

# WESLEY MEMORIAL

A METHODIST CONGREGATION

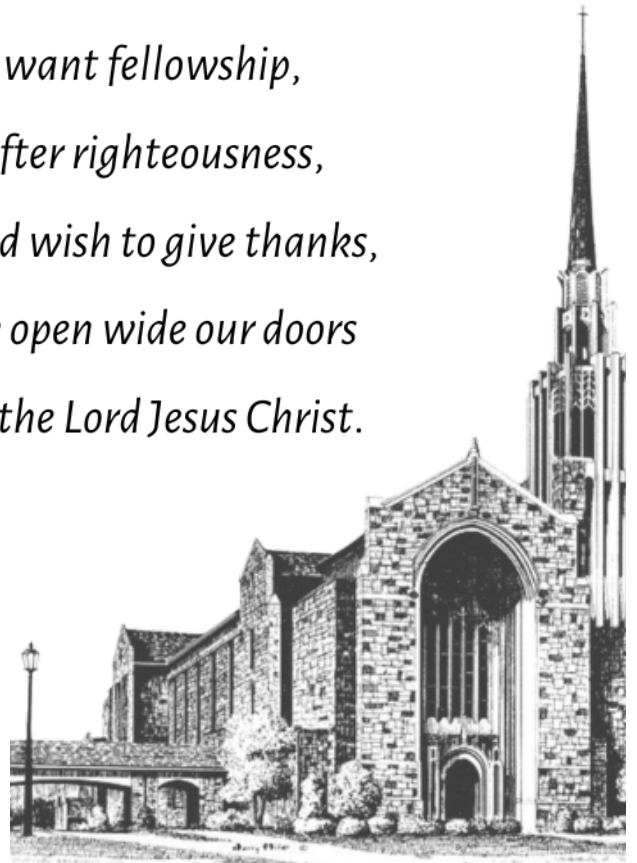
## WELCOME

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 CHAPEL 8:30**



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



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## 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.

## WELCOME

Rev. Jeff Patterson

† 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. 388 (VERSES 1, 2, 4, 5)

*The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is His new creation, by water and the word; from heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride; with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.*

*Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.*

*'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore; Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.*

*Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.*

## Welcome!

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning! Please take a moment to sign the Welcome 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. 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

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

† 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

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.*

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.**

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.



## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

### GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

#### † 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 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, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*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. **Amen.**

#### 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 the serving table and receive the bread or gluten-free wafer. After receiving it, you may kneel at the prayer rail. Our Stephen Ministers are available 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

##### 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.*

HYMN No. 527

*Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*

PASS ME NOT

*Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.*

*Refrain: Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.*

*Let me at Thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief, kneeling there in deep contrition; help my unbelief. Refrain*

*Trusting only in Thy merit, would I seek Thy face; heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by Thy grace. Refrain*

*Thou, the spring of all my comfort, more than life to me; Whom have I on earth beside Thee? Whom in heav'n but Thee? Refrain*

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

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

Reverend Dr. Glenn Myers, Pastor of Visitation

Mr. Phillip Leach, Baritone Soloist

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

Ms. Mora Wolff, Organist

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

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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

<b>MONDAY, October 6</b> 10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Ball & Bible Girl Scout Daisy Troop Cub Scouts Boy Scouts AA Meeting	Media Center Fellowship Hall Children's Ministry Wing Dining Hall Scout Room Adult Wing D208
<b>TUESDAY, October 7</b> 12:30 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal GriefShare Senior Adult Living Well Series	Adult Wing D212 Adult Wing D203 Media Center
<b>WEDNESDAY, October 8</b> 7:20 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 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. 6:45 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	John Willett's Men's Bible Study Pastor Jeff's Bible Study Prayer Shawl Ministry Wednesday Night Supper (served until 6:30 p.m.) Vespers Handbells Rehearsal Wesley Memorial Kids' Games & Gospel Single & Parenting GriefShare Financial Peace University Wesley Memorial Students (Grades 6-12) Disciple Bible Study WOW Bible Study Pastor Jeff's Bible Study Men's Bible Study Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Dining Hall Dining Hall Conference Room 3 Dining Hall Chapel Adult Wing D212 Children's Ministry Hall Adult Wing D202 Adult Wing D203 Adult Wing D201 Student Ministry Wing Circle View Room Student Soul Cafe Media Center Conference Room 3 Choir Room
<b>THURSDAY, October 9</b> 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Contemporary Praise Team Rehearsal AA Meeting AlAnon	Fellowship Hall Adult Wing D202 Adult Wing D201
<b>SUNDAY, October 12</b> 7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Televised Worship Service Traditional Worship AA Meeting Contemporary Worship Children's Ministry Sunday Funday Youth Sunday School Adult Sunday School Chancel Choir Rehearsal Small Groups/All Welcome Traditional Worship Couple Unity Group Children's Church	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D202 Fellowship Hall Children's Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing Adult Wing Choir Room Fellowship Hall Dining Hall Circle View Room Sanctuary

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



### 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.



## Blessing of the Animals

OCTOBER 5, 2025

4:00 PM  
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

If your pet does not play well with others, you may use a carrier or bring a picture of your pet. If your animal companion has passed away, feel free to bring a photo or just bring them in your heart.



### 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 be baked 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.

**NEIGHBORHOOD**  
**FALL Trail**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH**  
**4-6PM**  
FAITH-FILLED AND FULL OF CANDY, PRIZES, AND FUN, THE WESLEY MEMORIAL KIDS FALL TRAIL IS THE ULTIMATE FAMILY-FRIENDLY SEASONAL EXPERIENCE!

**COSTUMES ARE WELCOME (NON-SCARY, PLEASE!),  
TRICK-OR-TREATING, JOYFUL LIVE MUSIC,  
FALL-THEMED GAMES, PETTING ZOO,  
COMPLIMENTARY HOT DOGS, AND MORE!**



RESERVE FREE TICKETS AT

**WESLEYMEMORIAL.ORG/FALL**

### 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, accessories, 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!



# 72

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.

**PRICES**  
/Person  
\$455 Triple room  
\$469 Double room  
\$575 Single room

3 Days and 2 Nights Oceanfront  
December 1st-3rd  
(Depart Mon - Return Weds)

**Senior Adult** Exclusively for our  
SENIOR ADULTS 60+ yrs

**MYRTLE BEACH CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA!**

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.wesley memorial.org/wearewesley](http://www.wesley memorial.org/wearewesley).



