



# 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 - MAY 31, 2015**

**TRINITY SUNDAY**

**ALPHA & OMEGA SUNDAY**

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

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# The Worship of God

Chapel

May 31, 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

*Chorale Prelude on "Nicaea".....*Healey Willan

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

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rejoices over all creation, especially us!

**Come to us, Laughing God, and gladden  
our hearts with your goodness and grace.**

Christ, the Word of joy and life,  
fills all creation with hope, especially us!

**Come to us, Brother and Savior, and reclaim  
our hearts as your own.**

The Spirit, who breathes life into emptiness,  
gives all creation the gift of peace, especially us!

**Come to us, Spirit of Gentleness, and refresh us  
with the dew of delight.**

### † OPENING PRAYER

### † HYMN No. 64

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty.....*NICAEA

### † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UM Hymnal No. 881

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

### GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

*To Realm of Glory in the Skies.....*Johann Herman Schein

### † 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. 594

*Come, Divine Interpreter.....*DIX

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 3:1-10

### SERMON

*"Obstetrics of Faith"*

Al Ward

**HYMN No. 382**

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord*.....ADELAIDE

**† BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*Postlude on "Darwall's 148"* ..... Healey Willan

† Please stand as you are able.

**Service Notes:**

The Call to Worship is  
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**Worship Leaders:** **Al Ward**, Senior Pastor; **Erin Beall**, Associate Pastor for Adult Spiritual Formation and Contemporary Worship; **Frank Pifferetti**, Organist.

# Horizon Worship

The Gathering 8:45 am

May 31, 2015

The Beginning 9:45 am

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## Gathering Music

*Soul on Fire* Third Day  
*I Will Follow* Chris Tomlin

## Welcome and Announcements

## Prayer Concerns and Prayer

## Offering

*Come As You Are* Crowder

## Scripture

John 3:1-17

## Message

*"How Can These Things Be?"* Jared Stine

## Time of Reflection

*Father, Spirit, Jesus* Casting Crowns

## Closing

**Worship Leaders:** Jared Stine, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care; Keith Byrd, Director of Contemporary Music; The Horizon Praise Team.

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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

May 31, 2015

11 am

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INTROIT

*Sing Hallelujah! Praise the Lord.....* John C. Bechler

Chancel Choir

*This is the day the Lord hath made, Let us be glad, and rejoice. Sing hallelujah, praise the Lord! Sing with a cheerful voice; Exalt our God with one accord, And in His Name rejoice. Ne'er cease to sing, Thou ransomed host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Until in realms of endless light Your praises shall unite.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

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## CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*After the parents' profession of faith, the pastor asks the congregation:*

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include *Eliza* in your care?

**We will.**

*After the baptism, the pastor asks the congregation:*

Will you welcome our new sister in Christ?

**Through baptism we are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.**

We rejoice in the baptism of **Eliza Camille Voll** born December 2, 2014, daughter of Eric and Keelah Voll of Thomasville, NC, and welcome her into the family of Christ. Grandparents are Clarke and Sherrie Andrews of Daleville, VA; Pam Voll of Galloway, NJ; Jerry Voll of Lakeland, FL. Great grandparents are: Hugh and Dee Nichols of Daleville, VA.

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**Ushers for the month of May:** Michael Amos, Martha Bass, Ron Crowder, Chris Fievet, Kem McAllister, George Morris, Ardith Pugh, Grayson Frye, Mary Lyle Frye.

**Greeters for May:** Bill Bradner, Brian Bunch, Jerry Tucker, Kay Tucker

**HYMN No. 611**

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* (vv. 1 & 4).....STUTT GART

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign;  
With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.**

**Child of God your loving Parent, learn to know whose child you are.  
Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.**

**ALPHA AND OMEGA SPEAKER**

Aislinn Antrim

**PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Father, We Praise Thee* ..... Healey Willan

Chancel Choir

*Father, we praise Thee, now the night is over, Active and watchful, stand we all before Thee; singing we offer prayer and meditation: Thus we adore Thee. Monarch of all things, fit us for Thy mansions: Banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending; Bring us to heaven, where Thy Saints united Joy without ending. All-holy Father, Son and equal spirit, Trinity blessed, Send us Thy salvation; Thine is the glory, gleaming and resounding Through all creation. Amen.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

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**BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Peace To You All* ..... Dale Grotenhuis

*Peace to you all, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Chancel Choir

**CHIMES OF THE TRINITY**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

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## Acknowledgments ~

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Michael and Tyffany to the Glory of God as a thank you for blessing our marriage.

