

WESLEY MEMORIAL

A METHODIST CONGREGATION

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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*,

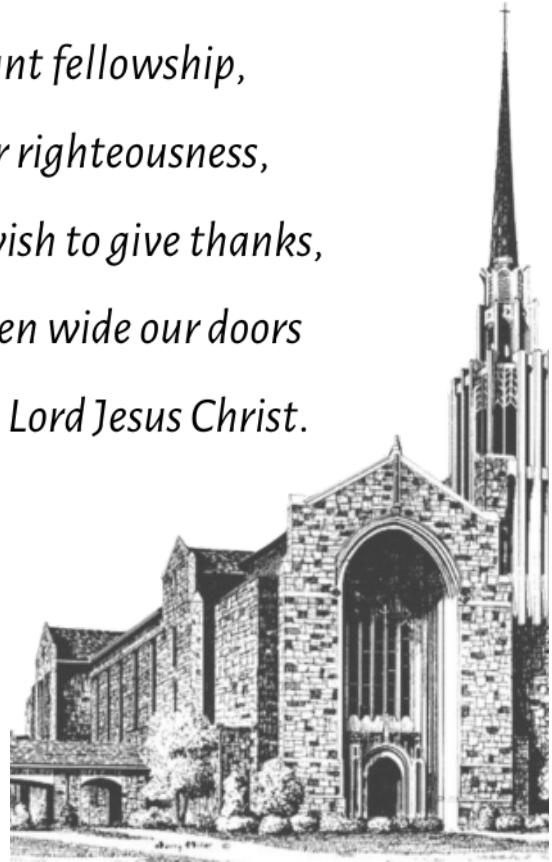
and to whoever will come -- *we open wide our doors*

and offer welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

DECEMBER 28TH, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

COMBINED WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY 10:00



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 God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, kindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

† HYMN No. 196

Joy Has Dawned

JOY HAS DAWNED

Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation: God's salvation now unfurled, hope for every nation. Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory. But a humble gift of love: Jesus born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky with the songs of angels, as the mighty Prince of Life shelters in a stable. Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in darkness, cling now to a mother's breast, vulnerable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory; gifts of men from distant lands prophesy the story. Gold — a King is born today; Incense — God is with us; myrrh — His death will make a way, and by His blood He'll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of heaven, given as a ransom, reconciling God and man, Christ our mighty Champion. What a Savior! what a Friend! What a glorious mystery! Once a babe in Bethlehem, now the Lord of history.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pray in Unison

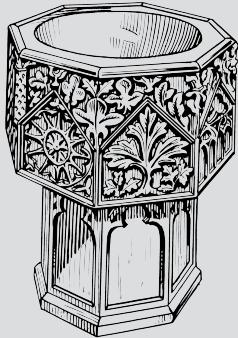
Almighty and most merciful God, you know the thoughts of our hearts. We confess that we have sinned against you and done evil in your sight. We have transgressed your holy laws. We have disregarded your Word and Sacraments. Forgive us, O Lord. Give us grace and power to put away all hurtful things, that, 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.

WE REJOICE IN THE
BAPTISM of Frances
“Frankie” Linn White,
daughter of Caroline
Miller White and Percy
Latham White III.
Granddaughter of Mr.
& Mrs. Percy Latham
White II of High Point,
NC, Mrs. Robin Work-
man Miller of High
Point, NC, &
Mr. David Craig Miller
of High Point, NC.



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.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Frances “Frankie” Linn White
After the parents’ profession of faith, the pastor asks the congregation:
Will you who witness these vows encourage Frankie in the faith and do all in your power to support this child in her life in Christ? **We will.**

After the baptism, the pastor addresses the congregation:

Let us welcome Frankie as our newly baptized member of Christ’s church.
We welcome you and receive you into the fellowship of the church. We promise to surround you in a community of love and forgiveness as you grow in Christ, so that you may confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people, to the glory of his name. Amen.

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN’S SERMON

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY HYMN No. 194

It Came upon a Midnight Clear

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.

Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heav’ly music floats o’er all the weary world; above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov’ring wing, and ever o’er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life’s crushing load, whose forms are bending low, who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow, look now! for glad, and golden hours come swiftly on the wing; O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing.

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

† 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 2: 21-35 (Pg.858)

† 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. 192

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie; above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love. O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth!

