

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 10, 2016 **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 10, 2016

8:30 am

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.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Partita on "How Firm a Foundation" Alfred V. Fedak

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

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God has created each of us with tender care.

Our God is a God of majesty and awe!

God walks with each of us every step of the way.

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God loves each of us with tenderness and passion.

Our God calls us each by name.

God calls each of us to unite in worship together!

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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We pray in this moment for the courage and the strength to answer your call. As we open our ears to hear the story of

your Son's baptism, open our hearts also, that we may experience again the renewing power of rebirth in the Holy Spirit. Inspire us in this time

of worship, that we may claim our own identity as your beloved children.

We pray in the name of our brother, Jesus Christ. Amen.

† HYMN No. 185

When Morning Gilds the Skies LAUDES DOMINI

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-7

SERMON

Al Ward

SERVICE OF BAPTISM RENEWAL (SEE INSERT)

(As the hymn is sung, you are invited to come to the baptismal font and touch the baptismal water.)

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How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

How Beautiful Are The Feet Georg Fredric Handel

Michaela Kelly, soprano

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things.

Service Notes:

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† **DOXOLOGY No. 94**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings FlowLASST 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 671**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy BlessingSICILIAN MARINERS

† **BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Finale on "*How Firm a Foundation*" Alfred V. Fedak

† Please stand as you are able.

Worship Leaders: Al Ward, Senior Pastor; , Michaela Kelly soloist; Frank Pifferetti, Organist.

Horizon Worship

The Gathering 8:30 am

January 10, 2016

The Beginning 9:45 am

Gathering Music

The River Jordan Feliz
Freedom is Here Hillsong

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns and Prayer

Offering

Come As You Are David Crowder

Scripture

Isaiah 43:1-7

Message

Al Ward

Time of Reflection

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!

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Sanctuary

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

O Hearken 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.*

Please stand as you are able.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 185

When Morning Gilds the Skies LAUDES DOMINI

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UM Hymnal No. 881

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

ANTHEM

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Michaela Kelly, soprano

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PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Waits' Carol Grace M. Stutsman

Chancel Choir

In Bethlehem neath starlit skies, Alleluia, A Babe within a manger lies, Alleluia! No room inside the hostel there, For Joseph or Madonna fair: No one to lighten their despair, Alleluia! The hostel rang with song and shout, Alleluia! Yet none there were who looked without, Alleluia! But Ah! Within that stable old The beasts a wondrous sight behold: Three wise men bearing gifts of gold! Alleluia! And so good friends we wish you well; To you we sing this glad noel; To you the joyous news we bring, Alleluia!

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Please stand as you are able.

HYMN No. 529

How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen John Rutter

Chancel Choir

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Finale on "*How Firm a Foundation*" Alfred V. Fedak

Worship Leaders: Al Ward, Senior Pastor; Erin Beall, Associate Pastor for Adult Spiritual Formation and Contemporary Worship; Jared Stine, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care; Debbie Foust, Director of Children's Ministries; Anne Carroll, Director of Music; Chancel Choir; Michaela Kelly, soloist; Frank Pifferetti, Organist; Andrew Eskew and Charley Doak, Acolytes; Hampton Helsabeck, Crucifer; 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 and Richard Wood

Service Notes:

The Introit, "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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Thanks and Praise ~

... to Scott Howell and Deanie Simmons for the delicious lunch for WMS Staff as they returned for "Teachers' Workday" after Christmas.

... to Tom Mason (Forester), Sarah Woollen (Angel), Chris Fellos (King), Donna Cumby (Shepherd Boy), Jaime Cumby (Mary) and baby girl Montgomery Cumby (Jesus) for playing roles for the WMS children's Epiphany Walk.

... to Martha Jobe who served as our January communion steward.

Connect with Us on Social Media ~

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 more!

Ways to CONNECT



MIDWEEK COMMUNION & BIBLE STUDY

Mid-week Communion in the Chapel kicks off this Wednesday at 11 am followed by a Bible Study Lunch at 12:00 noon in the 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.

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 this Friday at 884-2204. Lunch is \$6.



YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY DINNERS

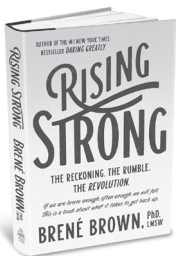
Wednesday Dinners return on January 13 prepared by our fabulous Holy Chefs from Wesley 100. Seating begins at 5:30 pm in the Dining Hall. The price is only \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for youth 14-18 and free for those under 14. Call the Front Desk at 884-2204 to make a reservation.

Ways to GROW

THE WOMEN OF WESLEY INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEIR NEW STUDY THAT BEGINS TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

Every Tuesday morning at 9:30 a group of Wesley Memorial's most vivacious, fun, and spiritual ladies meet in The Underground for fellowship, study, coffee, and laughter. All visitors and newcomers are invited to join us as we begin our new study on January 19: Priscilla Shirer's *The Armor of God*. Books are available at the Front Desk, and you may also pick one up at the first meeting. For more information, please contact Susan Meisky (susanmeisky@gmail.com) or Erin Beall (812-4815).

