

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 - MARCH 12, 2017
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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

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

Chapel

March 12, 2017

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

Canonic Variations on "Slane".....Larry Visser

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

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Our help comes from God, the one who made heaven and earth.

Come, all who desire blessing!

Our blessing comes from God, the God of Abraham, the God of the ages.

Come, all who long for salvation!

Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ, the one sent by God to save the world.

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And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of the ages,

we come into this holy space asking for your blessing,

only to find that the abundance of your love is already around us.

Open our hearts and minds, that we may become vessels of your blessing

to a world still in need of salvation.

In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

† HYMN No. 159

Lift High the Cross.....CRUCIFER

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PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERTORY

Prayer.....Ludvig van Beethoven

Emily Frye, soprano

O Lord, your goodness reaches far, as high as clouds are soaring; Your tender mercies crown our days, Our lives with peace restoring. Lord God, my rock, my fortress strong, to you my love, my prayers belong as now I kneel before you!

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow.....OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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Freely, Freely.....FREELY, FREELY

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 3:1-5, 14-21 (NT pg. 93 & 94)

SERMON

"Accept"

Jared Stine

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**for all who need your healing power, and for all who offer healing through their
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Worship Leaders: Jared Stine, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care; Emily Frye, soprano; Frank Pifferetti, Organist.

Service Notes:

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Horizon Worship

The Gathering 8:30 am

March 12, 2017

The Beginning 9:45 am

Gathering Music

Movements Rend Collective
Great are You, Lord All Sons and Daughters

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns and Prayer

Offering

Please Be My Strength Gungor

Scripture

John 3:1-17

Message

"Accept" Erin Beall

Time of Reflection

Reprise

Closing

Worship Leaders: Erin Beall, Associate Pastor for Adult Spiritual Formation and Contemporary Worship; Jared Stine, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care (9:45); Keith Byrd, Director of Contemporary Music; The Horizon Praise Team.

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Sanctuary

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11 am

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OPENING VOLUNTARIES

Near the Cross.....arr. Linda R. Lamb
Carolyn Shaw, Cindy Webb, Kindra Ingram, Carol Huff; Handbell Quartet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Cast Thy Burden.....Mendelssohn/arr. Kevin McChesney
Carolyn Shaw, Cindy Webb, Kindra Ingram, Carol Huff; Handbell Quartet

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Create In Me A Clean Heart, O God.....Carl F. Mueller

Chancel Choir

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me, with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

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Ushers for March:

Laura Amos, Nancy Ilderton, Bill Levina, Howard Regan, Pat Rosser, Craig Skillman, Rex Walser.

Greeters:

Carol Hutchins, Laney Morris, Don Scarborough.

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BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Dismissal Dale Grotenhuis

Chancel Choir

May the God of hope now fill us with all joy and peace.

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

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Our Sympathy to ~

LuAnne Tywater and William Heath and their families in the death of their mother, Betty Heath, on March 2, 2017.

Jimmy Carroll and family in the death of his mother, Mary Ruth Gilbert Carroll, on March 2, 2017.

Erin Beall and her family in the death of her grandfather, James Harvey Beall, on March 3, 2017.

George Sanders and family in the death of his father, William Sanders, on March 6, 2017.

Thanks and Praise ~

... to ALL of the children of WMS for bringing your parents, grandparents, & siblings to "Family Fun Night!" Special thanks to our Pre-K 4's and Kgt 5's for sharing a delightful musical presentation; and to Shirley Boyles for piano accompaniment.

... to Bootsy Tucker and team for providing the bereavement meal for the family of Betty Heath.

Ways to CONNECT

LIVE ALIVE EVENTS ON TUESDAY, MARCH 21

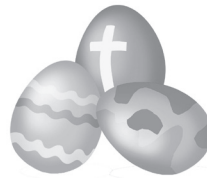
Live Alive gatherings are for adults 55+ to enjoy and fellowship. Activities begin at 10 am. All readers are invited to visit the Live Alive Book Club at 10:30 am in the Small Dining Room. Our program will be presented by Dick Thomas from Piedmont Environmental Center. Our lunch menu is Meatloaf, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread and Dessert. Please register by Friday, March 17 by calling the Front Desk (336-884-2204).



EASTER SCAVENGER HUNT (3RD-5TH GRADES) FRIDAY, APRIL 7; 6-8 PM

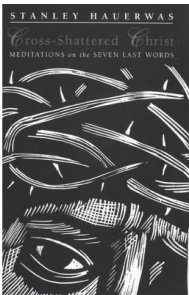
What could be better than a Scavenger Hunt, looking for clues, pizza and candy all in the same night? NOTHING!! Bring your flashlights and join in the fun!! Cost will be \$5 for Pizza Dinner and prizes. Reservations are due by April 5 by contacting Melissa Coley at mcoley@wesleymemorial.org.

