

Welcome to WESLEY MEMORIAL

A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

Our purpose is to make and sustain spiritually healthy followers
of Jesus Christ who live in ways that transform the world.

SUNDAY - JANUARY 1, 2017

New Year's Day

Contemporary Worship in the Fellowship Hall
10:00 am

Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
10:00 am

1225 Chestnut Drive • High Point, North Carolina 27262
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Horizon Worship

January 1, 2017

10:00 am

Gathering Music

Joy to the World/Shout for Joy Paul Baloche
Great Are You Lord All Sons & Daughters

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture

Isaiah 63:7-9

Prayer

Offering

He Shall Reign Forever Chris Tomlin

Scripture

Matthew 2:13-23

Message

Jared Stine

Holy Communion

Reprise

Closing

If you are gluten intolerant, we offer a gluten-free wafer. You may receive the wafer from the server between the communion stations. If you are not gluten-intolerant, we ask you to please receive the bread.

Worship Leaders: Jared Stine, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care; Keith Byrd, Director of Contemporary Music; The Horizon Praise Team.

Welcome!

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning! Please sign the attendance notebooks that the ushers pass out during the announcements. If you are a guest, we ask that you please leave your contact information and a pastor will contact you this week with more information about our church.

Horizon

Horizon Worship Services include The Gathering at 8:30 am and The Beginning at 9:45 am on Sunday mornings. Both services meet in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome!

The Worship of God

Sanctuary

January 1, 2017

10 am

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OPENING VOLUNTARIES

Partita on "Puer Nobis Nascitur" Flor Peeters
March of the Magi F. Flaxington Harker

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout to the Lord your praises!

Sing to the Lord the joy of this day!

For God's might and power are established in the universe!

God's transforming love beckons us.

Come, let us worship God whose Light bursts forth into our darkness!

Let us praise the God of salvation who brings us home.

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of hope and light, your good news has been emblazoned across the skies, the great starry night of Jesus' birth, sung by angels, celebrated by shepherds, witnessed by animals. You have given to us a new chance, a reminder of your continual love for us. Be with us in this worship, we pray. Guide our thoughts, our lives, our spirits. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 220

Angels from the Realms of Glory REGENT SQUARE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UM Hymnal No. 881

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 63:7-9 (OT pg. 693)

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:13-23 (NT pg. 2)

SERMON

Al Ward

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

UM Hymnal No. 12

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Kings Philipp Nicolai

Brittany Griffin, mezzo-soprano

*Three kings from Persian lands afar
To Jordan follow the pointing star:
And this the quest of the travelers three,
Where the newborn King of the Jews may be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.
The star shines out with a steadfast ray;*

(Please come to the front by the center aisle, receive the bread or gluten-free wafer and dip it in the cup. After receiving, you may kneel at the prayer rail or return to your seat by a side aisle. If you need to be served at your seat, please tell an usher.)

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Service Notes:

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The Call to Worship and Opening Prayer appear in ministrymatters.com and were written by Nancy Townley.

The kings to Bethlehem make their way, And there in worship they bend the knee, As Mary's child in her lap they see; Their royal gifts they show to the King, Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering. O earthly child, lo, to Bethlehem The kings are traveling, travel with them! The star of mercy, the star of grace Shall lead thy heart to its resting place. Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring; Offer thy heart to the infant King, Offer thy heart!

Please stand as you are able.

DOXOLOGY No. 94

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!

HYMN No. 179

O Sing a Song of BethlehemKINGSFOLD

Please be seated

GREAT THANKSGIVING

UM Hymnal No. 13

LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN No. 140

Great Is Thy FaithfulnessFAITHFULNESS

BENEDICTION

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Rejoice!.....Noël Goemanne

Worship Leaders: **Al Ward**, Senior Pastor; **Debbie Foust**, Director of Children's Ministries; **Brittany Griffin**, mezzo-soprano; **Frank Pifferetti**, Organist; **Tory Kitley** and **Sarah Faith Amos**, Acolytes; **Hampton Helsabeck**, Crucifer; **Bill Anderson**, Altar Guild; **Pete Thompson**, Sound Engineer.

