WESLEY MEMORIAL

A METHODIST CONGREGATION

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Children's Nativity

"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. . . ."

Luke 1:32 (ESV)



DECEMBER 7TH, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY 11:00 AM

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

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Timothy Albrecht

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

Savior of the Nations, Come arr. John Ferguson Savior of the nations, come; show the glory of the Son! Every people, stand in awe; praise the perfect Son 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.

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

IRBY

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed. Mary was that mother mild; Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all, and His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall. With the poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

Jesus is our childhood's pattern; day by day, like us He grew; He was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us He knew; and He feeleth for our sadness, and He shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see Him, through His own redeeming love; for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above; and He leads His children on to the place where He is gone.

† THE LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Amy & Drew Tucker Lily, Daisy, & Henry

† CHORAL RESPONSE

Light the Light, the Fire of Life IL EST NÉ Light the light, the fire of life, let the candle reveal His glory. Jesus Christ has come to earth and for us shall come again.

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. Please write your encouraging message on the caring card and drop in the offering plate for us to address and mail.

RECENT INJURY:
Jerry Hoover

Join our Church

Sunday, December 14th, we will be receiving new members at all 3 services. If you are considering joining our Wesley Memorial family, speak to one of our pastors at the end of service or email cchilton@ wesleymemorial.org

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.



† Sharing the Peace of Christ

BLESSING OF THE BABIES

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

What Is this Lovely Fragrance? Healy Willan What is this lovely fragrance wafting like to the scents of flow'rs in spring? Shepherds, O tell us, whence such beauty, hear you not heav'nly caroling? What is this lovely fragrance wafting like to the scents of flow'rs in spring?

What is this light so fair, so tender, breaking upon our wond'ring eyes? Never the Morning Star so radiant followed his course o'er eastern skies. What is this light so fair, so tender, breaking upon our wond'ring eyes?

Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps, seek the Saviour, born today. Low at His feet we lay our treasure, heart's adoration, love for aye. Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps, seek the Saviour, born today.

† ADVENT DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow VENI EMMANUEL 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.

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY

Invitation

Isaiah Foretells the Birth of Jesus

Isaiah 9:6-7

Reader: Ella Hunt

CAROL

To A Maid Engaged to Joseph

ANNUNCIATION

Soloist: Callie Iliff

The Angel Gabriel Visits Mary

Luke 1:26-33

Reader: Ellis Robbins

CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST LOUIS

(Congregation will sing)

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. Luke Tells of the Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-7

Reader: Katherine Covington

CAROL

Away in a Manger

MUELLER

(Congregation will sing)

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The Shepherds Go to Bethlehem

Luke 2:8-19

CAROL

The First Noel

THE FIRST NOEL

(Congregation will sing)

Reader: Miller Heald

The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, noel, noel noel, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. Refrain.

Matthew Tells of the Wise Men's Visit

Matthew 2:1-12

Reader: Connor Ingram

CAROL

We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

(Congregation will sing)

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

The Word Becomes Flesh

John 1:14

Reader: Ella Hunt

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM Bethlehem Night

Terry D. Taylor

LOOKING FOR ALTAR SERVERS!

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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
336-848-9589.

JOIN US IN WELCOMING OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Elizabeth Breece Jacob Breece

Ushers

Mr. Windley Dunbar

Mr. Scott Dunbar

Mr. Miles Gurley

Mr. Tom Smothers

Mrs. Vickie Wright Grobes

Mrs. Wendy Adams

Mr. Layne Adams

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† 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 Dr. Glenn Myers, Pastor of Visitation Chancel Choir

> Ms. Callie Iliff, mezzo-soprano soloist Ms. Faith Woodberry-Crisp, soprano soloist Mrs. Patti Wood, handbell Ms. Gloria Adams, handbell

> > Ms. Donna Werner, handbell

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

Mr. Chris Ward, Organist Miss Lacy Forshee, acolyte Miss Brielle Keunnen, acolyte Mr. Ridge Hiatt, crucifer Mr. Ryder Hiatt, Bible

Nativity Participants

Mary: Miriam Peters
Joseph: Teagan Ayers
Gabriel: September Spring

Star: Beecher Heald

Donkeys: Jase Ricks

Reginald Temanu

James Ward

Cows:

Rylynn Holt Susannie Williams

Camels:

Ozzy Forshee Bills Weaver

Cats:

Dulcie Sumrell Mahelet Getahun

Butterflies:

Katherine Newsome

Parker Gibson Luna Foye Quinley Martin

Ladybug: Sasha Martin Bunny: Daisy Tucker Mouse: Meadow Thomas Baby Jesus: Ryn Hussey

Readers:

Katherine Covington Miller Heald

Ella Hunt Connor Ingram Ellis Robbins

Magi:

Hibir Getahun David Sweger Keegan Temanu

Angels:

Carraway Chilton Desta Getahun Avonlea Hicks Lillian Jordan Mary Gayle Jordan Olivia Kennington Riley Lopez

