

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, NOVEMBER 27, 2022
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY
11:00 AM

1225 Chestnut Drive • High Point, North Carolina 27262
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The Worship of God

Sanctuary

November 27, 2022

11:00 am

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland
(Come, Savior of the Nations)

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

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

Jeff Patterson

† The Choral Call to Worship:

Creator of the Stars of Night 9th Century/Sarum Plainsong
Creator of the stars of night, thy people's everlasting light, O Christ, thou Savior of us all, we pray thee, hear us when we call. At the great name of Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow; and things celestial thee shall own, and things terrestrial, Lord alone. Come in thy holy might, we pray; redeem us for eternal day from every power of darkness when Thou judgest all the sons of men. To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, laud, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen

† The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let Us Pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, it is your will to restore all things to Christ, whom you have anointed priest forever and ruler of creation. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

† HYMN No. 211

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

ANTHEM

How Lovely are the Messengers from St. Paul

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace. To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings. How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Meredith and Braden Covington

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. Children are welcome in our worship services. To assist children in learning more about worship, we have created Praise Packs. These special bags are located in the narthex.



ARE YOU HURTING?

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

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

Death of his wife:
Carroll Brown
606 W. Parkway Ave.
High Point, NC 27262

Death of their son:
Glen and Susan Myers
3146 Abbotts Creek
Church Rd.
Kernersville, NC 27284

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response:

“Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**”

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.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz
(1919-2009)

Peace be to you and grace from him Who freed us from our sins Who loved us all and shed his blood That we might saved be Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord The Lord, Almighty God Who was, and is, and is to come Sing Holy, Holy Lord Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within Rejoice on earth, ye saints below For Christ is coming, is coming soon For Christ is coming soon E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come And night shall be no more They need no light nor lamp nor sun For Christ will be their All!

† DOXOLOGY No. 95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 2: 1-5 (O.T. Page 631)

SERMON

“The Life-Giving Power of Hope”

Jeff Patterson

† 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

† HYMN No. 196
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

After the new members have affirmed their vows, the pastor shall say:

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to support the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our witness, and our service as together we make and sustain spiritually healthy followers of Jesus Christ who live in ways that transform the world, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

† BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

The Choral Benediction: 9th Century/Sarum Plainsong
To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, laud, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland

Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)

† Those who are able please stand.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor

Clark Chilton, Associate Pastor of Contemporary Worship and Evangelism

Lisa Tanico, Congregational Care and Senior Adults

Ken Lyon, Generosity/Church Vitality

The Keunnen Family, Advent Readers

Mrs. Clarice Friedrich, Soprano Singer

Ms. Veronica Siebert, Alto Singer

Mr. Michael Friedrich, Tenor Singer

Mr. Phillip Leach, Baritone Singer

Chancel Choir

Kyle Brown, Sound

Chris Massey, Audio Visual Technician

Frank Pifferetti, Director of Traditional Music Ministries and Organist

Today please help us welcome our new members.

SERVICE NOTES:

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Welcome guests! Scan this QR code to receive a free welcome gift! (to scan the code, use your phone's camera and follow the provided link)

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.

Wesley Memorial School is open Monday– Thursday at 9 a.m.



Offering plates will be passed or you can scan the QR code with your camera phone or text the word DETAILS to 94000 to give online.

<p>MONDAY, November 28 10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Interdenominational Bible Study Boy Scout Meeting AA Meeting</p>	<p>Adult D213 Media Center Boy Scout Room 1 Adult D208</p>
<p>TUESDAY, November 29 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Town Hall Meeting YAM (Young Adult Ministry)</p>	<p>Fellowship Hall Student Gathering</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY, November 30 7:00 a.m. 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. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>High School Girls Bible Study Men's Bible Study with John Willett Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Prayer Shawl Ministry Wednesday Dinner Vespers Children's Ministry Wednesday Disciple I Divorce Care Grief Share Student Ministry Midweek Young Men's Bible Study w/Pastor Clark Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>The Biscuit Factory Dining Hall Dining Hall Media Center Dining Hall Chapel Children's Gathering Circle View Room (Admin Bldg) Adult Wing D201 Adult Wing D203 Student Gathering Conf. Rm. 3- Admin Building Media Center Choir Rm - Under the Sanctuary</p>
<p>THURSDAY, December 1 7:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. * 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>High School Guys Bible Study Bible Study w/Pastor Clark Decorating the Chrismon Trees * AA Meeting AIAnon</p>	<p>The Biscuit Factory River Landing Sanctuary Adult Wing D208 Adult Wing D201</p>
<p>FRIDAY, December 2 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Lighting of the Tree Delivering Poinsettias</p>	<p>Circle Parking Lot Porte cochere - @ Sanctuary</p>

*Decorating the Chrismon Trees

We will be decorating the Chrismon Trees in the Sanctuary on **December 1 at 5:30 pm**. We need additional volunteers, as well as someone to volunteer to lead this ministry going forward.