## Welcome ~

We are pleased to welcome Thomas Lyons to Wesley Memorial. Thomas will be a ministry intern from High Point University where he is a rising senior. During the next year, he will be involved in various aspects of ministry at Wesley Memorial as he explores and discerns God's call for his life.

## Our Sympathy to ~

Andrea Hall and Doug Hall in the death of their husband and brother, Thomas (Tom) Hall, on May 23, 2015.

## Thanks and Praise ~

... to our WMS Infants, Toddlers, Twos & Threes for bringing your parents & grandparents to our closing FAMILY PARTY and sharing your classroom music and dance activities!

... to Joe Lorber for creating the DVD pictorial presentation of highlights from a wonderful school year.

... to our WMS Pre-K Fours for their very special end-of-year programs, and to the (200) family members who attended and shared treats for our Dessert Social.

... to our WMS Kindergarten Fives, our "graduating seniors," for sharing their delightful musical program, and to Shirley Boyles for piano accompaniment. Thank you to the parents for the delicious pot luck supper. How we will miss this group of Fives, and their families who have been such outstanding volunteers over the years in their child's WMS journey.

## Ways to CONNECT

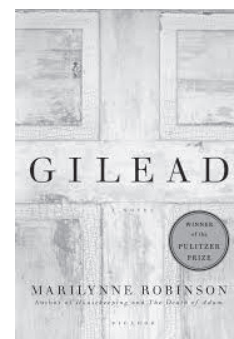
### ALL-AMERICAN LOCK-OUT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: JUNE 5-6

Our All-American Lock-Out is going to be more patriotic than Elvis, Apple Pie, and the Red, White, and Blue. Friday, June 5, we will have hot dogs and hamburgers for dinner, then head to the Greensboro Grasshoppers game that night. After the game, we will head to Spare Time Entertainment for bowling and games until 2 am. After that, we will spend the night at the church. Contact Jay Butler for more information.

## Ways to GROW

### ANNOUNCING: OUR NEW SUMMER BOOK, *GILEAD*

Adults from all corners of the congregation are invited to join us as together we read Marilynne Robinson's novel *Gilead*. This breathtakingly spiritual, heartbreaking, and inspiring novel won the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for fiction, as well as the National Book Critics Circle Award. *Gilead's* main character is John Ames, a retired and ailing preacher, and centers on his waning and waxing spirituality, his family and friends, and the trouble of rural life in the small town of Gilead, Iowa.



Books are available for \$10 at the front desk. Every Thursday this summer during the lunch hour Rev. Erin Beall will be at DeBeen for book discussion, and in late August Wesley Memorial will host a dinner and panel discussion of the book with Revs. Al Ward, Jared Stine, and Erin Beall. Invite your friends, pick up your book, and let's read, grow, and be inspired together through Marilynne Robinson's *Gilead*.

### JOHN WESLEY RELIEF ON DISPLAY OUTSIDE THE HISTORICAL ROOM

One hundred years ago this year our church officially became Wesley Memorial by a vote of the members, in order to honor the founder of Methodism and to mark the church's move from Washington Street to North Main Street. Two years ago when John Wesley College changed its name to Laurel University, it gifted Wesley Memorial with a relief of John Wesley that had been part of that school's signage for many years.

The relief now hangs on the wall outside the Historical Room in the hall leading from the Adult Sunday School wing to the sanctuary. We are grateful to Laurel University for this gift and it is a marvelous visual addition to the collection of John Wesley memorabilia: an original letter written by him to one of his superintendents in 1776 and two books he authored, *The Analysis of the Old Testament* and *The Saints Everlasting*. Please take a moment to stop and see this new addition.

