

WESLEY MEMORIAL

A METHODIST CONGREGATION



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.

WESLEY MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

Order of Worship

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8th, 2024

Chapel

8:30 am

OPENING VOLUNTARY

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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

† HYMN NO. 175

Once in Royal David's City

† THE LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Neal Clinard Family

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pray in Unison

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your lovingkindness. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins. For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us; 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.

SYMPATHY TO the family of Margie Kieke, who passed away on 12/3.

Tammy McGee
(Daughter)

SYMPATHY TO the family of Howard Regan who passed away on 12/3.

Tamara Regan (Wife)
Jon Regan (Son)
Kennidi Regan
(Granddaughter)

HEALTH CONCERN:
Evelyn Porter

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.



SOLO

Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head

arr. by John Jacob Niles

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.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

† ADVENT DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

VENI EMMANUEL

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

† HYMN NO. 194

Congregation rises and joins the choir in unison

It Came upon the Midnight Clear (v. 1 & 4)

CAROL

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold; “Peace on the earth, good-will to men, from heav’n’s all gracious King”; the world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hast’ning on, by prophet seen of old, when, with the evercircling years, shall come the time foretold, when the new heav’n and earth shall own the Prince of Peace their King, and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Malachi 3:1-4 (Pg. 802)

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

SERMON

“*Waiting on the Great Refiner*”

Rev. Clark Chilton

† 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. 171

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

(The Altar is open for prayer.)

† BENEDICTION

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

† 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

Mr. Phillip Leach, Baritone Soloist

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

Mr. Lindsay Odom, Organist

WE ARE WESLEY

DOING LIFE TOGETHER IN CHRIST



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



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Blessing of the Babies



Thomas Andrew Barker

~
May 6th, 2024

Son of Erin and Truman Barker

*Grandson of . . .
Martha Loflin and Ron Barker
Elizabeth and Olin Rogers*



Madeline Kathleen Calhoun

~
April 12th, 2024

Daughter of Megan and Ben Calhoun

*Granddaughter of . . .
Vanessa and Charles Surles
Jane and Tommy Calhoun*



Rosel-Bright Forwang

~
October 16th, 2024

Daughter of Mabel and Emmanuel Forwang



Lachlan James Harris

~
July 16th, 2024

Son of Sydney and Chase Harris



Olivia Robinson Hauser

~
May 16th, 2024

Daughter of Catherine and Scott Hauser

*Granddaughter of . . .
Barbara and Paul Coughlin
Janet and Gregg Hauser*



Wren Hartley Janney

~
June 25th, 2024

Daughter of Hartley and Caleb Janney



Dominik Clay Thompson

~
June 7th, 2024

Son of Amanda and Bryant Thompson



Rhet Carney Williams

~
February 15th, 2024

Son of Leslie and Bret Williams

*Grandson of . . .
Amanda and Chris Reynolds
Angela and Greg Williams*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome guests! Scan the QR code on the left to receive a free welcome gift (to scan the code, use your phone's 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, December 9 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Student Ministry Ball & Bible Cub Scout Meeting Boy Scout Meeting AA Meeting	Fellowship Hall Student Ministry Wing Scout Room Adult Wing D208
TUESDAY, December 10 6:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Dining Hall
WEDNESDAY, December 11 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. 6:15 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 Wednesday Dinner (served until 6:30 p.m.) Vespers GriefShare Wesley Memorial Kids Games & Gospel (Ages 0-11) Student Ministry School 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 Dining Hall Chapel Adult Wing D203 Children's Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing Student Wing - C111 Circle View Room Conference Room 3 Media Center Choir Room
THURSDAY, December 12 12:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Senior Adult Christmas Lunch AA Meeting AlAnon	Adult Wing D202 Adult Wing D201
SATURDAY, December 14 6:00 p.m.	AA Christmas Party	Dining Hall
SUNDAY, December 15 7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 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. 12:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	White Christmas Televised Worship Service Traditional Worship AA Meeting Wesley 100 Chicken Pie Sale Children's Ministry Sunday Funday Adult Sunday School Contemporary Worship Small Groups/ All Welcome Traditional Worship Children's Church Wesley 100 Chicken Pie Sale Drive-Thru Nativity (open until 6:30 p.m.)	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D202 Dining Hall Children's Ministry Wing Adult Wing Fellowship Hall Dining Hall Sanctuary Children's Ministry Wing Asbury Room