<p>SUNDAY, December 4 7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>2nd Sunday in Advent Televised Traditional Worship Traditional Worship AA Meeting Children's Ministry Sunday Funday Adult Sunday School Contemporary Worship Student Ministry Sunday Morning Live Chancel Choir Rehearsal Small Groups/ All Welcome Traditional Worship</p>	<p>WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D202 Children's Gathering Adult Wing Fellowship Hall Student Gathering Choir Room (under Sanctuary) Fellowship Hall Sanctuary</p>
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TOWN HALL MEETING
Tuesday, Nov. 29, 6 pm, Dining Hall
Everyone is invited to this important meeting. There will be presentations both for and against disaffiliation from the UMC followed by Q & A. Nursery will be provided.

Wednesday Menu (11/30)
Pork Tenderloin with Gravy, Baked Sweet Potatoes, Cauliflower Au Gratin, Salad Bar, Bread, Dessert. Last Wednesday Night Dinner is Dec. 14 until the new year.

Lighting of the Tree
Friday, Dec. 2 at 6 pm 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.

Gingerbread Bash in the Dining Hall
On **December 10th at 11:30am** we will build gingerbread nativities, play games, sing songs, hear the Christmas story from the Bible, eat lunch together, and discover that sometimes the best gift comes in the most ordinary box. It's a truly sweet way for your family to celebrate the birth of Jesus! All ages welcome. This is a fun and interactive experience designed for the whole family! Registration is required at wesleymemorial.org/gingerbread.



The Congregational Care Team would appreciate your help delivering poinsettias to REACH (Restricted or Reduced Mobility, Exceptional Circumstances, Advanced Aging, Convalescing, or Homebound) members of our congregation on Friday, December 2nd from 6:30 to 7:30 immediately following the tree lighting. Please 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. Hope to see you!

Children's Nativity
Sunday, Dec. 11 at the 11 am Service
Children ages 4 through 5th grade can participate in this beautiful depiction of the birth of Christ. Roles are assigned according to age and grade. Participating children need to attend at least two music and worship sessions, either on Sunday morning or Wednesday night between November 6th and December 11th to be able participate. Rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 10th at 10am. For more details and to register, please visit wesleymemorial.org/nativity.

December 9th at 1:00 in the Dining Hall
Polar Express with Santa & Mrs. Claus
All Aboard the Polar Express! Delight in this Joyful experience as you pretend to travel on the Polar Express to the North Pole. Get a golden ticket as you climb aboard. But don't lose it. The Conductor will be along to punch it confirming your invitation. Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus while enjoying cocoa and cookies and have a photo made. You will get the first gift of Christmas!

Monday, Dec. 14, 2022 - 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Blood Drive in the Dining Hall.
The Red Cross is low on blood donations and they need for you to give the life-saving gift. Please mark your calendar to give at Wesley Memorial UMC.

Senior Adult Luncheon

Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022 at 12 p.m. - Dining Hall For Senior Adults ages 60+. This magical Christmas Luncheon is a gift to our Senior Adults. Come in your festive Christmas attire and enjoy. A very special program will follow our meal. Sponsored by the Senior Adult Council. Please RSVP to the church office at 336-884-2204.

December 16th at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary Wesley Memorial School Kindergarten Nativity Program

It has always been such a very special time to witness the birth of the Baby Jesus reenacted by children. Experience the joy of the season as the greatest story is retold through drama and song. The Inn Keeper points to, "A Stable Warm and Dry", welcoming Joseph and Mary. The star, animals, angels, and shepherds shout out in a joyful noise delighting in the birth of the baby. The kindergarten children will also share some fun Christmas secular songs and share a special surprise by playing the handbells. Join us afterwards for Christmas cookies and cider.

White Christmas will be celebrated on:

Sunday, December 18, 2022 at all three services

This year's White Christmas gift collection will go to West End Ministries and Leslie's House to provide essential clothing, food, and supplies to men and women using those facilities. Please consider the purchase of one or more items from the following list. Items should be wrapped in white paper and will be called forward to be deposited at the altar rail/platform during the services. Items specific to men should be marked for West End Ministries and those for women to Leslie's House. The requested items are: Coats or sweatshirts (L, XL, XXL), white socks, stocking caps, scarfs, gloves, flip flops, blankets, twin sheets, toiletries, and canned goods.

Thank you for your generosity!



Sunday, Dec. 18th, 2022 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Christmas Drive-Thru at Wesley Memorial Church!

