

# WESLEY MEMORIAL

A METHODIST CONGREGATION

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## WELCOME

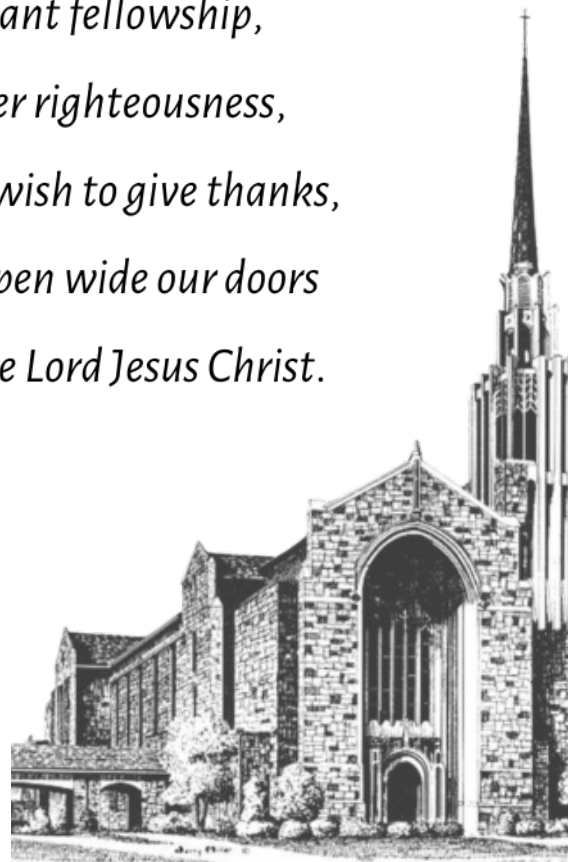
To all who are spiritually weary *and seek rest*,  
to all who mourn *and long for comfort*,  
to all who struggle *and desire victory*,  
to all who sin *and need a Savior*,  
to all who are strangers *and want fellowship*,  
to all who hunger *and thirst after righteousness*,  
to all who have been 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 14TH, 2025**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ GAUDETE SUNDAY**

**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

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

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

arr. John Ferguson

*Prepare the royal highway, the King of kings is near; let every hill and valley a level road appear. Then greet the king of glory foretold in sacred story: Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's Word!*

*His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heaven above. His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love. So let your praise be sounding, for kindness so abounding: Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's Word!*

† 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 Jesus Christ, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient toward the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found a people acceptable in your sight; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

† HYMN NO. 165

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

ELLACOMBE

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son! Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free; to take away transgression, and rule in equity.*

*He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong; to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong; to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light, whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in His sight.*

*He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth; love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth. Before Him on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go, and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.*

*To Him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend; His kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end. The tide of time shall never His covenant remove; His name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.*

† THE LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Chrissy & Phil Black

## 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.

Sympathy to the family of George "Buzz" Lowe Jr., who passed away on 12/8.

#### 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.



#### ANTHEM

*O Day of Peace that Dimly Shines* arr. Proulx  
*O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes. May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release, till by God's grace our warring world shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.*

*Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small. As beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all. Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord. The hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.*

#### † SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

#### CHILDRENS' SERMON

#### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

#### GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*The Dream Isaiah Saw* Glenn L. Rudolph  
*Lions and oxen will sleep in the hay, leopards will join with the lambs as they play, wolves will be pastured with cows in the glade, blood will not darken the earth that God made. Little child whose bed is straw, take new lodgings in my heart. Bring the dream Isaiah saw: Life redeemed from fang and claw.*

*Peace will pervade more than forest and field: God will transfigure the violence concealed deep in the heart and in systems of gain, ripe for the judgment the Lord will ordain. Little child whose bed is straw, take new lodgings in my heart. Bring the dream Isaiah saw: Justice purifying law.*

*Nature reordered to match God's intent, nations obeying the call to repent, all of creation completely restored, filled with the knowledge and love of the Lord. Little child whose bed is straw, take new lodgings in my heart. Bring the dream Isaiah saw: knowledge, wisdom, worship, awe.*

#### † 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.**

#### † PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10 (Pg.595)

#### SERMON

*"Chased by Joy"*

Rev. 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. 171

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

TRURO

*Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits. The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!*

*Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart from earthly use for heav'n's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.*

*Redeemer, come, with us abide; our hearts to Thee we open wide. Let us Thy inner presence feel; Thy grace and love in us reveal.*

*Thy Holy Spirit lead us on until our glorious goal is won. Eternal praise, eternal fame be offered, Savior, to Thy name!*

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

Chancel Choir

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

GUEST MUSICIANS

TRUMPETS

Chris Woods

Alex Penaloza

HORN

Wyatt Carlyle

TROMBONES

Patrick Sweet

Jordan Shirtz

TUBA

Nick Psihountas

PERCUSSION

Nate Bachta

Sophia Pack

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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# 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

