WESLEY MEMORIAL

A METHODIST CONGREGATION

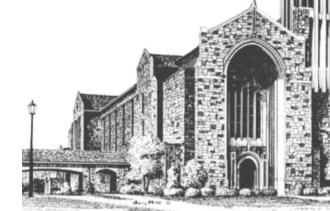
WELCOME

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.

APRIL 27TH, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

† 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 and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

† Hymn No. 252

Low in the Grave He Lay

Low in the grave He lay- Jesus my Savior! Waiting the coming day- Jesus my Lord! **Refrain**

Refrain: Up from the grave He arose, with a mighty triumph o'er His foes; He arose a victor from the dark domain, and He lives forever with His saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose.

Vainly they watch His bed-Jesus my Savior! Vainly they seal the dead-Jesus my Lord! **Refrain**

Death cannot keep his prey-Jesus my Savior! He tore the bars away-Jesus my Lord! **Refrain**

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

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.

Welcome New Members!

Barbara Royster Newton Royster

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.



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 DAVID DEW ON THE PASSING OF HIS BROTHER, Linney Dew, on 4/16. Solo

Because He Lives

Bill and Gloria Gaither God sent His Son, they called him Jesus; He came to love, heal, and forgive. He lived and died to buy my pardon; an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives. Refrain

Refrain: Because He lives, I can face tomorrow; because He lives, all fear is gone. Because I know He holds the future and life is worth the living just because He lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby and feel the pride and joy he gives; but greater still the calm assurance: this child can face uncertain days because He lives. Refrain

And then one day I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with pain. And then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives. Refrain

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

† 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

John 20: 24-29 (Pg.906)

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

SERMON "The Appearances Continue" Dr. 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. 254

The Day of Resurrection

LANCASHIRE

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and list'ning to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain, His own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heav'ns be joyful! Let earth the song begin! Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein! Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend, for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

- † BENEDICTION
- † Postlude

† 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
Ms. Mora Wolff, organist

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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, April 28		
10:30 a.m.	Monday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Jeff	Media Center
6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Daisy Troop	Children's Minsitry Wing
6:30 p.m.	Cub Scout Meeting	Student Ministry Wing
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting	Scout Room
7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	Adult Wing D208
TUESDAY, April 29		
12:30 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal	Adult Wing D212
WEDNESDAY, April 30		
7:20 a.m.	John Willett's Men's Bible Study	Dining Hall
9:30 a.m.	Revelation Bible Study with Pastor Jeff	Dining Hall
1:30 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Conference Room 3
5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Dinner (served until 6:30 p.m.)	Dining Hall
5:30 p.m.	Vespers	Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Wesley Memorial Students (Grades 6th - 12th)	Student Ministry Wing
6:15 p.m.	W.O.W. (Women of Wesley) Bible Study	Student Wing - C111
6:15 p.m.	Disciple II	Circle View Room
6:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Conference Room 3
6:45 p.m.	Revelation Bible Study with Pastor Jeff	Media Center
6:45 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
THURSDAY, May 1		
7:00 p.m.	C.S. Lewis Society of the Triad	River Landing
7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	Adult Wing D202
7:30 p.m.	AlAnon	Adult Wing D201
FRIDAY, May 2		
7:00 p.m.	Leadership for Today: John C. Maxwell Special Event	Fellowship Hall
SUNDAY, May 4		
7:30 a.m.	Televised Worship Service	WGHP, FOX8
8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship	Chapel
9:00 a.m.	AA Meeting	Adult D202
9:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship	Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m.	Children's Ministry Sunday Funday	Children's Ministry Wing
9:45 a.m.	Youth Sunday School	Student Ministry Wing
9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Adult Wing
11:00 a.m.	Small Groups/ All Welcome	Dining Hall
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
11:15 a.m.	Children's Church	Children's Ministry Wing
5:30 p.m.	Ireland Trip Meeting	Chapel

To view the full church calendar visit our website, wesleymemorial.org/calendar Visit wesleymemorial.org/announcements for our announcement board

Monthly Food Collection

The Missions team rotates our monthly Communion Sunday food collection between Open Door Ministries and Macedonia Family Resource Center. Next Sunday, May 4th donations will go to Macedonia FRC. 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!

