

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 11, 2015
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Traditional Worship in the Chapel
8:30 am

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

Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
11:00 am

1225 Chestnut Drive • High Point, North Carolina 27262
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The Worship of God

Chapel

January 11, 2015

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

When Jesus Came to Jordan to be Baptized by JohnDietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us give to God glory and strength.

Let us worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The Lord sits enthroned for ever.

May God bless us with peace!

† OPENING PRAYER

† HYMN No. 152

I Sing the Almighty Power of GodFOREST GREEN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UM Hymnal No. 881

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:4-11

SERMON

"Into The Water With Jesus"

Al Ward

SERVICE OF BAPTISM RENEWAL (see insert)

(As the soloist sings, you are invited to come to the baptismal font and drop a rock into the water symbolizing something you wish to lay aside, after this, you may return to your seat.)

SOLO

When Jesus Came to JordanCOMPLAINER
Betty Jeanne Day, soprano

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Go Tell It On The Mountain arr. Harry T. Burleigh
Jesse Herndon, tenor

† 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 No. 606**

Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine..... KINGSFOLD

† **BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Praeludium, Fugue und Ciacona..... Dietrich Buxtehude

† Please stand as you are able.

Worship Leaders: **Al Ward**, Senior Pastor; **Jared Stine**, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care; **Betty Jeanne Day**, soprano; **Jesse Herndon**, tenor; **Frank Pifferetti**, Organist.

Service Notes:

The Call to Worship is taken from *And Also With You, Year B*.

Renewal of the Baptismal Covenant

Sisters and brothers in Christ: Through the sacrament of baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All of this is God's gift offered without price. Today we come to the water to renew the covenant declared at our baptism and acknowledge what God is doing for us.

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.

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!

Horizon Worship

The Gathering 8:45 am

January 11, 2015

The Beginning 9:45 am

Gathering Music

Down To The River To Pray Alison Krauss

Lay 'Em Down NEEDTOBREATHE

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns & Prayer

Offering

Living Water Kees Kraayenoord

Scripture

Mark 1:4-11

Message

"Into The Water With Jesus" Al Ward

Baptismal Renewal

Lay 'Em Down Reprise

Closing

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Horizon

Horizon Worship Services include The Gathering at 8:45 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 11, 2015

11 am

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Come, Ye That Love The Lordarr. Alice Parker
Chancel Choir

Come, ye that love the Lord, And let your love be known; Join in a song of sweet accord And thus surround the throne. Let those refuse to sing Who never knew our God; But favorites of the heav'nly King may speak their joys abroad.

Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

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OPENING PRAYER

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

ANTHEM

Go Tell It On The Mountainarr. Harry T. Burleigh
Jesse Herndon, tenor

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Thou Who Wast RichMolly Ijames
Chancel Choir

Thou Who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor; thrones for a manger did surrender, sapphire-paved courts for stable floor. Thou Who art God beyond all praising all for love's sake becamest man, Stooping so low, but sinners raising Heav'n-wards by Thine eternal plan, Thou Who art God beyond all praising all for love's sake becamest man. Thou Who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship Thee. Emmanuel, within us dwelling, make us what Thou would have us be.

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ANTHEM

When Jesus Came to JordanCOMPLAINER

Chancel Choir

HYMN

Baptized in Water

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1. Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2. Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3. Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ, our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his
tomb with Christ, our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ, our King; born of one Fa - ther, we are his



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
chil - dren, joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

WORDS: Michael Saward (Rom. 6:3-5)
MUSIC: Trad. Gaelic melody

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Please stand as you are able

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Benediction Howard Coble

Chancel Choir

May the Lord bless you, May the Lord keep you, May the Lord show His face to you, and give you peace. Amen.

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Praeludium, Fugue und CiaconaDietrich Buxtehude

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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.

Thanks and praise ~

... to the adult leaders who played roles in the Epiphany Walk of Wesley Memorial School: Tom Mason (Forester), Sarah Woollen (Angel), Jay Butler (King), Alison Collins (Drummer Boy), Susan Kelley (Mary), and 5-month old Izabella Piotrowski (Baby Jesus). The re-enactment of the journey of the Wisemen to the "reveal" of Baby Jesus was a touching and powerful experience for the children.

... to Judy Marsh and Ann Linthicum for serving the Bereavement Reception for the family and friends of Betty Anne Harrison.

