

WESLEY MEMORIAL

A METHODIST CONGREGATION

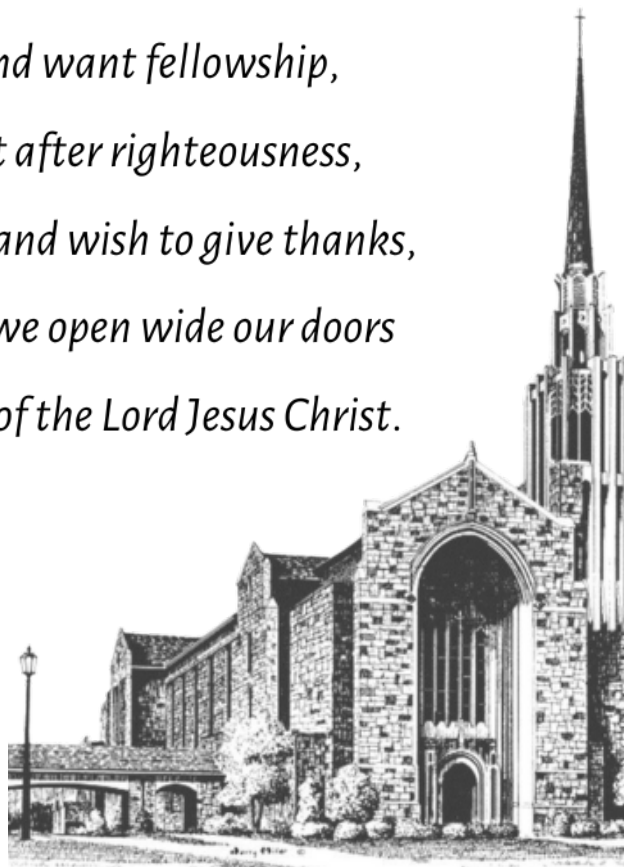
WELCOME

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.

AUGUST 31ST, 2025

TWELFTH 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

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:

O Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow after us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

† HYMN No. 115

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners HYFRYDOL
Jesus! What a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul; friends may fail me, foes assail me; He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain: *Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.*

Jesus, what a Strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him; tempted, tried, and sometimes failing; He, my Strength, my vict'ry wins. Refrain

Jesus! What a Help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll, even when my heart is breaking, He, my Comfort, helps my soul. Refrain

Jesus! What a Guide and Keeper! While the tempest still is high, storms about me, night o'er takes me, He, my Pilot, hears my cry. Refrain

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find, He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine. Refrain

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 SURGERY:

Caren Jenkins
Charles Myers

HEALTH CONCERNS:

Sharon Thomas

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

SOLO

God's Mercy

Larry Shackley

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in His justice which is more than liberty. There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good; there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in His blood. For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. Was there ever kinder shepherd, half so gentle, half so sweet, as the Savior who would have us come and gather at His feet? If our love were but more simple, we would take Him at His word, and our lives would be all sunshine in the sweetness of our Lord.

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.

GLORIA PATRI NO. 33

MEINEKE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

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.



† 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

Matthew 5: 43-48 (Pg.811)

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

SERMON

“Love Your Enemies Pt. 2”

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

(The Altar is open for prayer.)

† HYMN NO. 391

Let It Be Said of Us

FRY

Let it be said of us that the Lord was our passion, that with gladness we bore ev'ry cross we were given; That we fought the good fight, that we finished the course knowing within us the pow'r of the risen Lord.

Refrain: Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song; by mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong. Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song 'til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known. Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.

Let it be said of us: we were marked by forgiveness, we were known by our love and delighted in meekness; We were ruled by His peace heeding unity's call, joined as one body that Christ would be seen by all. Refrain

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

† Those who are able please stand.

LOOKING FOR ALTAR
SERVERS!

WE ARE
RECRUITING FOR
CRUCIFERS, ACOLYTES
AND BIBLE BEARERS
FOR OUR 11 AM
SERVICE. IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO
SERVE IN THIS
MINISTRY, PLEASE
CALL PRISCILLA
SMITH AT
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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

OUR LAST COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS WILL
BE LED TODAY BY REV. BOB O'KEEF. THANK YOU
ALL WHO PARTICIPATED! ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL
CLASSES WILL RESUME INDIVIDUALLY STARTING
SEPTEMBER 7TH.