EASTER EGG-STRAVGANZA EVENT - SUNDAY, APRIL 9; 3-5 PM



Join in the Easter fun! More eggs, more candy and more prizes this year! It's an all-out family affair with booths, games, music, crafts, snacks, and activities that center on the fact that Jesus has risen. This is an Easter egg hunt and so much more.

Ways to GROW



JOIN US FOR A LENTEN STUDY: WEDNESDAY EVENINGS THROUGH APRIL 5

Lent is one of the most special seasons in the life of the Church, as we journey from Ash Wednesday through Holy Week and finally Easter. During this time of penitence and reflection, one of the most fruitful topics for study is that of the Seven Last Words of Christ. Time Magazine-named "America's Best Theologian" Stanley Hauerwas has a book on just this subject titled *The Cross-Shattered Christ*. Join Rev. Erin Beall Wednesdays in Lent, 6:30-7:45 (after dinner) in the Circle View Room, as we delve into this intriguing and beautiful text on our journey through Lent. Books and registration available at the Front Desk for \$15. Childcare available as needed.

LOOKING FOR AN ALTERNATIVE WAY TO READ SCRIPTURE THIS LENT?

Lectio Divina is an ancient practice of using Scripture to read, meditate, and pray. This practice is meant to develop our relationship with God while increasing our knowledge of the Bible. In Lectio Divina (Latin for Divine Reading) the Holy Spirit works in our hearts through four movements: reading, meditation, prayer, and contemplation. Join us at Midweek Communion on Wednesday, March 15 at 11 am in the Chapel to experience this practice. Contact Jared Stine for more information.

Ways to SERVE

BLOOD DRIVE - SUNDAY, MARCH 26; 9:00 AM-1:30 PM DINING HALL

The FAITH Circle is hosting our Spring Blood Drive. Log onto www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code "Wesley Memorial UMC" or contact Kellie Hall @ 336-708-6432 to schedule an appointment to donate. Please eat well and drink plenty of fluids prior to donating. Photo ID required! Every pint can help save up to 3 Lives! Thank you!



American Red Cross
Together, we can save a life

Ways to GIVE

HONOR OR REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES THIS EASTER SEASON WITH A BEAUTIFUL LILY



Easter Lilies may be placed on the altar in the Chapel, Sanctuary or Contemporary Worship Services on Easter Sunday in memory or honor of a special person. The lilies cost \$25.50 each. Call Sue Schoch at 336-812-4811 to reserve your lilies for the worship services of your choice. Deadline for ordering is April 7.

Please make check payable to Wesley Memorial UMC and mail to Tish Schultheiss, P. O. Box 5289, High Point, NC 27262. Please put Easter Lilies in the memo line.

EASTER CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

We need a lot of candy to fill over 4,000 eggs for our Easter Egg-stravaganza event April 9. You can donate candy, small prizes and stickers to go in the Easter eggs this year. Please purchase extra this year and place in labeled baskets outside each worship space and on the Elementary Hall by Sunday, April 2.

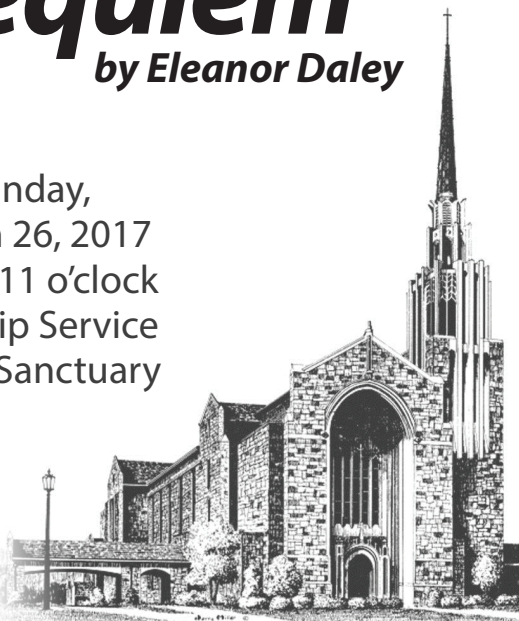
The Chancel Choir of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church

Presents

Requiem

by Eleanor Daley

Sunday,
March 26, 2017
at the 11 o'clock
Worship Service
in the Sanctuary



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WMS SUMMER PROGRAMS - ENROLLING NOW!