Charge Conference

A special Charge Conference will be part of the Church Council meeting on January 20, 2015 at 5:30 pm. The purpose of the Charge Conference will be to make adjustments to the 2015 clergy compensations.

Ways to CONNECT

YOU'RE INVITED TO LIVE ALIVE - TUESDAY, JANUARY 20



Live Alive gatherings are for adults 55+ to enjoy and fellowship. Activities begin at 10 am. This month's program will feature Martha Dobson presenting a program on the Iditarod Sled Races. Lunch is at 11:45 am and the menu is Chicken Pie, Green Beans, Carrots, Cole Slaw, Bread and Dessert. To make a reservation for lunch, call the Front Desk (884-2204) by 10 am this Friday, January 16. Lunch is \$6.

DIVORCECARE SUPPORT GROUP STARTING THIS FEBRUARY

Recently separated and not sure what's next? Divorced for years but can't find peace? Know someone going through a difficult divorce? Wesley Memorial's DivorceCare Support Group is the right place to be. Join us on Monday evenings from 6:30-8 pm as we listen to leading experts, pastors, and everyday people talk about grief, anger, dealing with children, and hope. One recent participant said, "I used to feel that I was all alone. Now I know there are folks just like me." Group starts February 2. Reading guide and Bible study-\$15. For more info, contact Jared Stine or visit divorcecare.org.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

NEED TO TALK WITH A CHRISTIAN FRIEND?

Stephen Ministry offers confidential emotional and spiritual support to persons in need of a listening ear. Stephen Ministers are non-clergy persons trained to provide confidential care. For more info, contact Mike Flack at 812-3559 or speak to one of our pastors.

Ways to GROW

START THE NEW YEAR WITH A SHORT-TERM SMALL GROUP?

A new 8-week small group called Paths of Grace has just started. This is a great second step for new members after joining the church. We want existing members to join, too, and meet our new folks and walk with them as we all deepen our life of faith here at Wesley Memorial. We will meet at 6:30pm on Wednesday evenings and study Jim Harnish's *A Disciple's Path*. Contact Jared Stine at 812-4813 or jstine@wesleymemorial.org for more info.

NEW REVIVAL STUDY IS BEING OFFERED ON MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS



In *Revival*, Adam Hamilton leads us into the mind of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. His life, his doubts, his faith, and the theology that led to the creation of the United Methodist Church will all be covered in this 6-week study. There are three time options— Monday mornings at 9:15 am, Wednesdays at noon (Bible Study Lunch) and Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm. The study runs through February 9 and 11.

WOMEN OF WESLEY (WOW) BIBLE STUDY STARTS JANUARY 22

A new Bible study called *Breathe*, by Priscilla Shirer, is coming Thursday mornings 9:30-11:00 am, beginning January 22. We constantly strive to complete the limitless to-do lists that hinder us from experiencing all that God has for us. It is time for us to breathe and build margin into our lives for God. Sabbath was intended as a gift and it is still a gift to us today. If you are weary, worn out, and exhausted the concept of Sabbath will change your life.



BIBLE EXPLORERS NEW SESSION STARTING SOON!

Bible Explorers is for Kindergarten–2nd Grade. Our Winter Session begins Sunday, February 1 and runs through March 1 from 4:45–6:00 pm on the Elementary Hall. Join your friends, have fun while learning God's Word in exciting ways.

Two age level groups: Scooters–K's; Voyagers–1st & 2nd Grades. Children will complete activities to earn Bible and Activity awards. Register your child by January 26 to participate. Brochures and registrations forms are available on the Elementary Hall display or by contacting Melissa Coley at mcoley@wesleymemorial.org or Debbie Foust at dfoust@wesleymemorial.org. Cost is \$10 for new participants and \$5 for returning students.

Ways to SERVE



JUMP START READING BUDDIES NEEDED

Help a child build confidence and boost their reading comprehension. Volunteer to be a reading buddy for a 3rd or 4th grader preparing for end of grade testing. Consider being a Jump Start Reading Buddy one hour a week February–May. Tutor a student weekly using a guided curriculum workbook. Volunteer Orientation will be held Thursday, January 15

at 10 am in the Circle View Room. For more info contact Catherine Niebauer with Communities In Schools at 883-6434 Ext. 24 or jumpstart@northstate.net.