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. **Join us for a parent information meeting Wednesday, Jan 13 at 6:00 pm in the Children's Gathering Space, located in the elementary hallway. Childcare available for children 5-12.**



Ways to SERVE

JOIN THE WOMEN'S CHOIR FOR SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Women's Choir will rehearse on February 1 and 8 from 12:30-1:15 pm in the choir room. We will sing "What Wondrous Love Is This" with violin and organ/piano on Sunday, February 14, at the 8:30 and 11 am worship services. After both Monday rehearsals we will go out to lunch at a local restaurant. Please join us as we serve and praise God with music and enjoy food and fellowship.



MLK DAY SPECIAL EVENTS PLANNED FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 18

The observance of the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 18, 2016 offers several opportunities to mark this day.

- ▶ **Annual MLK Breakfast and Oratorical Competition** at 8:00 am in the old J. C. Penney store at Oak Hollow Mall. Tickets are \$15 per person and must be purchased in advance from New Bethel Baptist Church (336-887-1061).
- ▶ **MLK Day Worship** in the Charles E. Hayworth, Sr. Memorial Chapel at High Point University at 11:00 am. Reverend Dr. Prince Rivers, Senior Pastor of United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, will be the preacher.
- ▶ **MLK Day of Service** sponsored by HPU offers the opportunity to lean into the legacy of Dr. King by "giving back" instead of "taking off" on MLK Day. Visit the HPU website, www.highpoint.edu/service-learning/mlk-day-of-service, to view the 35 volunteer opportunities and to register to participate.



WANT TO BE A JUMP START READING BUDDY?

Be someone's hero as a Jump Start Reading buddy February – May at Fairview or any of the 8 schools. With just one hour a week you can mentor a 3rd or 4th grader and strengthen their reading and comprehension skills to prepare for the End of Grade Test. Attend a volunteer session Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 10 am in D205. Can't make it then contact Catherine Niebauer at jumpstart@northstate.net.

Ways to GIVE

WANT TO HONOR A SPECIAL LOVED ONE 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 812-4811.



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. We need Juice Boxes. (No protein or mac and cheese at this time.) Collection bins are in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall Lobby and Administrative Building Lobby.

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NURSERY • PRESCHOOL • KINDERGARTEN

. . . where every day is an adventure in learning and exploring for young children!

ATTENTION PARENTS

It's time to plan for your child's 2016-17 School Year!

OPEN HOUSE EVENT

Friday, January 22
Special presentation about all age-levels, Infants ~ Kgt Fives
Tour school facilities
Meet Teachers

Daytime Tour: 9:15 - 10:30 am

Evening Tour: 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Additional Open House Events Specific to Age-Level . . .

Special presentation in Children's Gathering Room, followed by walk-thru tour to observe children and teachers engaged in Learning Center Activities, 9:15 - 10:30 am:

Wednesday, January 27:
Kindergarten Fives

Friday, January 29:
Pre-K Fours

Wednesday, February 3:
Threes

Friday, February 5:
Infants, Toddlers, Twos

We welcome family tours!

Call Susan Sumpter or Susan Kelley at 884-4232.

www.wesleymemorialschool.org

CALENDAR: January 10-17, 2016

Sunday, January 10, 2016

- Children's Music (Grades 2-5), 9:30 am, Children's Gathering Space
- Explore Wesley Memorial Coffee, 9:45 am, Asbury Room
- Children, Student & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Music Committee Meeting, 12:15 pm, D208
- Confirmation Class, 4:00 pm, Circle View Room

Monday, January 11, 2016

- Women's Bible Study, 10:30 am, Circle View Room
- Staff Parish Relations Meeting, 5:15 pm, Circle View Room

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

- Finance Team Meeting, 5:45 pm, Conf. Rm. #3
- Mission and Community Impact Team, 7:00 pm, Circle View Room

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

- Mid-Week Communion, 11:00 am, Chapel
- Bible Study Lunch, 12:00 pm, 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
- Wesley Handbell Choir (3-5 Grades), 4:15 pm, D204
- Wednesday Dinner, 5:30 pm, Dining Hall
(Menu: Ham, 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.)
- DivorceCare for Kids Parent Meeting, 6:00 pm, Children's Gathering Space
- "Soul Food", 6:30 pm, Soul Cafe
- *Rising Strong* Book Study, 6:30 pm, Circle View Room
- Chancel Choir, 6:45 pm, Choir Room

Thursday, January 14, 2016

- Student Ministries Breakfast, 7:00 am, Chick-fil-A
- Board of Trustees, 5:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #3
- Chancel Bells Rehearsal, 7:00 pm, E204

Saturday, January 16, 2016

- Wesley 100 Breakfast, 8:00 am, Dining Hall
- Contemporary Rehearsal, 9:00 am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 17, 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

January 3, 2016

All Worship Services: 353

(Goal 505)

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE

OUR CLERGY & MINISTRY STAFF:

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& Contemporary Worship

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Debbie Foust, Director of Children's Ministries

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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.*