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

Visit wesleymemorial.org/announcements for our announcement board

Inclement Weather Updates

For all weather related schedule changes, you may call 336-884-2204 and press 6 for weather information. We will also share scheduled changes to WFMY Channel 2, WXII Channel 12, WGHP FOX8, and our Facebook/Instagram pages.

Dec. Food Collection: Fairview Backpack Program

Help Feed Children Over Christmas Break

In December, our monthly food collection will go to the Fairview Elementary School Backpack Ministry. This ministry helps ensure that 80 children have food during their Christmas break when school meals are unavailable. Please bring single-serving food items to place in backpacks for the students. Ideas include:

- Drinks: Juice boxes, non-perishable milk boxes
- Breakfast: Cereal boxes/cups, Pop-Tarts, granola bars, muffin packs
- Meals: Chef Boyardee cups, ravioli, beefaroni, pork and beans, mac and cheese cups
- Snacks: Fruit cups/cans, pudding cups, Jello cups, cookies, chips, pretzels, Rice Krispy Treats, Goldfish

Today is the last day of collecting donations. You can also drop off items anytime before these dates in the designated bins located in the Administrative Area. Thank you for helping us share love and support with the children at Fairview Elementary this holiday season!

Join Us for Our Last Wed. Night Supper of 2024

On Wednesday, December 11th, we'll serve our final Wednesday night dinner of the year. Enjoy a warm, home-cooked meal of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, and peas, along with a salad bar, roll, and dessert. Dinner is served from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in our Dining Hall. Wednesday night dinners will resume on January 8, 2025. We look forward to sharing this special evening with you!



SENIOR ADULT CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON!
An Invitation to Wesley Memorial Members ages 60+ years

"SILVER BELLS ARE RINGING"

DEC | 12 | 12 PM
CHURCH DINING HALL

This Christmas Luncheon is a gift to you!
A Musical Program of Holiday Favorites will delight our guests -presented by a very special local musician, Rachelle Brand Denny. Rachelle is familiar to many from her years of service as a Principal for HP City Schools and at Wesleyan Christian Academy. She also served as Professor of Christian Elem Education for John Wesley College for 15 years. She is the widow of Rev. James. L. Denny.

Come in your festive Christmas attire to enjoy the food, fellowship and spirit of the season

MENU
Beef Tips and Noodles with Gravy | Garden Salad
Asparagus Seasoned with Onion and Bacon Bits
Rolls with Butter | Coffee, Tea, and Water
Old-Fashioned Christmas Sugar Cookies | Ice Cream

Sponsored by the Senior Adult Council
Kindly RSVP by Monday, December 9
with a call to the church office: 336-884-2204

Volunteer at Christmas Drive-Thru Experience

The Christmas Drive Thru Experience on Dec. 15th from 5pm-6:30pm is an audio narrated journey through the Christmas story. Every year 150+ vehicles visit our campus to drive through the experience, and it takes 30+ volunteers to accomplish this powerful evangelistic outreach to our community. Help set up or tear down! Be an angel, Mary, or Joseph! In addition to live animals with the nativity, this year we will also be adding a "Christmas Village" in the front circle so guests can connect with our church afterwards. This is a great service opportunity for entire Sunday school classes, small groups, families, children and youth. To sign up for your spot, visit wesleymemorial.org/drive (click the big red button to sign up) or call 336-884-2204. Let's make this our best year yet!