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n; so God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n. No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive Him, still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

† BENEDICTION

† CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

† POSTLUDE

† Those who are able please stand.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor

Reverend Clark Chilton, Contemporary Worship/Evangelism

Reverend Dr. Ken Lyon, Generosity/Church Vitality/Missions

Reverend Lisa Tanico, Senior Adult Ministry

Reverend Dr. Glenn Myers, Pastor of Visitation

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

Mr. Chris Ward, Organist

ALTAR SERVERS

Mr. Nathan Peters,
acolyte
Mr. Hidase Getahun,
acolyte
Mr. Boone Chilton,
crucifer
Miss Miriam Peters,
Bible

USHERS

Mr. Windley Dunbar
Mr. George Morris
Mr. Edwin Bass
Mr. Wray Hodgin

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CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS 2025

The Front Circle Tree is given in loving memory of Carter, Doris, and Barbra Lassiter by their sons Bart, Ron, Scott and Tim Lassiter and their families.

The Chrismon Tree is given in loving memory of Royster M. Tucker, Jr., Martha Nell Tucker, Nell Hayden Tucker, and Diane Tucker Smith by Bootsy, Donna, Royster, Tuck, Jack, Sloan and Davis Tucker, and in loving memory of Jimmy Carroll by Anne and Clay Carroll.

The Chrismon Tree is given in memory of Thayer and Dot Coggin by their family.

The Narthex Tree is given in loving memory of Eva Dell and Milly Marsh by Jim Marsh and Jim Marsh, Jr.

The Chapel Tree is given in loving memory of Courtney Jean Freedle by Jean Freedle, Chris and Sarah Faith Amos, Matthew and Aubriana Amos and Jennifer, Trevor and Brooks White.

The Dining Room Tree is given in honor of our children and grandchildren by Nido and Mariana Qubein.

The Pre-School Tree is given in loving memory of Carolyn Bryant by her family.

Sanctuary- Christ Advent Candle is given in loving memory of William Blanton, Jr., and Wanna and Charles McAnally, from Wanna Blanton.

Chapel- Christ Advent Candle is given in loving memory of Betsy Johnson, and Ruth and J. C. McAllister by Jane and Ken McAllister.

Special Christmas Ornament – The crown on top of the left Chrismon Tree is given in loving memory of Joseph Michael Albany, Jr., by Beth Blake and family.

The Sanctuary Balcony Garland is given in memory of Kem McAllister by Steve McAllister by Steve, Molly & Kirk Myer, and Reynolds & Jack Scott III.

The Sanctuary Balcony Wreath is given in loving memory of Robert Edwin Bass by his family.

The Chapel Garland is given in loving memory of Joe Gamble, a faithful servant of Wesley Memorial.

The Chapel Wreath is given in loving memory of Tommy Emerson.

COLUMN WREATHS

In loving memory of our son, Jason A. Myers given by Susan and Glenn Myers.

In loving memory of Clement Kwei Sowa II "CJ" given by Clement, Abby, Denzel, Hillary Rose, and Ethan.

In loving memory of J. Milton McCaskill given by Sandy McCaskill.

In loving memory of Joseph Michael Albany, Jr. given by Lissa and Andrew Albany and Frank H. Wood III.

In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Wood, Jr. given by Frank H. Wood III and Lissa and Andrew Albany.

COLUMN WREATHS



In loving memory of Lester, Louise and Perry Zimmerman given by Lou Anne and Dan.

In memory of Doug Tilley given by Kelly Ward Tilley.

In memory of Ann Tilley given by Kelli Ward Tilley.

In loving memory of Gladys and Roy Beasley given by Bonnie Beasley.

In loving memory of Adalyn and Charles Kearns given by Kay and Dusty Maynard and their family.

In loving memory of Harold Walker given by Shelby & Nathan Walker.

In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Allen Huntley given by their daughter, Leslie Huntley.

In loving memory of Mr. J. Roger Baity given by Erik R. Baity.

In loving memory of Len Fletcher given by his wife, Beverly Fletcher.

In honor of Amanda Salter given by Nancy Salter.

In honor of Dan Vasses given by Nancy Salter.

In memory of Allen B. Harless Jr., Catherine Campen Field, and Lucy Meade Harless Edmundson given by Katherine and Henry McMullan and family.

DOOR WREATHS



In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Thurlow A. Kearns, Jr. given by Allen and Garrett Kearns, Charlie, Diane and Ella Kearns and Ryan, Leslie, Holden and Liza Ball.

