



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 3, 2016 **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD SUNDAY**

Traditional Worship in the Chapel
8:30 am

Contemporary Worship in the Fellowship Hall
8:30 am & 9:45 am

Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
11:00 am

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Horizon Worship

The Gathering 8:30 am

January 3, 2016

The Beginning 9:45 am

Gathering Music

Sing, Sing, Sing Chris Tomlin

People of God Gungor

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Offering

How Great is Our God Chris Tomlin

Scripture

Isaiah 60:1-6

Message

"Darkness and Dreams, Gloom and Glory" Erin Beall

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: Erin Beall, Associate Pastor for Adult Spiritual Formation and Contemporary Worship; 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 3, 2016

11 am

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Ring Out, Wild Bells..... Charles F. Gounod

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

As With Gladness Men Of OldDIX

Chancel Choir

*As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold; As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright; So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led to thee.*

Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

A star shines in the night sky, bewitching the eye with its splendor.

Why do our hearts beat with wonder?

A star shines in the black of night, teasing the imagination with fanciful thoughts.

**We are made from more than the dust of the earth,
we are made from the dust of the stars.**

A star shines for all to see, heralding the arrival of the star child.

A fire ignites within the soul, Illuminating the path of journeys to come.

OPENING PRAYER

**God of starlight, disperse the darkness of our lives,
that we may behold the light of your love--
a light that shines in every corner of our world.**

**Guide our footsteps in the paths of righteousness,
that justice may flourish and peace may abound;
that through our own journeys of faith,
we may behold the mystery made known
through the coming of your glory
in the infant Jesus. Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 245

The First Noel..... THE FIRST NOEL

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UM Hymnal No. 881

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

ANTHEM

The KingsPeter Cornelius

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;
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 trav'ling, 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!*

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(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.)

Service Notes:

“O Harken Ye” was purchased by Anthem Angels Bob and Sallie Amos in honor of their children: IV and Mac Hendrix, Katharine Payne, Robert and Allison Amos and Connor Amos.

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The Call to Worship and Opening Prayer are adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2016.

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 and Richard Wood

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

SERMON

“Absence, Presence, Epiphany”

Preston Davis

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

UM Hymnal No. 12

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Harken Ye Alfred Burt
Chancel Choir

O harken ye who would believe, The gracious tidings now receive: Gloria in excelsis Deo. The mighty Lord of heav'n and earth, Today is come to human birth. Gloria in excelsis Deo. O harken ye who long for peace, Your troubled searching now may cease. For at his cradle you shall find God's healing grace for all mankind. O harken ye who long for love, And turn your hearts to God above. The angel's song the wonder tells: Now Love Incarnate with us dwells!

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!

Please be seated

GREAT THANKSGIVING

UM Hymnal No. 17

LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN No. 206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the LightHOUSTON

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

As With Gladness Men Of OldDIX
Holy Jesus, every day Keep us in the narrow way: And, when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds thy glory hide.

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Unto Us A Child Is Born (Puer Nobis) Geoffrey Shaw

Worship Leaders: Preston Davis, Minister to the University at High Point University; Erin Beall, Associate Pastor for Adult Spiritual Formation and Contemporary Worship; Debbie Foust, Director of Children's Ministries; Anne Carroll, Director of Music; Chancel Choir; Brit-tany Griffin, soloist; Frank Pifferetti, Organist; Andrew Eskew and Charley Doak, Acolytes; Hampton Helsabeck, Crucifer; Pete Thompson, Sound Engineer.

Thanks and Praise ~

... to Cindy Webb for being a tremendous assistant with Youth Handbells.

... to the Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells and Youth Handbells for all the beautiful music they provided during Advent and on Christmas Eve.

... to the parents and children of Children's Music K-5 for the wonderful participation of 20 children during the December rotation.

... to Laura Bunch for her solo at the 11 pm Christmas Eve Service.

... to Caroline McGuinn and Louise Campbell for their faithfulness in stuffing the Sunday bulletins on Thursdays this past year.

Ways to CONNECT

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR EXPLORE WESLEY MEMORIAL COFFEE



Interested in learning more about our church? Want to meet our pastors or ministry directors in a smaller group? Want a tour of the Wesley Memorial campus? If you answered "Yes!", please join us for our Explore Wesley Memorial Coffee on Sunday, January 10 at 9:45 am in the Asbury Room. We look forward to getting to know our visitors better and hope to answer questions you may have.

ATTENTION STUDENTS: MYF IS GOING ICE SKATING ON JANUARY 9

We are going to put our MYF on ice! We will be going ice skating at Greensboro Ice House from 7-9 pm on Saturday, January 9. Please bring \$15 to skate. Make sure your student has the current medical/behavior waiver on file. The waiver can be found on wmumcstudents.org. Please make plans to join us.