Phones for Rwanda

We are collecting old cellphones for Pastor Herve's ministry in Rwanda. The cellphones need to be in good, working condition and manufactured within the past 5 years. Please make sure they are unlocked and factory reset (you can have this done for free at the Apple Store or your cellular carrier's store). Drop them in the box at the front reception desk by Monday, April 28. Thank you very much!

Wednesdays @ Wesley

On Wednesday evenings we serve a meal from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.in our Dining Hall. The menu for April 30th is chili with a baked potato bar.



Calling All Gardeners

Wesley Memorial and the High Point community needs you. We have 12 raised garden plots near the playground and we are in search of volunteers to bring these vegetable beds back to life again. Several years ago this was a vibrant ministry supplying food for the High Point community. An informational meeting will be held on Thursday May 1st at 6pm in the circle view room. Ordinary people can do extraordinary things in God's service. These fresh vegetables would be much appreciated by so many High Point families. Please call the church office at 336-884-2204and register your interest.

The Windows @ Wesley: More Tours

The wonderful stained glass windows in Wesley's sanctuary are a marvel that dazzles the eye and lifts the spirit.

Now there is an opportunity to know and understand them in a deeper way with Wesley's Window Tour Guides. The all-volunteer group will be offering the first tours of the season on Saturday, May 10 at 9 a.m.



The guides will detail the history of the space and the windows, and highlight the stories – there are a lot of them, 135 Bible stories by last count – that the windows tell.

To help us make these tours as meaningful and enjoyable as possible, we ask that congregation members register for a specific tour. Just call the church office (336-884-2204) on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

More tours are coming! The Guides will offer fall tours on Oct. 4 & Nov. 1.

Groups, from both inside and outside the church, are also encouraged to arrange special tours at a convenient time. Contact the church office, or email tuckermitchell4104@gmail.com for more information.

We'll look forward to seeing you in the sanctuary, on a tour!

Senior Adult Council Outing: Hillbilly Hideaway

Hillbilly Hideaway, established in 1978, was recently featured in Our State magazine (March 2025). Senior Adults are invited to enjoy a special evening featuring a delicious family-style



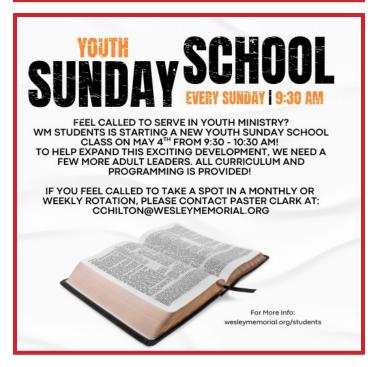
Southern spread—fried chicken, country ham, BBQ ribs, hoecake biscuits, vegetables, and homemade bread. After the meal, the group will head to the Music Hall for live bluegrass, gospel, and country music.

The outing is set for Saturday, May 17. Cost is \$27 per person, with an optional \$5 for homemade dessert. There is a reservation for 30 people. Stop by the church office to register and pay by Wednesday, May 14. Checks should be made payable to Wesley Memorial. Payment confirms your reservation.

Meet in the top circle of the church at 4:00 PM; the bus will depart at 4:15. Arrival at Hillbilly Hideaway will be before 6:00 p.m., with return to High Point around 9:00 p.m.

12th Grade Ministry: Graduation Sunday

Join us as we celebrate our 12th-grade students on Graduation Sunday, May 18th at the 11 a.m. service! Let's honor their journey, faith, and upcoming milestones together at this special occasion to recognize our graduates. If you have a student graduating from high school, please send their name and graduation details to Kaide at ksledge@wesleymemorial.org by May 12th. We want to make sure all of our graduates are included! We will also include an insert in honor of our college graduates. Please send full name, college/university, degree, and family details via email to Isabel at icruzvalencia@wesleymemorial.org by May 12th.







Senior Adult Trip to Wolfahart Haus Dinner Theater

The Senior Adult Ministry at Wesley Memorial is planning a trip to Wolfahart Haus Dinner Theater in Wytheville, VA for The Buffet and Dining Show: "The Music Man" on Thursday, July 10. The meal will be served at 12 noon and the show starts at 1:30. The cost of the trip is \$60.00 per person. Register and make payment at the front desk of the church by May 31. We need 20 reservations to be able to make the trip. We hope you can join us in this event.

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.wesleymemorial.org/wearewesley.



Sermon Growth Notes

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