Allyson McGee Cora Mozingo Brielle Spires Rakael Steelman

Ezra Martin

Olyvia Sumrell Ariellie Tapia Laila Tobin Lily Tucker

Amelia Veltre Virginia von der Lippe

Shepherds:

Sterling Ayers
Alijah Foye
Jackson Foye
Hudson Kuennen
Charlie Nelson
Albert Newsome

Rhett Petty Brody Ricks Holder Riggan Grayson Samuel Wesley Samuel Superior Steelman Jameson Thomas Maximus Tobin

Sheep:

Eloise Buchanan Calum Breland Hudson Hill Ryan Lopez Rhea Lopez Georgie Mozingo

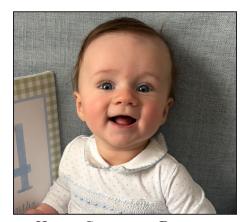
Evelyn Ann Marsden Flynn Tobin Margaret Traylor Envonam Temanu

Jonathan Ward
Thea Wensyel

Blessing of the Babies



Lucas James Aldridge February 16, 2025 Son of Jesse and Cassie Aldridge Grandson of Lee and Bryant Aldridge



HENRY CRAWFORD BREECE July 3, 2025 Son of Elizabeth and Jacob Breece Grandson of Beth and David Breece



MILLER LAWRENCE BREWSTER May 12, 2025 Son of Emma and Cody Brewster Grandson of Dawn and Chad Miller



LENA BAILEY HAYES February 28, 2025 Daughter of Sarah Bailey and Michael Hayes Granddaughter of Janie and Steve Hayes



PARKER REID HUGHES December 16, 2024 Son of Mary and Byron Hughes Grandson of Debby and Richard Nifong



KATHRYN LOUISE HUSSEY September 23, 2025 Daughter of Weldon and Jim Hussey Granddaughter of Laney and George Morris & Gail Hussey



RIDGE CLARK LASSITER April 9, 2025 Son of Sydney and Kristopher Lassiter Grandson of Barbara and Ronald Lassiter Grandson of Jayne and Rick Lutz



ROBERT SPENCER LUTZ June 29, 2025 Son of Ellison and Andy Lutz



Lucas Perry McGee November 24, 2025 Son of Madison and Seth McGee Grandson of Trish Kyle



ELISE ANN MITCHELL
December 13, 2024
Daughter of Kristen and Adam Mitchell
Granddaughter of Kimberly and Darren
Cossart & Sherry and John Mitchell



ROSCOE JAMES SMOTHERS
May 6, 2025
Son of Amanda and Jes Smothers
Grandson of Debbie and Tom
Smothers



BEATRICE RUTH TRAYLOR
March 9, 2025
Daughter of Tiffany and Brian Traylor
Granddaughter of Barbara and Alan
Traylor & Melissa Yancy



AUSTIN ADELE TUCKER
July 18, 2025
Daughter of Adele and John Austin Tucker
Granddaughter of Donna and Royster Tucker



Frances Linn White
June 26, 2025

Daughter of Caroline and Lathe White
Granddaughter of Fran and Lathe White
& Robin Miller and David Miller





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 8		
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5:30 p.m.	Bible and Ball	Fellowship Hall Admin A220
6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Daisy Troop	
6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts	Gathering Room
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts	Admin-Boy Scout Room 1
7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	Adult Wing D208
TUESDAY, December 9		
12:30 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal	Adult Wing D212
1:00 p.m.	GriefShare	Adult Wing D203
WEDNESDAY, December 10	LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER FOR 2025	
7:20 a.m.	John Willett's Men's Bible Study	Dining Hall
1:30 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Conference Room 3
5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner	Dining Hall
5:30 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal	Adult Wing D212
5:30 p.m.	Vespers	Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Wesley Memorial Kids' Games & Gospel	Children's Ministry Hall
6:00 p.m.	Single & Parenting	Adult Wing D202
6:00 p.m.	GriefShare	Adult Wing D203
6:00 p.m.	Wesley Memorial Students (Grades 6-12)	Student Gathering
6:15 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study	Circle View Room
6:15 p.m.	WOW Bible Study	Student Soul Cafe
6:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Conference Room 3
6:45 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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THURSDAY, December 11		T 11 1 1 1 1 1
6:00 p.m.	Contemporary Praise Team Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	Adult Wing D202
7:30 p.m.	AlAnon	Adult Wing D201
FRIDAY, December 12		
7:00 p.m.	Heart of the Triad Choral Concert	Sanctuary
SATURDAY, December 13		
3:00 p.m.	Heart of the Triad Choral Concert	Sanctuary
SUNDAY, December 14		· · ·
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
9:30 a.m.	Youth Sunday School	Student Ministry Wing
9:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Adult Wing
10:15 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:13 a.m.	Couples under 45 - Advent Study	Circle View Room
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10:45 a.m.	Young Adults - Advent Study	Student Soul Cafe
11:00 a.m.	Contemporary Unity Group - Advent Study	Dining Hall
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
11:15 a.m.	Children's Church	Children's Ministry Wing Circle View Room
2:00 p.m.		
5:00 p.m	Drive-Thru Nativity / Angel Tree Distribution	

Wednesdays @ Wesley

On Wednesday evenings we serve a warm, home-cooked meal from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in our dining hall. The menu for Dec 10th is meatloaf, mac and cheese, buttered normandy blend vegetables, & corn bread. All dinners come with salad bar, bread and dessert.