In memory of William G. Gaffey, Jr. given by Allen and Garrett Kearns, Charlie, Diane and Ella Kearns and Ryan, Leslie, Holden and Liza Ball.

In loving memory of Bob Bass and in honor of Janie Bass given by Martha and Edwin Bass.

In loving memory of Ruth and J. C. McAllister given by Martha and Edwin Bass.

In memory of Michael John Lyles given by his loving grandmother, Mary Lyles.

In loving memory of Kem McAllister given by Callie & Charlotte Myers and Lollie & Jake Scott IV.

In loving memory of Royster M Tucker, Jr and Martha Nell Tucker given by Donna & Royster Tucker and family.

In honor of Bootsy Tucker given by Donna & Royster Tucker; Tuck & Celia, John, Adele, Olivia; Austin & Sloan, and Rachel & Davis Tucker.

In loving memory of their parents Dr. and Mrs. Frank T. Webster and Dr. and Mrs. William B. Donald given by Martha and Frank Webster.

In loving memory of Dot Byerly given by Kathy and Jay.

POINSETTIAS

In loving memory of Bob Duncan given by Lucille and family.



In loving memory of Kem McAllister given by Martha and Edwin Bass.

In loving memory of Corky Hustrulid and his parents, Virginia and Clarence Hustrulid given by Judy and the family.

In loving memory of Jane W. Myers given by Charles Myers.

In memory of Alton Ward given by Shari Hunt and Tom Neill.

In memory of T.C. and Peggy Neill given by Shari Hunt and Tom Neill.

In loving memory of Carol Jordan Green given by Cameron Green Marsden.

In memory of Joel Williams and in honor of Marcia Williams given by their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

In memory of Barbra Lassiter given by Crissie and Jim Boggs.

In memory of Jimmy Carmichael given by Crissie and Jim Boggs.

In honor of Susan Sumpter given by the Senior Adult Council.

In memory of John L. Ward given by Kelli Ward Tilley.

In memory of Marilyn Ward given by Kelli Ward Tilley

In memory of Helen and Roy Bradner given by Bonnie and George Wallace.

In honor of Jaxon Nifong and Margaret Dixon given by Bonbon and G.

In loving memory of Helen R. Lindsay given by Allen and Garrett Kearns, Charlie, Diane and Ella Kearns and Ryan, Leslie, Holden and Liza Ball.

In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Kearns given by Allen and Garrett Kearns, Charlie, Diane and Ella Kearns and Ryan, Leslie, Holden and Liza Ball.

In loving memory of Bill Anderson given by Allen and Garrett Kearns.

In honor of the "Fish" Unity Group given by Allen Kearns.

In memory of Michael John Lyles given by his loving mother, Elizabeth Lyles.

In honor of Ellis Baker and our children given by Bonnie Odom Baker.

In loving memory of Dr. James Young given by his family, Carol Young, Angie, Mary Powell, and Jennifer.

In memory of Evelyn Isham, lovingly remembered by her daughter and son-in-law, Denise and Matthew Cochrane, and her treasured grandchildren, Banks, Graham, and Laney.

In loving memory of Jimmie Foscue given by Lynn Foscue.

In loving memory of Herman Hunter Sr. given by his family.

In honor of our grandmother, Myrtle Pope given by Kathy Lavender and Buddy Wilson.

In honor of our mother, Meryle Pope Wilson given by Kathy Lavender and Buddy Wilson.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome, guests! We're glad you're here. Scan the QR code to receive a free welcome gift. Nursery childcare is available for infants through 2-year-olds during the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services on the children's ministry hall (ask an usher for help finding it). Members and guests, please take a moment to fill out and pass the friendship folders in each row. Large-print hymnals are available in the Narthex.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

MONDAY, December 29 7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	Adult Wing D208
WEDNESDAY, December 31 6:00 p.m.	Wesley Memorial Students (Grades 6-12)	Student Gathering
THURSDAY, January 1 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ~ HAPPY NEW YEAR! AA Meeting AlAnon	Adult Wing D202 Adult Wing D201
SUNDAY, January 4 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. 2:00 p.m.	Televised Worship Service Traditional Worship AA Meeting Contemporary Worship Children's Ministry Sunday Funday Youth Sunday School Adult Sunday School Chancel Choir Rehearsal Contemporary Unity Group Traditional Worship Children's Church Blessed Beginnings Unity Group	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D202 Fellowship Hall Children's Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing Adult Wing Sanctuary Dining Hall Sanctuary Children's Ministry Wing Circle View Room

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

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. Make your contribution by **Wednesday, December 31, 2025**. Thank you for helping us honor and bless our wonderful staff this holiday season!