Ushers for the month of January: Michael Amos, Martha Bass, Ron Crowder, Kem McAllister, George Morris, Ardith Pugh, Grayson Frye and Mary Lyle Frye.

Greeters: Norman Andrews, Joe Needham, Bonnie Odom.

Our Sympathy to ~

Keith Miller and family is the death of his mother, Jeannette Miller, on December 25, 2016.

Thanks and Praise ~

... to all the "graduates" of Student Ministries who came back to usher for the 11 pm service on Christmas Eve.

... to the many volunteers who served, sung, played for the Lovefeast, 8 pm Contemporary Service, and 11 pm Candlelight and Communion Service on Christmas Eve. Over 1,300 people were blessed by these services.

... to Caroline McGuinn and Louise Campbell for stuffing the worship bulletins each week and especially during this Advent Season.

CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA ...

You can follow Wesley Memorial on Twitter and like us on Facebook to stay up-to-date on the latest posts and see pictures from our various special events and much more!

UPDATING THE DATABASE FOR WESLEY MEMORIAL MEMBERS

As we are trying to keep all the information up to date in our database, we are discovering that many members have a phone number that is not in working order or belongs to someone else. We know that people are now dropping their land lines and just using their cell phones. If you have changed your phone number and have not notified the church, please contact Tish Schultheiss at tschultheiss@wesleyememorial.org or 336-812-4808.

Ways to CONNECT

HIGH SCHOOL WINTER RETREAT! JANUARY 27-29, 2017



Calling all high school students and their friends! We are hitting the road for the slopes in 2017! Check your calendar and invite your friends to join us on Friday, January 27 - Sunday, January 29! We will leave after school on Friday and come back Sunday evening. We are going to Teen Valley Ranch in Plumtree, NC. Check it out at www.tvr.org. There will be options to ski, snow tube or just hangout if you choose! Registration is open now and will continue through Wednesday, January 18. Cost is \$250 per student. Registration forms can be found on-line at www.wesleyememorial.org/students. Questions? Contact Steven Nelson at snelson@wesleyememorial.org or 910-232-6064.

NEED TO TALK BUT DON'T KNOW WHERE TO TURN?

Our Stephen Ministry offers one-to-one confidential emotional and spiritual support to persons in need of a listening ear. Stephen Ministers are non-clergy persons trained to provide confidential and thoughtful care without judgment. If you are grieving a loss, dreading the holiday season, struggling with divorce, or any other life transition, contact Stephen Minister Mike Flack at 336-812-3559 or speak to a pastor.

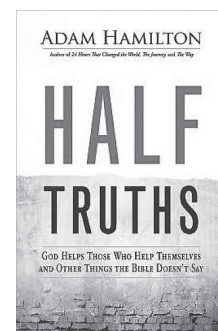


**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Ways to GROW

JOIN US FOR A NEW SMALL GROUP STUDY IN JANUARY

"God helps those who help themselves" and other things the Bible DOESN'T say will be the focus of a new short-term study in January. Together we'll read Adam Hamilton's book *Half Truths* to go beyond everyday sayings and experience the full message of Jesus. Join us on Sunday, January 8 for the sermon kick-off. The small group study will begin Wednesday, January 11 at Bible Study Lunch (noon) and again at 6:30 pm.



Please note that starting January 11, 2017 the Bible Study Lunch menus will rotate as follows and include tea or water to drink:

Week 1 – Tomato Soup, ½ Pimento Cheese Sandwich, Dessert

Week 2 – Wendy's Small Chili, Baked Potato w/butter & sour cream, Frosty

Week 3 – Potato Soup, ½ Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Dessert

Week 4 – Minestrone Soup, Egg Salad Sandwich, Dessert

ON THIS COMMUNION SUNDAY . . .