AUTUMN LIGHTS ~ CANDLELIGHT PRAYER SERVICE

Sunday, September 28, 2025
6:30-7:00 pm Fellowship Hall
(Registration begins 6:00)

Raising Awareness and Financial Support to Benefit
ALZHEIMER'S / DEMENTIA PATIENTS & THEIR CARE PARTNERS

Whether you are a Care Partner alongside your loved one on the Alzheimer's/Dementia journey, or a faithful supporter for ending this disease - we recognize and honor the challenges and sacrifices of the Patient's friends and family members. We know your devotion is not an easy path, but a beautiful gift of LOVE.

At Wesley Memorial, we seek to bring "AUTUMN LIGHT" by offering a special worship service of Wholeness and Healing. ALL FAMILIES OF ALL FAITHS are invited to participate in this candlelight service of Music and Prayers. Please share the date of Sunday, September 28 with community friends. Upon arrival, attendees will receive a candle votive in a glass jar. Printed information will be available for those seeking programs of support. All will be invited to write names on paper flowers of loved ones affected by this devastating disease. Our pastors will pray over these names. Should you feel led to make a donation, 100% will be given to the Alzheimer's Association of Guilford County. The donations will be used to further supportive programs for Alzheimer's Patients, for their Care Partners, and for Research.

It is unacceptable that 1 in 3 Seniors age 65+ currently dies with Alzheimer's or other Dementia. Many of us at Wesley Memorial have traveled this journey and are committed to providing HOPE and LIGHT for other families. We understand.

Sponsored by the Senior Adult Council of Wesley Memorial

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome, guests! We're glad you're here. Scan the QR code on the left with your phone's camera to receive a free welcome gift!

Nursery childcare is available for infants through 2-year-olds during the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services, located in the Children's Ministry Hall. If you need help finding it, an usher will be happy to assist you.

Members and guests, please take a moment to fill out and pass the friendship folders located in each row.

Large print hymnals are available in the Narthex for those who need them.

To view the full church calendar, visit wesleymemorial.org/calendar.

For more announcements, visit wesleymemorial.org/announcements.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

MONDAY, September 1 7:30 p.m.	OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY AA Meeting	Adult Wing D208
TUESDAY, September 2 12:30 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal	Adult Wing D212
WEDNESDAY, September 3 7:20 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	John Willett's Men's Bible Study Prayer Shawl Ministry Pillow Ministry Stuffing Party Handbells Rehearsal Vespers Student Ministry Adult Volunteer Interest Meeting Men's Bible Study Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Dining Hall Conference Room 3 Media Center Adult Wing D212 Chapel Student Ministry Wing Conference Room 3 Choir Room
THURSDAY, September 4 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
SUNDAY, September 7 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. 11:15 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 Children's Church	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D202 Fellowship Hall Children's Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing Adult Wing Choir Room Dining Hall Sanctuary Children's Ministry Wing

Monthly Food Collection

The Missions team rotates our monthly Communion Sunday food collection between Open Door Ministries and Macedonia Family Resource Center. **Next Sunday, September 3rd donations will go to Open Door. Bins will be placed outside all three services.** Please consider bringing items as you feel led— your generosity helps provide for neighbors in need. Thank you!

Pillow Ministry Stuffing Party

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, September 3 at 2 PM in the Media Center for Pillow Ministry's quarterly stuffing party. This afternoon is a chance to help stuff over 200 pillows--spreading love, comfort, and encouragement throughout our community!

Comfort pillows share care and compassion in a simple but powerful way. They're 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. This year, we're also donating 30 pillows each month to the High Point Cancer Center, making your help more important than ever. Come join us for fun and fellowship, and make a meaningful impact in the lives of others.

New Couples Group Starting in September

We're excited to launch a New Couples Group for those ages 45 and under. The group will meet in the Fellowship Hall after the 9:30 service on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, beginning in September. Our first topic of discussion will be communication. Children are welcome to attend Children's Church or the nursery during this time. If you have any questions, please reach out to Abigail at afelton@wesleymemorial.org.



Salem Bach Festival — Friday, September 5

Wesley Memorial is delighted to be a host church for the eighth annual Salem Bach Festival this year! Join us at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary on Friday, September 5th for a Vespers service featuring North Carolina's most talented singers and period instrumentalists. Programming will feature French and French-influenced Baroque music, including J.S. Bach's Himmelskönig, sei willkommen (King of Heaven, welcome), Charpentier's Laudate pueri Dominum (Praise the Lord, you children), and Couperin's Les Nations, 1er ordre: "La Française."

The Salem Bach Festival strives to share the music of J.S. Bach and his contemporaries with the Triad community through historically informed performances. For more information and to discover other area events, please visit www.salembachfestival.com/2025-festival. All festival events are free!

