform their Christmas classics
- Barefoot Queen Dinner Cruise with Christmas entertainment on intercoastal waterway
- Tanger Outlet Center- Find great deals on our shopping trip!

Package Includes 🔩 🔾 🖵

- ✓ Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation on HOLIDAY TOURS including Wi-Fi and Electric
- ✓ Pickup and Return to Wesley Memorial
- ✓ 2 Nights Lodging Oceanfront Hotel
- ✓ Meals: 2 Breakfasts at Hotel; 1 Lunch; 1 Dinner

More Information

For more information about this trip call or email Susan Sumpter:



336-848-4128



susan.m.sumpter@gmail.com

RSVP TO FRONT DESK NOW! CALL (336) 884-2204 \$100 DEPOSIT DUE BY AUGUST 31 | 2ND DEPOSIT OF \$100 DUE SEPT 14 FULL BALANCE DUE OCT 15

Looking Ahead

Several upcoming dates to note in the life of our church:

- No Wednesday night dinner on Nov. 5 or Nov. 12. There will be Games & Gospel for kids from 6-7:30 p.m. and they will be served dinner.
- The 52nd annual LoveFeast will be at Dec. 24 on 5 p.m. Rise Against Hunger will take place Feb. 1, 2026.
- Evensong service is set for March 1, 2026 at 4 p.m.
- Gary Chapman returns on March 7, 2026.
- The School of Methodism will be March 20–21, 2026.

Generosity Forms

A spiritually healthy follower of Christ grows in all practices—including generosity. Will you take your next step in spiritual generosity? Scan the QR code or visit www.wesleymemorial.org/wearewesley.



Sea Scouts BSA

Wesley Memorial is organizing a program of Scouting America called Sea Scouts BSA. This program is for young men and women ages 14 to 20. It will complement our existing Cub Scouts Pack 4 (boys and girls, grades K–5) and the 105-year-old Boy Scout Troop 4 (boys ages 11 to 17). This expansion of Wesley Memorial's Scouting Ministry also includes GSA Daisy Scouts (girls, grades K–1).



For over 100 years, Sea Scouting has promoted better citizenship and improved members' boating skills through instruction and practice in water safety, boating skills, outdoor adventure, social and service experiences, and knowledge of our maritime heritage.

The new unit will be Sea Scouts Ship 4. Hilco Woudstra will lead the Ship as Skipper, and Bill Milliken will serve as Committee Chair.

For more information, contact:

- Hilco Woudstra 336-254-3691
- Bill Milliken 336-906-9406
- Steve Bouldin 336-471-1390



SERVED 5:15 PM TO 6:30 PM
Meals are free of cost. Donations accepted

OCTOBER 1

Baked Pasta Zucchini & Green Beans | Garlic Sticks & Dessert

OCTOBER 8

Chicken Mexicali Casserole Confetti Corn & Black Beans | Bread & Dessert

OCTOBER 15

Roasted Pork Loin w/jus | Rice Pilaf Broccoli Casserole & Carrots | Roll & Dessert

OCTOBER 22

Sausage, Eggs, Grits, Biscuit, Gravy Assorted Fruits | Yogurt Parfaits

OCTOBER 29

Crumbled Hamburger Steak Gravy

Mashed Potatoes & Lima Beans | Bread & Dessert

NOVEMBER 19

Chicken Casserole Cranberry Sauce & Green Beans | Roll & Dessert

DECEMBER 3

Baked Ham | Pineapple Casserole Broccoli & Peas | Bread & Dessert

DECEMBER 10

Pork Loin with Roasted Potatoes w/ Fried Cabbage Black-eyed peas | Cornbread & Dessert



Sermon Growth Notes