Call Susan Sumpter or Susan Kelley, 336-884-4232

Summer Day (Infant - 5 yrs)

Monday, June 5 - Friday, August 4 (8 weeks)

Daily program to support working parents and provide consistency in child's care. 5 days/week only; parent's choice of a 4 hr day: either 8 am-12 noon, or 9 am-1 pm.

Pay only for the weeks your child attends. \$80/week

Summer Enrichment (Infant - 5 yrs)

Three BIG adventure-themed weeks. Days are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 9 am-12 noon.

Enroll for one week, or register for all 4!

\$75/week for 1st child & \$60 for siblings

▶ **Week 1: June 20, 21, 22 (3 days on T, W, TH)**

9 am - noon "Sherwood Shenanigans!" - Adventures with Robin Hood & Maid Marian; feather hats, box forest "hideouts;" animal camouflage & nature crafts.

▶ **Week 2: July 17, 18, 19, 20 (4 days on M - TH)**

9 am-12:30 pm "Maker Fun Factory!" - This week is only for infants, toddlers, 2's (3+ yrs eligible for VBS) This Enrichment matches VBS in theme and time schedule. (Curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they are lovingly crafted by God. Fun with go-bots & gears, roly-polys & whirly gigs!)

▶ **Week 3: August 1, 2, 3 (3 days on T, W, Th)**

9 am-12 noon "Island Voyager!" - Adapted from the children's movie Moana, the South Pacific comes alive at WMS with wacky waterways, clay volcanoes that spew "lava", grass skirts, leis, hula dancing and congo drums!

Fun In The Sun Summer Camp (Rising Kgt - 5th Graders)

Monday, June 5 - Friday, August 11 (9 weeks)

Full day camp supports working parents and provides wholesome summer activities for school-agers.

5 days/week only; 7:30 am-6 pm. Pay only for the weeks your child attends. \$155/week. Activities planned around older theme interests, such as "Land of the Lorax" (Ecology), "Ninja Warriors" (Health & Fitness), and "Star Trek: The Final Frontier" (Galaxy Explorations). Students participate in VBS; swimming and gymnastics weekly plus a 3rd fieldtrip related to theme.

CALENDAR: March 12 - 19, 2017

Sunday, March 12, 2017

- Handbell Quartet Rehearsal, 9:15 am, Sanctuary
- Children's Music, 9:30 am, Children's Gathering Area
- JuBELLation Choir, 4:30 pm, E204 Adult Bell Room
- Bible Explorers / CrossTrainers, 4:45 pm, Children's Gathering Area

Monday, March 13, 2017

- Non-Denominational Bible Study, 10:30 am, Circle View Room
- Staff Parish Team, 5:15 pm, Circle View Room
- Stephen Ministry Meeting, 5:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #2

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

- Finance Team, 5:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #3
- Adult Student Ministry Team, 7:00 pm, Underground

Wednesday, March 15, 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
- Wesley Handbell Choir, 4:15 pm, D204 Youth Bell Room
- Handbell Quartet, 4:30 pm, E204 Adult Bell Room
- Wednesday Dinner, 5:30 pm, Dining Hall (*Menu: Chicken & Dumplings, Slaw, Bread and Dessert. Call the church office at 336-884-2204 to make a reservation. Cost is \$6-adults, \$3-youth 14-18, and free for those under 14.*)
- Cross-Shattered Christ, 6:30 pm, Circle View Room
- Soul Food (6th-8th Grades), 6:30 pm, Nelson's Home (1016 Wellington St., High Point)
- Soul Food (9th-12th Grades), 6:30 pm, Soul Cafe
- Chancel Choir, 6:45 pm, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 16, 2017

- Chancel Bells Rehearsal, 7:00 pm, E204 Bell Room

Friday, March 17, 2017

- Confirmation Retreat, 4:00 pm, Off-Site

Saturday, March 18, 2017

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

Sunday, March 19, 2017

- Traditional Worship, 8:30 am, Chapel
- Contemporary Worship, 8:30 am & 9:45 am, Fellowship Hall
- Youth Handbell Rehearsal, 9:00 am, Sanctuary
- Children's Music, 9:30 am, Children's Gathering Area
- Children, Student & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Traditional Worship, 11:00 am, Sanctuary
- Bible Explorers / CrossTrainers, 4:45 pm, Children's Gathering Area

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!

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE

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***In the event of an emergency,
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***option 1. It is available 24/7 and
will connect you with a pastor.***