Deliver gifts wrapped and labeled to the church by **TODAY!**. Blessing one child at a time just as our Father continues to bless us!

Heart of the Triad Christmas Concert

Wesley Memorial is delighted to host the Heart of the Triad Choral Society for their 2025 Christmas Concert, "Merry and Bright!" HTCS is a non-profit community choir made up of singers from across the Piedmont Triad. Performances will be held on Friday, December 12, at 7 p.m. & Saturday, December 13, at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We're excited that our own Wesley Memorial children have been invited to take part! Come and celebrate the season with this festive choral event.

Wesley 100 Apple Pies - Just in time for Christmas! The Wesley 100 will be selling apples pies again on Sunday, December 14. The cost is \$10 a pie. Grab your pies from the church dining hall from 9 am - 11:15 am or the Asbury Room after the 11:00 am service. To pre-order, please email Edwin Bass at edwinbass@triad.rr.com and let him know how many pies to reserve. Thank you for your support!

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 **Sunday, December 14, 2025.** Thank you for helping us honor and bless our wonderful staff this holiday season!



The Christmas Drive Thru Experience

Sunday, December 14 from 5:00 pm-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 providing refreshments in the front circle so guests can connect with our church. 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 or call 336-884-2204. Let's make this our best year yet!

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, visit wesleymemorial.org/memorials2025 and fill out the form, or contact Isabel Cruz via email at icruzvalencia@ wesleymemorial.org or call 336-812-4808.

The deadline for ordering and submitting payment is **Monday, December 15.** Memorials will be listed in the December 21 bulletin. Wreaths are available for \$30 & poinsettias for \$25 each.



Wesley Memorial MC

Blood Drive

Fellowship Hall 1225 Chestnut Dr. High Point, NC 27262

Tuesday, December 16th 12:30pm-6:30pm

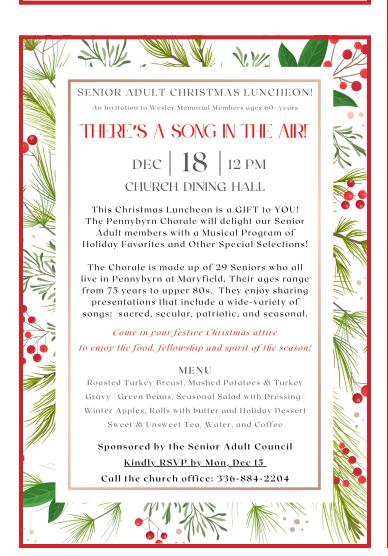
Schedule your appointment today!

RedCrossBlood.org | Sponsor Code: HighPoint

Give a gift, get a gift! Give blood 12/8-12/18 & get a \$15 Amazon Gift Card by email!









Christmas Eve Offering

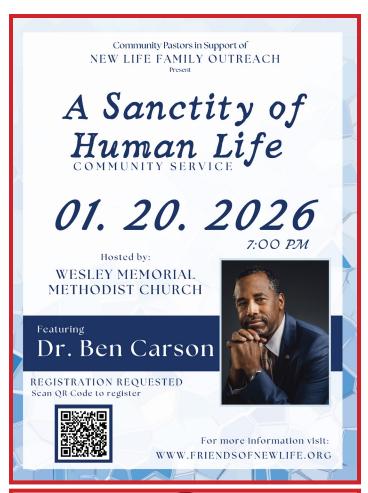
In this season of generosity and care our Wesley Memorial tradition is to strongly support some of our local mission partners who serve the under resourced in our High Point community.

This year we have selected three mission partners that continue to do excellent work provid-ing tangible help and sustaining hope for the individuals and families they serve.

- * C3 Community Collaboration for Children
- * Community Clinic of High Point serving the medical needs of the uninsured.
- * Second Harvest Food Bank supplies area food pantries that in turn provide needed food to families throughout the High Point area.

Each of these mission partners play a vital role in helping our High Point neighbors who are in challenging circumstances.

We can bless their efforts with our financial support. You don't have to wait until Christmas Eve. You can go ahead and write a check, send it to the church office, drop it by the office or bring it to worship services. Please put Christmas Eve Offering on the memo line. You can also go on line at wesleymemorial.org, tap the "Give" icon and then make your gift online. Thank you for providing a blessing through you gift.



"...Choose this day whom you will serve



... As for me and my hous 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 online!

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."



The Walk to Emmaus 2026

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 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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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