It will take lots of volunteers to make the December 18th Christmas Drive-Thru a success. The guiding narrative of the Drive-Thru is "What God Wants for Christmas". (The answer to "What God Wants" is YOU, and people will discover that answer at the final station.) Actors just act/pose. People will be listening to a recording in their cars, so actors don't have to say anything. The church will provide costumes as well. ANY AGE from 5-105 are WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE. Serve alongside your kids! It will be fun. From setup to acting as sheep. Give back this holiday season by committing to serve as a volunteer. Sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4daca92dabf8c43-sunday> For more information contact Pastor Clark at cchilton@wesleymemorial.org.

Surviving the Holidays

Wednesday, Dec. 21 - 2:00- 4:00 p.m. in D201

After separation or divorce, your Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays won't look the same as they used to. Traditions change. Some family members won't be there. Social gatherings can feel stressful. But DivorceCare Surviving the Holidays can help! This short event includes a video, sharing time, and a "Survival Guide" filled with tips and encouragement for managing the holidays after separation and divorce. We encourage you to register at divorcecare.org/holidays.

INTERESTED IN HELPING TO START A SINGLES MINISTRY FOR THE HIGH POINT COMMUNITY?

Did you know that nearly 50% of U.S. adults are single? That is 126.9 million unmarried Americans. Our congregation would like to create a singles group that would meet periodically for Christian friendship, fellowship and fun. **We will have an informational meeting on Monday, Nov. 28, 6:30 pm.** If interested in this ministry, please contact Pastor Jeff at jpatterson@wesleymemorial.org.

The Administrative Team invites the congregation to bless our staff with a financial gift at Christmas. To participate, please make a check out to WMUMC and mark "Staff Bonus" in the memo line. You may place your check in a Sunday offering plate, mail to the church, OR drop off at the Front Desk. You can also contribute online at wesleymemorial.org/gift and select "Staff Christmas Bonus" from the drop down options under "Fund." If you are unable to participate in a monetary gift, please consider a note of appreciation to let specific staff members know that they are truly appreciated and the impact they make. Thank you for helping us express gratitude to our wonderful staff. Please make your contribution on or before **Sunday, December 10**. If you have questions, please contact **Tom Smothers** at tdsmothers@me.com. You may also reach out to our 2020/21 Administrative Team which includes: Mary Sansing, Dan Smoak, Jim Holcomb, Henry McMullan, David Pruette, Harvey Lowd, Samantha Klemme, Don Shaw, Tom Smothers, Teresa Huffman, Iris Sunshine, Barbara Frye, Jerry Cornwell, Trip Dixon and David McCoy.

Fairview Backpacks

Wesley Memorial will feed 33 children from Fairview Elementary School for 6 days during the Christmas break. Currently, we need ALL food items for our food pantry and we would like to ask everyone in the congregation to bring single serving food items to place in backpacks for the students at Fairview for Christmas break. Ideas for items: individual juice boxes, individual milk boxes (non-perishable), individual cereal boxes/cups, pop tarts, granola bars, muffin packs, fruit packs/cans, individual containers of Chef Boyardee spaghetti, ravioli, beefaroni, small cans of pork and beans, mac and cheese cups, individual pudding cups, individual jello cups, cookies, chips, pretzels, rice krispy treats, goldfish.



Don't Forget Your Christmas Memorials for this year...

You may order wreaths and poinsettias in honor or memory of your loved one to decorate the church this

Christmas Season. Because we are bringing back our traditional Lovefeast Service on Christmas Eve, we will offer new this year, Moravian Buns to be used at the Lovefeast for you to purchase in memory or honor of your love ones in lots of \$25, \$50 or \$100. Place your order now by calling Sue Schoch at 336-812-4806. Deadline for ordering your memorial is Monday, Dec. 19. Your memorial will be listed in the December 25th bulletin.

Angel Trees

It's that time of year again! We will launch our Angel Tree Project on November 18. This program provides Christmas gifts for children who have an incarcerated parent. Each child will receive a clothing gift and a non-clothing gift. Angels will be on the Christmas trees in the Bridge Café, Sunday School area and the Narthex outside the sanctuary. Angels will provide the necessary information to purchase gifts. Wrap the two gifts in the same paper and stick the angel on the package. "A" for non-clothing and "B" for clothing. Please include the receipt for your items. Presents need to be turned into the church before December 4. You can place the gifts under the trees.



Looking Ahead...

- Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Services
 - 4 pm - Contemporary - Fellowship Hall (this service will be live-streamed)
 - 5 pm - Lovefeast - Sanctuary
 - 8 pm - Holy Communion Service - Sanctuary (this service will be live-streamed)
 - 11 pm - Holy Communion Service - Sanctuary
- Dec. 25 - Christmas Day
 - 10 am service only in the Sanctuary
- Jan. 1, 2023 - We will be back to the regular schedule for our worship services.