A Morning of Worship with the Chancel Choir

On Sunday, December 15 at the 11am service, the Chancel Choir with chamber orchestra will present Taylor Scott Davis's *Magnificat*. Premiered in 2023 by the critically acclaimed chamber choir VOCES8, this new setting of Mary's song combines the traditional Latin text with new English poetry. Davis's music sounds both classic and contemporary, appealing to a wide range of listeners. Everyone is invited to experience this special morning of worship.



WESLEY MEMORIAL'S ANNUAL
WHITE CHRISTMAS
GIFT COLLECTION

December 15th, 2024
Gifts will go to West End Ministries and Leslie's House

REQUESTED ITEMS:
COATS (L,XL,XXL), SWEATSHIRTS (L,XL,XXL), WHITE SOCKS, STOCKING CAPS, SCARFS, GLOVES, FLIP FLOPS, BLANKETS, TWIN SHEETS, TOILETRIES, CANNED GOODS

SEE BRING GIFTS TO ALL 3 SERVICES

Get Your Wesley 100 Chicken Pies for Christmas!

The Wesley 100 will be selling their delicious chicken pies just in time for Christmas on Sunday, December 15th. Pies will be available for purchase in the Dining Hall from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. and in the Asbury Room following the 11:00 a.m. service. Each pie costs \$15. Pre-orders are encouraged and can be placed by emailing Edwin Bass at edwinbass@triad.rr.com or by contacting the church office. Don't miss this chance to enjoy a holiday favorite while supporting a great cause!

JOIN US ON **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15** FROM 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

CHRISTMAS DRIVE-THRU

WESLEY MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH
1225 CHESTNUT DRIVE, HIGH POINT, NC

December Senior Adult Outing

Senior adults (age 60+) are invited to a special Christmas outing to High Point University's Planetarium, featuring the programs "The Star of Bethlehem" and "Wonders of the Wintertime Sky." On Wednesday, December 18, senior adults will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the church's upper parking circle to board the church bus or caravan together in cars. The Planetarium experience includes a guided tour and star show from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., with no cost to attend. Following the program, those interested can head to Sammie G's for lunch (at their own expense). Please RSVP by Monday, December 16, by calling the church office at 336-884-2204. Indicate whether you plan to attend both the Planetarium program and lunch or if you will return to the church after the Planetarium visit. This is a wonderful opportunity for senior adults to enjoy the beauty of the season & the wonders of the winter sky!

Community Blood Drive - Give the Gift of Life

Join us for the Annual Red Cross Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, December 17, from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Blood supplies are critically low, and your donation could save lives. Be a hero this holiday season by giving the life-saving gift of blood. Sign up today at redcrossblood.org.

STUDENT MINISTRY'S

A Very Merry Midweek Motivation Christmas Party

DECEMBER 18
6:00 PM - 8:00PM

Put on your favorite festive sweater, grab a friend, and bring a side dish or dessert to share! Join us for an evening of dinner, games, and a Christmas message as we celebrate the joy of the season together.

Christmas Memorials: Honor Your Loved Ones

This Christmas season, you can honor or remember a loved one by ordering wreaths or poinsettias to decorate the church. To place your order, contact Isabel Cruz via email at icruzvalencia@wesleymemorial.org or call 336-812-4808. The deadline for ordering and submitting payment is Monday, December 16th. Memorials will be listed in the December 22nd bulletin. Wreaths are available for \$30 each, and poinsettias for \$25 each.



Christmas Staff Bonus

The Board of Directors invites you to help us celebrate and bless our incredible staff this Christmas. Their dedication, hard work, and love for our congregation make Wesley Memorial a place of true connection and ministry throughout the year.

If you would like to show your appreciation with a financial gift, you can participate in one of the following ways:

- Write a check to WMMC with "Staff Bonus" in the memo line and place it in the Sunday offering plate, mail it to the church, or drop it off at the Front Desk.
- Contribute online at wesleymemorial.org/give by selecting "Staff-Christmas Bonus" from the drop-down menu under "Fund."

Let's come together to show our gratitude for all they do. Please make your contribution by Tuesday, December 31, 2024. Thank you for helping us honor and bless our wonderful staff this holiday season!

