

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

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 26th, 2025

Sanctuary

11:00 am

PRELUDE

In Thee Is Gladness

Dale Wood

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 Give Thanks unto the Lord

Richard Benedum

O give thanks unto the Lord for his mercy endureth forever. 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.

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

† HYMN NO. 212

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

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

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

HOSPITALIZATION:
Bill Garner

RECENT SURGERY:
Marc Werner

ABOUT
CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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



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.



WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS!

Sarah Stevenson
Andrew Stevenson
Chrissy Black
Phil Black
Ellis Baker

ANTHEM

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Derek Hakes

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nations, O thou of God and man the Son: Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast. Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.

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.

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

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!

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 4:14-30 (Pg. 859)

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

SERMON

“A Trip Back Home”

Rev. Jeff Patterson

† APOSTLES' CREED We face the cross and profess in unison
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living 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. 226
Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

(The Altar is open for prayer.)

† BENEDICTION

† The CHORAL BENEDICTION
Amen

Lutkin

† CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

† POSTLUDE
Marche Triomphale

Bruce Steane

† Those who are able please stand.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor
 Reverend Clark Chilton, Contemporary Worship/Evangelism
 Reverend Susannah Pittman, Congregational Care/Adult Spiritual Formation
 Reverend Dr. Ken Lyon, Generosity/Church Vitality/Missions
 Reverend Dr. Glenn Myers, Pastor of Visitation
 Chancel Choir
 Ms. Charli Mills, Director of Traditional Music and Worship Arts
 Mr. Chris Ward, Organist

Reflection Questions: Luke 4:14-30

1. Today's Scripture passage marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in the Gospel of Luke. How does this event set the tone and foreshadow the totality of Jesus' ministry?
2. The prophecy that Jesus reads and fulfills is Isaiah 61:1-2. Take a moment to read and reflect on these words. How does Jesus fulfill this prophecy? How have you experienced the fulfillment of this prophecy through your relationship with Christ?
3. When Jesus challenged the crowd's understanding and expectations of Good News, he was rejected. As you take time for honest reflection, have there been times in your life when your understanding and expectations of faith and Christ have been challenged or not in alignment with the Good News? How have you navigated or grown through these experiences?

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 Jane Noel Cornwell, daughter of Jackie and Woody Cornwell. The grandparents are Jerry and Ed Cornwell.



Mr. James Robbins, Acolyte
 Mr. David Robbins, Acolyte
 Mr. Christian Smith, Crucifer
 Miss Brielle Keunnen, Bible

USHERS

Mrs. Martha Bass
 Mr. Bert Klemme
 Mr. George Morris
 Mrs. Ardith Pugh
 Mr. Randy Niebauer

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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 27 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
TUESDAY, January 28 1:30 p.m.	Pillow Ministry Stuffing Party	Adult Wing D203
WEDNESDAY, January 29 7:20 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 1:30 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 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 Chapel Children's Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing Student Wing - C111 Circle View Room Conference Room 3 Media Center Choir Room
THURSDAY, January 30 10:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	"Life After Life" by Charletta Phillips AA Meeting ALAnon	Media Center Adult Wing D202 Adult Wing D201
FRIDAY, January 31 6:00 p.m.	Wesley Memorial Kids' Nerf & Nachos (3rd - 5th Grade)	Fellowship Hall
SUNDAY, February 2 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.	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

Pillow Ministry Stuffing Party – Note New Location

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, January 28th at 1:30 PM in Room D203 for Pillow Ministry's quarterly stuffing party.



This event is a special opportunity to help stuff over 200 pillows—spreading love and comfort to those in need throughout our community!

Comfort pillows are a tangible way to share care, compassion, and encouragement. They are available to anyone and can be picked up from the closet in the mailroom behind the front desk. These pillows are a vital part of our ministry, delivered by our ministers during visits, included in baby welcome bags for new parents, and shared with Hospice of High Point, where we provide 30 pillows each month.


Come join us for a few hours of fun and fellowship, and make a meaningful impact in the lives of others. Your time and effort will help spread kindness and care far and wide!

Wednesdays @ Wesley

Please note there will be no dinner on 1/29, all other programming will be as usual. The menu for February 5 is hot dogs with chili and chips.

"Life After Life" with Dr. Charletta Phillips

Discover the power of near-death experiences in "Life After Life," a thought-provoking discussion led by Dr. Charletta Phillips. Join us in the Media Center on Thursdays, Jan. 30 and Feb. 6, from 10:30 to 11:30 AM as we explore how these experiences have changed lives. Register by calling the office at 336-884.2204.



NERF & NACHOS
for 3rd - 5th graders

January 31
6pm - 8pm

Register online at
wesleymemorial.org/nerf

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 Chase Harris at charris@wesleymemorial.org.

FEBRUARY 2025 SERMON SERIES

GO & TELL

Give Your Testimony in February

On the heels of the January sermon series of "Come and See", our February sermon series will be "Go and Tell". The Christian has such good news to share with the world! Sharing the personal experience of your faith in Christ can be the most powerful sort of witness. Throughout February we are looking for Wesley Memorial members who want to share their faith. If you feel called to give a pre-recorded video testimony, or a live Sunday morning testimony, please contact Rev. Clark Chilton at cchilton@wesleymemorial.org or 336-812-4813.

Monthly Food Collection

The Missions team has decided to split our monthly Communion Sunday food collection between Open Door Ministries and Macedonia Family Resource Center. Both of these organizations are an integral part in fighting hunger in the High Point area. Macedonia's pantry frequently needs more donations as more families are requesting food assistance. Many of these families are now multigenerational households due to rising rent costs and the overall cost of living.

Next Sunday, February 2nd will be our next collection with the collection going to Macedonia. Bins will be placed outside of all three services for your deposits.

Please consider bringing items as you feel led, knowing that your act of love and kindness is providing for our neighbors who lack the most basic needs. Thank you for your generosity.

Leadership Summit - February 8 at 8:30 a.m.

All administrative teams and committee members are invited to Wesley Memorial's 2025 Leadership Summit on February 8th, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in the Dining Hall. Please plan to join us for this important event!



SCAN TO REGISTER



Grieving the death of a spouse?

Or do you know someone who is?



Your life has changed forever. The daily emotions and challenges can seem too hard to bear.

You'll hear:

- Practical advice from others who've been there.
- What to expect in your grief.
- How to cope with life without your spouse.
- Why it won't always hurt this much.

Find help at a Loss of a Spouse seminar.

LOSS OF A SPOUSE

Saturday, March 1, 2025 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in room D201

Please join us for this encouraging seminar.



Rise

AGAINST HUNGER

SUNDAY, MARCH 9
2:00 - 4:30 PM

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POSTPONED

Wesley Memorial Methodist Church
NOW: MARCH 7-8 ■ High Point, NC



SPirit & TRUTH WEEKEND

This weekend could change everything.

REGISTER AT WESLEYMEMORIAL.ORG/SPIRITANDTRUTH

Spirit and Truth Weekend Rescheduled for March
Sometimes, even the best-laid plans have to shift. Due to predicted inclement weather, we have rescheduled Spirit & Truth Weekend to March 7-8, 2025.

While the dates have changed, the opportunity remains the same—this powerful weekend will help you deepen your relationship with God and equip you to live a Spirit-filled life. Through worship, impactful teachings, and hands-on experiences, Spirit & Truth Weekend is designed to transform your faith journey.

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 wesley Memorial.org/spiritandtruth. Led by the Spirit and Truth ministry from Dayton, OH (and out of United Seminary). Questions? Contact Pastor Clark at cchilton@wesley Memorial.org.

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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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



