

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 8, 2017 **FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY** **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

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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The Worship of God

Chapel

January 8, 2017

8:30 am

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Orientis Partibus (The Friendly Beast).....Robert Hebble

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**God of grace and majesty, we exalt you
for your wisdom, compassion, strength, and love.**

**We thank you for choosing to walk among your people
in all the circumstances of our lives.**

**We pray that we would always be aware of your presence among us,
that our worship will honor you, and that our lives will reflect your glory.
In the name of Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.**

† HYMN No. 189

Christ Is the World's LightCHRISTE SANCTORUM

SCRIPTURE LESSON

II Timothy 3:14-17 (NT pg. 213)

SERMON

Al Ward

SERVICE OF BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

(After the pastor introduces the service, the pastor shall say:)

And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin!

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves!

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races!

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the life you birthed in us by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die. Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting.

Your healing river flows. Your Spirit blows where you will. We cannot stop you, God!

But sometimes we try. We try to block the flow, we redirect the winds of the Spirit, or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream that we do not hear its sound, and we forget its power. We parch ourselves.

We are dry and thirsty, O God. Come, refresh us!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon these waters.

Come upon these waters.

Welcome!

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning! Please take a moment to sign the attendance 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.

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.

Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.

All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!

(As the hymn is sung, you are invited to come to the baptismal font and touch the baptismal water; after this you may kneel at the prayer rail or return directly to your seat.)

HYMN No. 529

How Firm a Foundation.....FOUNDATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Gésu Bambino Pietro A. Yon

Allison Chickering, soprano

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows Upon a winter night Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, The King of Love and Light. The angels sang, the shepherds sang, The grateful earth rejoiced, And at His blessed birth the stars Their exultation voice. O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord. Again the heart with rapture glows To greet the holy night That gave the world its Christmas Rose, Its King of Love and Light. Let every voice acclaim His name, The grateful chorus swell, From paradise to earth He came That we with Him might dwell.

† 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!**

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

† HYMN No. 605

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters.....BEACH SPRING

† BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Noël X - Grand Jeu, et duo.....Louis-Claude Daquin

† Please stand as you are able.

Worship Leaders:

Al Ward, Senior Pastor; **Jared Stine**, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care; **Allison Chickering**, soprano; **Frank Pifferetti**, Organist.

Service Notes:

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Horizon Worship

The Gathering 8:30 am

January 8, 2017

The Beginning 9:45 am

Gathering Music

Lay Em Down NEEDTOBREATHE
Freedom is Here Hillsong
Down to the River to Pray Alison Kruass

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Offering

The River Jordan Feliz

Scripture

II Timothy 3:14-17

Message

Al Ward

A Service of Baptismal Renewal

Reprise

Closing

Worship Leaders: Al Ward, Senior Pastor; Erin Beall, Associate Pastor for Adult Spiritual Formation and Contemporary Worship; Keith Byrd, Director of Contemporary Music; **The Horizon Praise Team.**

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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 8, 2017

11 am

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OPENING VOLUNTARY

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Jul: pastoral för orgel..... John Morén

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 29)

Come, all who are gathered to worship God:

Give our God glory and strength!

Let us sing to God the glory of God's name

Worship God in holy splendor!

The voice of our God is over the waters.

The God of glory thunders over mighty waters.

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And also with you.

Let us pray.

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**We thank you for choosing to walk among your people
in all the circumstances of our lives.**

**We pray that we would always be aware of your presence among us,
that our worship will honor you, and that our lives will reflect your glory.**

In the name of Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 160

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart.....MARION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UM Hymnal No. 881

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

II Timothy 3:14-17 (NT pg. 213)

SERMON

Al Ward

PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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We are pleased to celebrate the baptism of Amir, Sona, and Ilia Abdian.

Worship Leaders: **Al Ward**, Senior Pastor; **Jared Stine**, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care; **Erin Beall**, Associate Pastor for Adult Spiritual Formation and Contemporary Worship; **Debbie Foust**, Director of Children's Ministries; **Anne Carroll**, Director of Music Ministries; **Allison Chickering**, soprano; **Chancel Choir**; **Frank Pifferetti**, Organist; **Tory Kitley and Sarah Faith Amos**, Acolytes; **Hampton Helsabeck**, Crucifer; **Bill Anderson**, Altar Guild; **Jerry Tucker**, 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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Saw You Never In The Twilight.....arr. Hal H. Hopson
Chancel Choir

Saw you never, in the twilight, When the sun had left skies, Up in heaven the clear stars shining Through the gloom, like silver eyes? So of old the wise men, watching, Saw a little stranger star, And they knew the King was given, And they followed it from far. Heard you never of that story How they crossed the desert wild, Journeyed on by plain and mountain, 'Til they found the holy child? How they opened all their treasure, Kneeling to that infant King; Gave the gold and fragrant incense, Gave the myrrh in offering? Know you not that lowly baby Was the bright and Morning Star? He who came to light the Gentiles, And the darkened isles afar? And we, too, may seek his cradle; There our heart's best treasures bring; Love, and faith, and true devotion For our Savior, God and King.

Please stand as you are able.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Please be seated

SERVICE OF BAPTISM AND BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

(After the candidates have responded to the questions, the pastor shall say:)

Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care, Amir, Sona and Ilia whom we this day recognize as members of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that they may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through Jesus Christ?

With God's help so order our lives after the example of Christ, that these persons, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to eternal life.

(Those who have received the Sacrament of Baptism will be seated and the pastor will say to the congregation:)

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Please come by the center aisle and return to your seats by an outside aisle.)