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| <b>MONDAY, December 15</b><br>5:30 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.<br>7:30 p.m.   | Bible and Ball<br>Cub Scouts Christmas Party<br>Boy Scouts<br>AA Meeting   | Fellowship Hall<br>Dining Hall<br>Admin-Boy Scout Room 1<br>Adult Wing D208  |
| <b>TUESDAY, December 16</b><br>12:30 p.m.<br>12:30 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.   | Handbells Rehearsal<br>Red Cross Blood Drive<br>Sea Scouts   | Adult Wing D212<br>Fellowship Hall<br>Boy Scout Room 1   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, December 17</b><br>7:20 a.m.<br>1:30 p.m.<br>5:30 p.m.<br>5:30 p.m.<br>6:00 p.m.<br>6:15 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m.<br>6:45 p.m.  | John Willett's Men's Bible Study<br>Prayer Shawl Ministry<br>Handbell Rehearsal<br>Vespers<br>Wesley Memorial Students (Grades 6-12)<br>WOW Bible Study<br>Men's Bible Study<br>Chancel Choir Rehearsal  | Dining Hall<br>Conference Room 3<br>Adult Wing D212<br>Chapel<br>Student Gathering<br>Student Soul Cafe<br>Conference Room 3<br>Sanctuary  |
| <b>THURSDAY, December 18</b><br>12:00 p.m.<br>6:00 p.m.<br>7:30 p.m.<br>7:30 p.m.  | Senior Adult Luncheon<br>Contemporary Praise Team Rehearsal<br>AA Meeting<br>AlAnon  | Dining Hall<br>Fellowship Hall<br>Adult Wing D202<br>Adult Wing D201   |
| <b>SATURDAY, December 20</b><br>8:30 a.m.  | Wesley 100 Meeting   | Dining Hall  |
| <b>SUNDAY, December 21</b><br>7:30 a.m.<br>8:30 a.m.<br>9:00 a.m.<br>9:30 a.m.<br>9:30 a.m.<br>9:30 a.m.<br>9:45 a.m.<br>10:15 a.m.<br>10:45 a.m.<br>10:45 a.m.<br>11:00 a.m.<br>11:00 a.m.<br>11:15 a.m.<br>2:00 p.m. | Televised Worship Service<br>Traditional Worship<br>AA Meeting<br>Contemporary Worship<br>Children's Ministry Sunday Funday<br>Youth Sunday School<br>Adult Sunday School<br>Chancel Choir Rehearsal<br>Couples under 45 - Advent Study<br>Young Adults - Advent Study<br>Contemporary Unity Group - Advent Study<br>Traditional Worship<br>Children's Church<br>Blessed Beginnings Unity Group - Advent Study | WGHP, FOX8<br>Chapel<br>Adult D202<br>Fellowship Hall<br>Children's Ministry Wing<br>Student Ministry Wing<br>Adult Wing<br>Sanctuary<br>Circle View Room<br>Student Soul Cafe<br>Dining Hall<br>Sanctuary<br>Children's Ministry Wing<br>Circle View Room |

To view the full church calendar visit our website, [wesleymemorial.org/calendar](http://wesleymemorial.org/calendar)  
Visit [wesleymemorial.org/announcements](http://wesleymemorial.org/announcements) for our announcement board



**Wesley 100 Apple Pies - Just in time for Christmas!**  
The Wesley 100 will be selling apples pies again **TODAY!**  
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. Thank you for your support!

**The Christmas Drive Thru Experience**  
**TODAY, Sunday, December 14** is our Christmas Drive-thru from 5:00 pm-6:30 pm. It 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. 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](http://wesleymemorial.org/memorials2025) and fill out the form, or contact Isabel Cruz via email at [icruzvalencia@wesleymemorial.org](mailto: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.

#### SENIOR ADULT CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON!

An Invitation to Wesley Memorial Members ages 60+ years

### THERE'S A SONG IN THE AIR!

DEC | 18 | 12 PM  
CHURCH DINING HALL

This Christmas Luncheon is a GIFT to YOU!  
The Pennybyrn Chorale will delight our Senior Adult members with a Musical Program of Holiday Favorites and Other Special Selections!

The Chorale is made up of 29 Seniors who all live in Pennybyrn at Maryfield. Their ages range from 75 years to upper 80s. They enjoy sharing presentations that include a wide-variety of songs: sacred, secular, patriotic, and seasonal.

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

#### MENU

Roasted Turkey Breast, Mashed Potatoes & Turkey Gravy | Green Beans, Seasonal Salad with Dressing | Winter Apples, Rolls with butter and Holiday Dessert  
Sweet & Unsweet Tea, Water, and Coffee

Sponsored by the Senior Adult Council

Kindly RSVP by Mon. Dec 15

Call the church office: 336-884-2204



## Wesley Memorial MC

### Blood Drive

Fellowship Hall  
1225 Chestnut Dr. High Point, NC 27262

**Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**12:30pm-6:30pm**

**Schedule your appointment today!**

[RedCrossBlood.org](http://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 SERVICES

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 24, 2025

3:30 PM

CONTEMPORARY **LIVE STREAM**  
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

5:00 PM

THE 54TH ANNUAL LOVEFEAST

11:00 PM

TRADITIONAL  
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

*Communion will be served at the Contemporary and Traditional Service*

*CHILDCARE NOT AVAILABLE -  
FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO WORSHIP TOGETHER*

### 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](http://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!

### 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 providing 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](http://wesleymemorial.org), tap the "Give" icon and then make your gift online. Thank you for providing a blessing through your gift.

# 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.**

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](http://WWW.FRIENDSOFNEWLIFE.ORG)



"...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 online!**

### 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

### 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 feel free to reach out and update your information as well! To send your updates please email [info@wesleymemorial.org](mailto:info@wesleymemorial.org) or email [icruzvalencia@wesleymemorial.org](mailto:icruzvalencia@wesleymemorial.org) for further questions.

### 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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# #ADVENTUREON!

**Cub Scout Pack 4**

**Boys and Girls K-5th Grade**

**Come check us out Mondays 6:30-7:30**  
**Wesley Memorial Methodist Church**  
**1225 Chestnut Dr. High Point**  
**for information: [amyhey@aol.com](mailto:amyhey@aol.com)**

### 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."