### COME LEARN ABOUT THE STAINED GLASS IN THE SANCTUARY

The Prospectives Sunday School Class invites you to join them next Sunday, June 7 as they explore the beauty, symbolism and meaning behind the stained glass windows in the Sanctuary. Join them on the tour at 9:45 am. Everyone is welcome!



## Ways to SERVE

### JOIN THE HENDERSON SETTLEMENT MISSION TRIP

The Mission and Community Impact Team is sponsoring a Mission Trip to Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY July 12-18. This will be the 20th year that Wesley Memorial has sent a team to Henderson Settlement to do repair and rehab work on homes in the this rural Appalachian region. If you would be interested in being part of this Mission Team, please contact Dwight Steed at 336-882-4829. Space is limited.



### ENJOY WORKING WITH FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS?



The Worship Team has approved a new Creative Team to be formed to provide flowers for the Sanctuary and Chapel when needed. If you are interested in helping, please contact Laura Amos (889-7575) or Tish Schultheiss at tschultheiss@wesleymemorial.org (812-4808).

### JOIN THE CHOIR FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS

If you do not want to make a permanent commitment to singing in the Chancel Choir but would like to help us out in the summer months when many choir members are out of town and most of our choral scholars are gone, please contact Anne Carroll or just come to Wednesday rehearsals. Check the church calendar because we take some Wednesdays off in summer.

## Ways to GIVE

### HELP US FILL THE BACKPACKS TO FEED KIDS IN NEED



Will you help us feed children experiencing hunger in our community? We need donations of protein items and juice. Please place them in the marked collection bins in the Sanctuary Narthex, Chapel Narthex, Fellowship Hall Lobby and near the Front Desk.

### GIVING ONLINE IS QUICK, EASY & CONVENIENT 24/7

Visit [www.wesleymemorial.org](http://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.



## Class of 2015

### TODAY WE HONOR OUR 2015 GRADUATES

Our seniors will process in their cap & gowns and be honored during the 11 am Alpha & Omega worship service. Following the service some students will have family sponsored tables in the Media Center with pictures and memorabilia from the early lives of the student. There will also be a slide show playing of Senior student photos. Please visit the Media Center after the service to enjoy their displays.

### Congratulations to:

**Sarah Aislinn Antrim**

**Jeffery Brock Braddy**

**Emily Weiss Bunch**

**Reginald Charles Freeman, Jr.**

**Arthur Boyden Henley IV\***

**Caroline Howard Klemme**

**Ross Nichols Mason**

**Robert Graham Tutton**

*\*not in attendance this morning*

## Music Camp

**June 22-25, 2015**

**9 am - 12 noon**

**(For Children in Grades 2-5)**

Our theme is

**"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"**

Singing, Drama, Liturgical Dance,  
and Chime Playing!

**Register By June 5 at:  
[www.wesleymemorial.org](http://www.wesleymemorial.org)**



## 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: May 31 - June 7, 2015

#### Sunday, May 31, 2015

- Alpha & Omega Brunch, 9:45 am, Asbury Room
- Children, Student & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Church Camp Planning Meeting, 12 noon, Canteen
- Children's Ministry Team Meeting, 4:00 pm, Children's Gathering Space

#### Monday, June 1, 2015

- Congregational Care Team, 5:15 pm, Conf. Rm. #3

#### Tuesday, June 2, 2015

- Evangelism & Hospitality Team, 5:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #3
- Facilities Team, 5:30 pm, Circle View Room

#### Wednesday, June 3, 2015

- Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1:30 pm, Small Dining Room
- *Learning to Walk in the Dark* Book Study, 5:15 pm, Circle View Room
- Student Leadership Team Cook-Out, 6:00 pm, Picnic Shelter
- Men's Bible Study, 6:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #3
- Chancel Choir Practice, 6:45 pm, Sanctuary

#### Saturday, June 6, 2015

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

#### Sunday, June 7, 2015

- Traditional Worship, 8:30 am, Chapel
- Contemporary Worship 8:45 and 9:45 am, Fellowship Hall
- Stained Glass Window Tour, 9:45 am, Sanctuary
- Children, Student & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Traditional Worship Service, 11:00 am, Sanctuary

## 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.***

Our faithfulness in attendance May 24, 2015

All Worship Services: 367

(Goal 505)