HYMN No. 529

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Please stand as you are able.

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen.....John Rutter

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Noël X - Grand Jeu, et duo.....Louis-Claude Daquin

Acknowledgments ~

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Betty Ann Rankin Hubbard by her family.

Our Sympathy to ~

Amy Ingram and family in the death of her father, George B. Johnston, on December 26, 2016.

Bill Anderson in the death of his brother, Tulloh Anderson, on January 1, 2017.

The family of Betty Ann Hubbard in her death on January 2, 2017.

Thanks and Praise ~

... to all our musicians: Chancel Choir, Children's Music, Chancel Bells, JuBEL-Lation Choir, Handbell Quartet, Wesley Ringers and Wesley Singers for all the beautiful Advent and Christmas music.

... to Ann Linthicum and Bee Rule for serving the bereavement reception for the family and friends of Dixie Klemme.

... to Carol Hutchins and her team for providing the bereavement meal for the family of Dixie Klemme.

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@wesleymemorial.org or 336-812-4808.

Ways to CONNECT



YOU'RE INVITED TO LIVE ALIVE EVENTS

Adults 55+ are invited to join us at 11:45 am on Tuesdays beginning January 17. Our first program of the year will be a presentation of New Year's Predictions by retired High Point Enterprise editor Tom Blount. Lunch will be Chicken Pie, Carrots, Cole Slaw, Bread & Dessert. Register by Friday, January 13 to reserve a plate!

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR EXPLORE WESLEY MEMORIAL 101

Interested in learning more about membership at Wesley Memorial? Join Jared Stine for our two-part class on Sunday mornings, January 29 & Feb 5 at 9:45 am in the Circle View Room. You'll learn about opportunities at our church, ways to connect, and the meaning of membership. RSVP to Jared Stine at 336-812-4813 or jstine@wesleymemorial.org. Childcare available through Sunday School and the nursery.



HIGH SCHOOL WINTER RETREAT! JANUARY 27-29, 2017



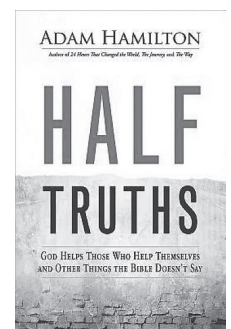
Calling all high school students and their friends! We are hitting the road for the slopes in 2017! Check your calendar and invite your friends to join us on Friday, January 27 - Sunday, January 29! We will leave after school on Friday and come back Sunday evening. We are going to Teen Valley Ranch in 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.wesleymemorial.org/students. Questions? Contact Steven Nelson at snelson@wesleymemorial.org or 910-232-6064.

Ways to GROW

NEW SMALL GROUP STUDY STARTING THIS WEDNESDAY

"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.



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

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A FLEXIBLE SERVICE OPPORTUNITY IN THE NEW YEAR?

Join the Caring Ministry Team! This team works hard to offer friendship and follow-up with those who have been hospitalized, are ill, are new to Wesley Memorial or are home bound. This team meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:15 pm in the Circle View Room. Each person takes a referral to call, send a card, or visit someone. Can't make that meeting? That's ok! Contact Jared Stine to learn more at 336-812-4813 or jstine@wesleymemorial.org.

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.

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 members 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.



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 336-812-4824.

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 336-812-4816.

CHARGE CONFERENCE/CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council will convene as a Charge Conference on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 5:30 pm in the Circle View Room. The purpose of the Charge Conference will be to consider adjustments in the compensations for the clergy. When the Charge Conference adjourns, the Church Council will convene to approve the budget for 2017.

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!

CALENDAR: January 8-15, 2017

Sunday, January 8, 2017

- Wesley Singers, 9:30 am, Children's Gathering Space
- Confirmation Class, 4:00 pm, Underground

Monday, January 9, 2017

- Non-Denominational Bible Study, 10:30 am, Circle View Room
- Stephen Ministry Meeting, 5:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #2

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

- Finance Team, 5:45 pm, Conf. Rm. #3
- Staff Parish Relations Team, 6:00 pm
- Mission & Community Impact Team, 7:00 pm, Circle View Room

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

- Midweek Communion, 11:00 am, Chapel
- Bible Study Lunch, 12 noon, Dining Hall (*Cost is \$5 for the soup-and-sandwich combo. Call the church office by 4:30 pm on Monday to make a reservation.*)
- Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1:30 pm, Arts & Crafts Room
- Wednesday Dinner, 5:30 pm, Dining Hall
(*Menu: Meatloaf, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, and Dessert. Call the church office at 884-2204 to make a reservation. Cost is \$6-adults, \$3-youth 14-18, and free for those under 14.*)
- Half Truths Small Group, 6:30 pm, Circle View Room
- Soul Food (6th -12th Grades), 6:30 pm, Youth Underground
- Chancel Choir, 6:45 pm, Choir Room
- Leadership & Nominations Team, 7:00 pm, Conf. Rm. #3

Thursday, January 12, 2017

- Board of Trustees, 5:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #3

Saturday, January 14, 2017

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

Sunday, January 15, 2017

- Traditional Worship, 8:30 am, Chapel
- Contemporary Worship, 8:30 am & 9:45 am, Fellowship Hall
- Wesley Singers, 9:30 am, Children's Gathering Space
- Children, Student & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Traditional Worship, 11:00 am, Sanctuary
- Confirmation Class, 4:00 pm, Underground
- JuBELLation Choir, 4:30 pm, E204 Bell Room

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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.