OPEN DOOR MINISTRIES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PICK UP FOOD

We are in need of volunteers to pick up food at 1 pm on Friday afternoons from local schools and then deliver to Open Door for meals. Thank you for volunteering with WMUMC for Open Door Ministries. Together we can make a difference! For more information contact Julie Price at julie.f.price@wellsfargo.com.

SUMMER 2015 MISSION TRIP FOR STUDENTS AND ADULTS

The Student Ministries is excited to announce that we are going on a mission trip this summer! High school, college students, and now ADULTS will be going on a trip to the Bahamas from June 28-July 4, 2015! If you are interested in going on the trip, please contact Jay. We only have space for 12 people on the trip! Due to lack of interest, we are cancelling our Middle School trip to West Virginia.

LEARN HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED IN THE MLK DAY OF SERVICE

Martin Luther King, Jr. was deeply committed to serving others and helping to foster a more just society. High Point University, the Greater High Point Ministers Conference, and community are working together to provide opportunities for fellowship, service, and worship on MLK Day, January 19, 2015. Check out the opportunities to be involved at:

www.highpoint.edu/servicelearning/mlk-day

Ways to GIVE



DONATIONS NEEDED TO FILL THE BACKPACKS FOR KIDS

Our Fill the Backpacks program continues for 2015. Will you help us feed children experiencing hunger in our community? We need donations of the following items: **Granola Bars, Fruit Cups, Juice Boxes, non-refrigerated single serve milk and Individual Cereal Boxes.** Look for bins in the Sanctuary Narthex, Chapel Narthex, Fellowship Hall Lobby and near the Front Desk.

GIVING ONLINE IS A QUICK & CONVENIENT SOLUTION

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 that will allow you to log-in.



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

ATTENTION PARENTS

It's time to plan for your child's 2015-16 School Year!

Members of Wesley Memorial:

Priority Registration:

JAN 20-23 and JAN 26-30

Non-Members already in Program (Priority Registration):

FEB 2-6 and FEB 9-13

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE!

Sunday, January 25, 4 pm
Special presentation about all age-levels, Infants ~ Kgt Fives
Tour school facilities
Meet Teachers

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 am:

Wednesday, January 28:
Kindergarten Fives

Friday, January 30:
Pre-K Fours

Wednesday, February 4:
Threes

Friday, February 6:
Infants, Toddlers, Twos

We welcome family tours!

Call Susan Sumpter or Susan Kelley at 884-4232.

www.wesleymemorialschool.org

CALENDAR - January 11, 2015 - January 18, 2015

Sunday, January 11, 2015

- Children, Youth & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Student Ministries Event, 7-9 pm, Airbound Trampoline

Monday, January 12, 2015

- Revival Study, 9:15 am, Conf. Rm. #3
- Jean Stockton's Bible Study, 10:30 am, Circle View Room
- Children's Design Team, 5:15 pm, Children's Gathering Space
- Staff Parish Meeting, 5:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #3
- Stephen Ministry Meeting, 6:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #2

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

- Finance Team Meeting, 5:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #3

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

- Mid-Week Communion, 11:00 am, Chapel
- Revival 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, 6 Grade / A&C
- Wednesday Dinner, 5:30 pm, Dining Hall
(Menu: Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Green Beans, Dessert & Tea. 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.)
- Confirmation Class, 5:30 pm, Underground
- Revival Study, 6:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #3
- Paths of Grace, 6:30 pm, D213 Media Center
- Communities in School Training, 6:30 pm, D205
- Chancel Choir Practice, 6:45 pm, Conf. Rm. #2
- Men's Bible Study, 7:00 pm, Circle View Room

Thursday, January 15, 2015

- Student Ministry Breakfast Club, 7:00 am, Chick-fil-A
- Board of Trustees Meeting, 5:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #3
- Adult Handbell Rehearsal, 7:00 pm, E204

Saturday, January 17, 2015

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

Sunday, January 18, 2015

- Traditional Worship, 8:30 am, Chapel
- Contemporary Worship 8:45 am, Fellowship Hall
- Contemporary Worship 9:45 am, Fellowship Hall
- Children's Music (K-1's), 9:30 am, Children's Gathering Space
- Children, Youth & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Traditional Worship Service, 11:00 am, Sanctuary
- Student Ministry Small Groups, Middle and High School Girls 6:00 pm / Boys 7:00 pm, Underground

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 4, 2015

All Worship Services: 441

(Goal 505)

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE

OUR CLERGY & MINISTRY STAFF:

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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.