FALL KICKOFF: MEAL, MAGICIAN, MUSIC

Fall Kickoff: Meal, Magician, Music

Have you been missing our Wednesday night dinners? Come join us for our Fall Kickoff on Tuesday, September 10 in the Dining Hall! We'll celebrate the end of summer and the start of a new season of ministry with a delicious meal and entertainment for the whole family.

Dinner begins at 5:15 p.m. – enjoy fried or baked chicken with mac & cheese and baked beans.

Live Music – our own Olivia from the Contemporary Worship Praise Team will provide uplifting music during the meal.

Family Entertainment – from 6:45–7:30 p.m., enjoy an incredible performance by Paul Spring with Rocking Rabbit Magic, sure to amaze both children and adults!

The fellowship of our church family is the "icing on the cake." Make plans to be part of this special evening together!

Ministry Team Update

A Ministry Team Update meeting will be held on September 16th, at 6:00 in the Dining Hall. All are invited and encouraged to attend this event. Whether you are on a ministry team or not, this is a wonderful time to learn more about the wide-ranging opportunities to serve here at Wesley Memorial, and to discover areas in our church and community that are aligned with your passions. As service is a foundational part of our faith journey, please join us in this celebration of our ministry teams."

Financial Peace University

If you've ever felt like you just can't get in control of your money, you're not alone.

**Learn *God's ways*
of handling money.**

You'd be surprised how many people you know are struggling just like you. But it's time for your struggle to end—starting today. Financial Peace University is the nine-week class that's helped nearly 10 million people learn step by step how to beat debt and build wealth. Class starts on Wednesday, September 17th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in room D201. Join us and learn how you can pay off debt, save more money, and build wealth. The cost is \$79 per household. More information and link to register available at wesleymemorial.org/financial-peace Note: scholarships available.

SINGLE & PARENTING™

Beginning September 17

A faith-based group that features the nation's foremost Christian experts on single-parenting topics from a Biblical perspective.

Single & Parenting Support Group

Being a single parent isn't easy. You may feel exhausted, overwhelmed, and underappreciated—and you're not alone. We welcome you to attend Single & Parenting—a supportive group where you can connect with others who understand your challenges and discover practical tips to help you thrive.

Join us starting September 17 for:

- Free Dinner
- Children's ministry program offered 6-7:30 p.m. for ages two through fifth grade
- Encouragement, wisdom, and real-life parenting support

This group will meet for 13 weeks starting Wednesday, September 17th at 6:00 p.m. in D202. Take a break. Focus on *you*. Find rest, hope, and community.

Registration available at wesleymemorial.org/sandp.

Disciple Bible Study

Disciple Bible Study at Wesley continues with a new class, Wednesday nights beginning Sept. 10. This year's study will follow the Disciple 3 curriculum, entitled "Remember Who You Are." It delves into the writings of the Old Testament prophets and the travails of the Israelite people during the monarchy days (first semester), and then offers a close study of the Letters of Paul (second semester).

Disciple is a 30-week study that involves preparatory reading in the Bible and in the Disciple handbook plus weekly classes of about 2 hours. The various Disciple courses -- there are six -- have reached millions worldwide, immersing them not only in a great Bible study, but an enriching spiritual experience as they study the Word in the company of fellow Christians. The relationships created are long lasting; the fellowship experiences unforgettable.

Tucker Mitchell is leading this year's class. It's his fourth Disciple class at Wesley and his 16th overall.

The class will meet Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. in the Circle View Room at Wesley. Classes last about two hours. For more information, or to sign up, contact Tucker at tuckermitchell4104@gmail.com, or call him at 843.409.5587.



Blessed Beginnings

A Bible Study for Expecting, New & Preschool Moms

**1st & 3rd
Sundays
2PM**

Circle View Room
Wesley Memorial
Methodist Church
High Point, NC

What to Expect

- Uplifting Bible study & discussion
- Complimentary childcare
- Prayer & support for moms
- Fellowship with women who understand
- Refreshments & resources for growing families

Come as you are. Leave encouraged.

RSVP:

communications@wesleymemorial.org

Caregiver Support Group

Are you supporting aging parents? Walking with someone through chronic illness, dementia, or mental health challenges? Navigating foster care? Helping a loved one heal from trauma?

You're not alone. We're forming a group reading *The Heart of a Caregiver*—a space to share, connect, and be encouraged. A time of respite for yourself. If you're interested in joining or want to learn more, reach out to Abbigail Felton at afelton@wesleymemorial.org.

Attention School-aged Families

At the start of a new school year, we could all use an extra blessing. Contact Pastor Clark (cchilton@wesleymemorial.org or call 336-812-4813) to arrange a blessing of your home!

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.wesleymemorial.org/wearewesley