Monthly Food Collection

The Missions team rotates our monthly Communion Sunday food collection. **Sunday, January 4th, donations will go to Open Door Ministry. Bins will be placed outside all three services.** Please consider bringing items as you feel led; **Please no expired food, drinks, or snacks.** Your generosity helps provide for neighbors in need. Thank you!

WANTED!

LOOKING FOR

**VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON
SUNDAY MORNINGS AS
GUARDIANS AND
ASSISTANTS IN SEVERAL
LOCATIONS ON OUR
CAMPUS DURING OUR
VARIOUS WORSHIP
SERVICES & EVENTS**

**CONTACT ROY SHIPMAN AT
336 687-2074.**

BIBLE STUDIES

REVEREND DR. JEFF PATTERSON



THE MARKS OF A TRUE CHRISTIAN

Mondays, January 5 - May 11

📍 10:30-11:30 AM in Media Center

This is a verse-by-verse study of Romans 12-16 where Paul wrote about living as a Christian in this complicated world. You are welcomed to bring a Bible and fellowship around the Word. We love to welcome new people to Bible Study.

A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS (PART 2)

Wednesdays, January 7 - May 13

📍 9:30 AM in Dining Hall

📍 6:45 PM in Media Center

This is a verse-by-verse study of Paul's letter as he continues to help a struggling church live as faithful Christians. In the second part of this letter, Paul covered topics like marriage, divorce, sexual purity, sensitivity to other believers, proper worship, the role of women in the church, spiritual gifts like healings and speaking in tongues, and the resurrection of the Body. Even if you were not able to participate in the first part of this study (Chapters 1-7), feel free to bring a Bible as we delve into the rest of this interesting letter on practical Christian living.

Please call the front desk to sign up!
336 - 884 - 2204

“...Choose this day whom you will serve



... As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

It is a Holy time for our Wesley Memorial family. We are in a season of prayer and fasting as each of us reflects on God's goodness to us and our response. We are Christ-centered serving, growing, and giving community. Each year we set aside this time to prayerfully and intentionally seek God's direction for how we will live faithfully as God's people. Please join your Wesley Memorial family in filling out and returning the Serving, Growing and Giving Response Forms. Visit our website at wesleymemorial.org wearewesley to learn more about what the Lord is accomplishing through your generosity.

SCAN to fill out forms



Support the Good Shepherd Fund

Wesley Memorial has a special resource for church members in need of financial assistance called the Good Shepherd Fund. If you feel called to give to this important resource, please write Good Shepherd on the memo line of your check. Thank you for your support and helping maintain this fund that helps our church family.

Membership Updates

In efforts to keep our membership database updated, we are asking all members to report any family changes. Change examples include birth, marriage, baptism, transfer, death in family, and any changes to contact information such as email, phone #, and address. If you are not a member, but are very active in the church, please reach out and update your information as well! Send your updates to email info@wesleymemorial.org or email icruzvalencia@wesleymemorial.org for further questions.

Looking Ahead

Several upcoming dates to note in the life of our church:

- Sanctity of Life Community Service Jan. 20, 2026
- Rise Against Hunger will take place Feb. 1, 2026
- Leadership Summit Feb. 21, 2026
- Evensong service is set for March 1, 2026
- Gary Chapman returns on March 7, 2026
- Community Impact Serving Day March 14, 2026
- The School of Methodism will be March 20–21, 2026

The Walk to Emmaus 2026

The Walk to Emmaus is a three-day retreat sponsored by Upperroom, held twice a year by the Piedmont Emmaus Community. 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 are March 12 - 16 and the Women's Walk is from March 19 - 22. 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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Mac Lane, 336-471-3335, maclane@northstate.net
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Community Pastors in Support of
NEW LIFE FAMILY OUTREACH
Present

A Sanctity of Human Life COMMUNITY SERVICE

01. 20. 2026
7:00 PM

Hosted by:
**WESLEY MEMORIAL
METHODIST CHURCH**

Featuring
Dr. Ben Carson

REGISTRATION REQUESTED
Scan QR Code to register



For more information visit:
WWW.FRIENDSOFNEWLIFE.ORG

The Benevolence Fund

This fund is used to meet needs in our community. If you'd like to contribute, please make checks payable to the church and mark them "Benevolence Fund."