We share the addresses of some of our members with health concerns who would like to hear from you. There are cards in the Welcome Folders. Won't you take a moment to write to them? Please address the card. You may mail it yourself or place it at the altar rail or in the offering plate for us to mail.

Bob Marsh

1515 Wickliff Ave, Apt. 11
High Point, NC 27262

Bob Amos

916 Fairway Dr.
High Point, NC 27262

Ways to SERVE

STUDENTS SERVING AT WARD STREET IN 2017

We had a blast serving our friends and neighbors at Ward Street UMC this fall. A big thank you to all the parents and students that came out to serve with us! We are serving 4 times next year!!! Save the dates and be ready to serve again in February. We welcome all families and leaders to come alongside us too. Meet us at Ward Street kitchen between 4-4:30 pm on the dates listed below. Questions? Contact Steven Nelson at snelson@wesleymemorial.org.

2017 WARD STREET MEALS ON THURSDAYS:

FEBRUARY 16, 2017

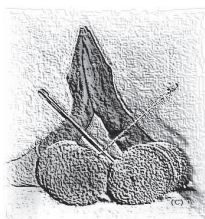
MAY 18, 2017

AUGUST 17, 2017

NOVEMBER 30, 2017

JOIN OUR PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY ON WEDNESDAYS

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has made and delivered over 1,600 shawls, blankets, sweaters and other items to mem-



bers of our church and community! Join the group on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm in the Arts & Crafts Room. For more info, please contact Lee Huff, 336-887-9165; Karen Sumner, 883-8721 or Linda Dale, 336-884-5121.

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY?

We have dates available for serving meals at Open Door Ministries and Ward Street Mission in 2017. This is a great opportunity for small groups and/or families. If you would be interested in serving at Ward Street, contact Audrey Miller at atmiller75@gmail.com or sign-up using the link on the home page at www.wesleymemorial.org.

Ways to GIVE

HAVE YOU TRIED GIVING ONLINE?

Visit www.wesleymemorial.org where online giving is available 24/7! Click the link on the left side bar. (First-time users: look for, "Need a log-in?" under the blue box. You will be emailed a password to log-in.)



HONOR A SPECIAL LOVED ONE THIS YEAR WITH FLOWERS

Celebrate a special anniversary or birthday and honor your friends and family by giving flowers for the Sanctuary, Chapel or Fellowship Hall. Contact Sue Schoch at 812-4824.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN ANTHEM ANGEL?

Anthem Angels purchase music from a list compiled by the Director of Music Ministries in honor of or in memory of a loved one. When your anthem is played or sung, a note will be placed in the bulletin to honor or memorialize your loved one. Contact Anne Carroll at 812-4816.

WELCOME VISITORS!

Thank you so much for joining us today in worship. If this is your first time worshipping with us, **please help yourself to a blue Wesley Memorial reusable tote bag as our gift to you.** Inside you will find information about our church. We also invite you to take our First Time Visitor Survey found on the homepage of our website. We hope you will return to worship with us again!

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CALENDAR: January 1-8, 2017

Sunday, January 1, 2017 (New Year's Day)

- Contemporary Worship, 10:00 am, Fellowship Hall
- Traditional Worship, 10:00 am, Sanctuary

Monday, January 2, 2017

- Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 3, 2017

- Evangelism & Hospitality Team, 5:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #3

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

- Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1:30 pm, Arts & Crafts Room
- Congregational Care Team, 5:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #3

Saturday, January 7, 2017

- Horizon Praise Team Rehearsal, 9:00 am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 8, 2017

- Traditional Worship, 8:30 am, Chapel
- Contemporary Worship, 8:30 am & 9:45 am, Fellowship Hall
- Children, Student & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Traditional Worship, 11:00 am, Sanctuary
- Confirmation Class, 4:00 pm, Underground

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***In the event of an emergency,
you simply need to call the main number,***

336-884-2204. You will then ***choose***

option 1. It is available 24/7 and
will connect you with a pastor.