Christmas Eve Offering

This Christmas Eve, we invite you to join Wesley Memorial in continuing our tradition of generosity and community outreach. This year, our offering will focus on hurricane relief efforts for our neighbors in the Western North Carolina mountains.

Our Missions Team has been actively gathering information and identifying the best ways to support these communities as they face the long road to recovery. While immediate needs have been addressed through organizations such as Samaritan's Purse, UMCOR, and Weaverville United Methodist Church, the rebuilding process presents significant challenges. Many families and churches in this region have experienced devastating losses, and we are committed to walking alongside them as they rebuild their lives and livelihoods.

The funds collected will be directed to long-term relief efforts, including potential partnerships with local Methodist churches or organizations deeply connected to the impacted communities. Your generosity will help provide hope, resources, and encouragement to those navigating this difficult journey.

Thank you for your compassion and for being the hands and feet of Christ during this season of giving. Together, we can make a lasting difference.

End-of-Year Giving

The end of the year is fast approaching. At Wesley Memorial, our staff is happy to work with you to help you achieve your 2024 giving goals and intentions. Over and above regular giving you can make additional financial gifts including gifts of stock and IRA distributions. Below are some options and timelines available to you. There are several ways to direct your generous year-end giving. All year-end giving to the church must be received by Tuesday, December 31st. Electronic giving must be received by Tuesday, December 31st. Call Beth Rose at 336-812-4801 for assistance with online giving, gifts of stock, or IRA distributions.

- Give at one of the remaining Sunday or Christmas Eve worship services
- Mail check to WMMC 1225 Chestnut Drive, High Point, NC 27262 postmarked by 12/31/24
- Contribute online by clicking here before 12/27
- Use your bank's bill pay system before 12/25
- To gift stock or make an IRA distribution, ask for transfer completion by 12/26
- Bring your gift to the church office by 12/31/24 at 12 noon

Tax-deductible gifts received by the above deadlines will appear on your 2024 giving statement. Thank you for making a difference in countless lives in this community and around the world.

Church Outing to HPU Basketball Game

Join us for a fun-filled church outing to cheer on the High Point University Panthers as they take on Norfolk State on Sunday, December 29, at 2:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy time with your church family and experience the excitement of HPU basketball! Our group will receive special perks, including recognition on the jumbotron, a personal visit from Prowler, HPU's mascot, and a post-game autograph session with the players. Don't miss out on this memorable event! Please RSVP by Monday, December 23, by calling the church office at 336-884-2204.

FROM PRAISE TO PANTHERS BASKETBALL

HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY
INVITES YOUR CONGREGATION
TO ENJOY A FREE GAME
FOLLOWING SERVICE!



MBB | SUN. 12/29 | 2:00 PM
Norfolk State



POST-GAME
PLAYER AUTOGRAPH SESSION

*Bring Your
Church Family*

ANY REGISTERED GROUP OF 25 OR MORE
WILL GET A SHOUTOUT, VIDEO BOARD MESSAGE,
AND PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH PROWLER!

Spirit and Truth Weekend - January 10-12, 2025

Sometimes, a single moment in God's presence or a new practice can transform a person's life in Christ. Led by the Spirit and Truth ministry from Dayton, OH (United Seminary), the weekend covers topics like:

- Building a Foundation of Prayer (Making prayer the starting place for life)
- Cooperating with the Holy Spirit (Hearing God's voice)
- Everyday Evangelism (Sharing faith where you live, work, and play)
- Becoming a Disciple-Maker (Mobilizing every member for the Great Commission)

Cost is \$25 and open to youth and adults. Sessions will be held at Wesley Memorial on Friday night and Saturday morning/afternoon (breakfast and lunch included). Register at wesleymemorial.org/spiritandtruth or contact Rev. Clark Chilton at cchilton@wesleymemorial.org.

Sermon Growth Notes

Date _____

Title _____

Speaker _____

Key Scriptures _____

Notes _____