JOIN US FOR THE FIRST LIVE ALIVE IN 2016

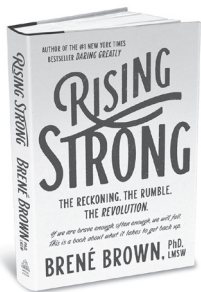
Live Alive gatherings are for adults 55+ every 3rd Tuesday of the month. Activities begin at 10 am. The January 19 program will feature a guest speaker who makes predictions for the New Year. The menu for January is Chicken Pie, Green Beans, Carrots, Cole Slaw, Bread and Dessert. To make a reservation for lunch, call the Front Desk by 10 am the Friday prior to our Live Alive gathering at 884-2204. Lunch is \$6.



NEED TO TALK TO SOMEONE, 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 care without judgment. If you are grieving a loss, struggling with divorce, or any life transition, contact Mike Flack at 812-3559 or speak to a pastor.

Ways to GROW



JOIN OUR NEW JANUARY BOOK STUDY ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

The New Year brings with it renewed enthusiasm, resolutions and big plans! We hope you will make joining a book study one of those plans! Join Rev. Erin Beall as she leads a discussion-based study of Brené Brown's,

Rising Strong. Brown is a magnificent teacher, speaker, and writer, whom you may have heard on NPR or seen on ted.com. *Rising Strong* is her second book, following her first, number-one bestseller *Daring Greatly*. Brené specializes in studying shame and fear, and how they can be overcome so that we can be our best selves. Books will be \$20 from the church, or you can order your own on your Kindle. Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:45 pm in the Circle View Room, and run from January 13 - February 24. For more information contact Erin at ebeall@wesleymemorial.org.

NEW CLASS FOR CHILDREN STARTING IN JANUARY!

After a divorce or separation, kids usually feel scared, sad, and confused. They know you have been hurt deeply. As a result, they may hide their feelings because they are worried about your happiness or because they do not know how to express their feelings appropriately. DivorceCare for Kids (DC4K) helps them process those feelings and gives them tools to communicate better with you. DC4K provides your children with a safe and neutral place to gain an age-appropriate understanding of separation and divorce. They will learn how to process and share their feelings. For 13 weeks your children become involved in a fun, caring group. The weekly session topics help your children learn that God's love strengthens them and helps them turn their sadness to hope and their anger to joy. Children ages 5-12 are welcome. Sessions are supervised by a licensed professional counselor. Stay tuned for more information.



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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.

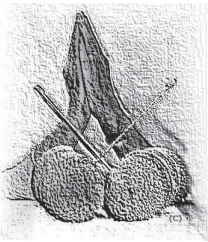
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Ways to SERVE



JOIN WESLEY MEMORIAL'S PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has made and delivered over 1,600 shawls, blankets, sweaters and other items to members of our church and community! Join the group on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm in the Arts & Crafts Room. Contact Lee Huff, 887-9165; Karen Sumner, 883-8721 or Linda Dale, 884-5121.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR MARTHA & STEPHEN GUILD VOLUNTEERS

Looking for a volunteer commitment that is flexible? Duties Available: Calling, Setting Tables, Serving (serving drinks, wiping trays, cleaning up at end of meal), or Host or Hostess (opportunity to choose one or a combination of options). Contact Cindy Dominick at 812-4814 or cdominick@wesley memorial.org for questions or to sign-up.

CONNECT WITH US ON FACEBOOK & TWITTER

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 holiday events and much more!



Ways to GIVE



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.

WANT TO HONOR A SPECIAL LOVED ONE WITH FLOWERS IN 2016?

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 812-4811.



HELP US FILL THE BACKPACKS FOR STUDENTS

Wesley Memorial continues to provide "backpacks" of food for Fairview Elementary School students on the weekend and holidays. Items needed to fill the backpacks are: protein items, individual servings of milk, white or chocolate, individual instant breakfast, individual cereal boxes, fruit juice and plastic grocery bags. Collection bins are in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall Lobby and Administrative Building Lobby.

CALENDAR: January 3-10, 2016

Sunday, January 3, 2016

- Children, Student & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Confirmation Class, 4:00 pm, Circle View Room

Monday, January 4, 2016

- Women's Bible Study, 10:30 am, Circle View Room
- Congregational Care Team, 5:15 pm, Conf. Rm. #3

Tuesday, January 5, 2016

- Facilities Team Meeting, 5:30 pm, Circle View Room

Wednesday, January 6, 2016

- Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1:30 pm, Arts & Crafts Room
- Chancel Choir, 6:45 pm, Choir Room

Thursday, January 7, 2016

- Student Ministries Breakfast, 7:00 am, Chick-fil-A

Saturday, January 9, 2016

- Contemporary Rehearsal, 9:00 am, Fellowship Hall
- MYF Ice Skating, 6:00 pm, Off-site

Sunday, January 10, 2016

- Traditional Worship, 8:30 am, Chapel
- Contemporary Worship, 8:30 am & 9:45 am, Fellowship Hall
- Children's Music (Grades 2-5), 9:30 am,
- Children, Student & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Traditional Worship Service, 11:00 am, Sanctuary
- Confirmation Class, 4:00 pm, Circle View Room

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!

Our faithfulness in attendance
December 27, 2015
All Worship Services: 228
(Goal 505)

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***In the event of an emergency, you simply
need to call the main number, 884-2204.
You will then choose option 1. It is available
24/7 and will connect you with a pastor.***