

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 - NOVEMBER 9, 2014 **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

November 9, 2014

8:30 am

Welcome!

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OPENING VOLUNTARY

My Lord, What A Morning.....Henry Burleigh

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

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Many duties and tasks seek to lay claim on our lives.

This day, in this place, let service to God be your choice.

This day, in this place, we open our hearts and spirits to God.

Blessed be the God of creation who has called us here.

Praise be to God who sustains and nurtures our lives.

† OPENING PRAYER

† HYMN No. 108

God Hath Spoken by the Prophets.....EBENEZER

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UM Hymnal No. 881

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 25:1-13

SERMON

"Preparedness Is A Gift"

Al Ward

† HYMN No. 413

A Charge to Keep I Have.....BOYLSTON

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

How Great Thou Art.....arr. David Cullen

Michaela Kelly, soprano

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed. Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; how great Thou art! When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim: My God, how great Thou art!

† 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

Service Notes:

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† HYMN No. 67

We, Thy People, Praise Thee.....ST. ANTHONY'S CHORALE

† BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Cortege.....Henry Roget

† Please stand as you are able.

Worship Leaders: **Al Ward**, Senior Pastor; **Erin Beall**, Associate Pastor for Adult Spiritual Formation & Contemporary Worship; **Michaela Kelly**, Soloist; **Frank Pifferetti**, Organist.

Horizon Worship

The Gathering 8:45 am

November 9, 2014

The Beginning 9:45 am

Gathering Music

Arise Don Moen

Garments of Praise Robin Mark

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns and Prayer

Offering

Ten Thousand Reasons Matt Redman

Scripture

Matthew 25:1-13

Message

"Preparedness Is A Gift" Al Ward

Time of Reflection

Garments of Praise Reprise

Closing

Worship Leaders: Al Ward, Senior Pastor; Jared Stine, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care (8:45); Erin Beall, Associate Pastor for Adult Spiritual Formation and Contemporary Worship (9:45); 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

November 9, 2014

11 am

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Grazioso Arnold B. Sherman
Adult Handbells

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Now Let Us All Praise God And Sing Gordon Young
Chancel Choir

Now let us all praise God and sing Our great Redeemer's praise; That we may all with one accord Our joyful voices raise. Sing Alleluia!

Please stand as you are able.

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OPENING PRAYER

PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 126

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above MIT FREUDEN ZART

Please be seated.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(The children are invited to gather at the baptismal font for Holden's 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 *Holden* in your care?

We will.

After the baptism, the pastor asks the congregation:

Will you welcome our new brother 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.

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.**

ANTHEM

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The Flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jack Slane by his family.

We rejoice in the baptism of **Holden Miles Gurley**, son of Miles and Sonya Gurley of High Point, NC, and welcome him into the family of Christ. Grandparents are Will and Susan Gurley of High Point, NC and Chuck and Judy Nagy of Succasunna, NJ.

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PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come And Taste.....arr. Alice Parker

Chancel Choir

Come and taste along with me Consolation flowing free, From the Father's wealthy throne, Sweeter than the honeycomb. Refrain: I'll praise God and you praise God, And we'll all praise God together; We'll praise the Lord for the work that He has done, And we'll bless His Name forever. All that come with free good will Make the banquet sweeter still; Now I go to Mercy's door, Asking for a little more. Refrain. Goodness, running like a stream Through the new Jerusalem, By a constant breaking forth Sweetens earth and heaven both. Refrain. O, return, ye sons of grace, Turn and see God's smiling face. Hark, He calls backsliders home, Then from Him no longer roam. Refrain.

Please stand as you are able.

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BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen.....Stainer/Wagner

Handbell Choir

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

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Cortege.....Henry Roget

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"Come and Taste" was purchased for the traditional music library by Bill Anderson in loving memory of his wife, Patricia S. Anderson.

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Ushers for the month

of November: Brett Barbour, Ed Bass, Daniel Dale, Bart Lassiter, Bob Niebauer, Bill Russell, Don Shaw.

Greeters for the month of November:

Linda Dale, Jerry Tucker, Kay Tucker.

Our Sympathy to ~

Kelly Yates and family in the recent death of her father, Walt Garner.

Marsha Slane and family in the death of her husband, John C. (Jack) Slane, on November 1, 2014.

Thanks and praise ~

... to the Stephen Ministers for their work at the Wholeness and Healing service last week.

... to Children's Ministry Leaders and parents who participated in the faith formation retreat this past weekend. A lot of work was done by this group in developing a plan for the spiritual growth of our children.

... to Judy Marsh and Marcia Williams for preparing the candles for the Christmas Eve Contemporary and Communion services.

... to Dottie O'Connor for her ongoing work with paraments, acolytes and the music library.

... to Meredith Morgan, Marcia Williams and Scott Howell for serving as substitutes for adult handbells.

... to the members of Wesley Memorial for their generous contributions to make the Nehemiah Project successful. We collected approximately 2500 items of food and distributed among 4 organizations and was able to contribute to our Backpack Ministry.

... to church and school volunteers who served as cashiers at the WMS Fall Book & Toy Fair, and to everyone who came to shop! The Fair was a big success and ALL children's classrooms benefited by receiving new books and learning toys/games. WMS was able to select \$663 in choice of Scholastic Books; \$780 in choice of Usborne Books; \$108 in choice of Discovery Toys.

Charge Conference ~

Our annual Charge Conference will be held tomorrow Monday, November 10, 2014, at 5:30 pm in the Circle View Room.

Ways to CONNECT

5TH ANNUAL FEAST OF CARING FOR OPEN DOOR MINISTRIES

First Presbyterian Church of High Point, located at 918 N. Main Street, will be hosting the Feast of Caring on Thursday, November 13. This family-friendly event includes live music from The Major Sevens Band, scrumptious soups and bread, and a raffle. It also provides the chance to learn more about all that Open Door Ministries does to feed, clothe, and shelter our neighbors. Lunch will be served from 11 am - 2 pm and dinner from 5 pm - 8 pm. Visit www.feastofcaring.com to purchase tickets.

YOU'RE INVITED TO LIVE ALIVE - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18



Live Alive gatherings are for adults 55+ to enjoy and fellowship. Activities begin at 10 am. This month's program will feature Brenda Haworth, curator of The Quaker Museum, sharing medicine that our Grandparents might have used and ailments they may have had. Lunch is at 11:45 am and the menu is Turkey w/Dressing, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Bread and Pumpkin or Pecan Pie. To make a reservation for lunch, call the Front Desk (884-2204) by 10 am this Friday, November 14. Lunch is \$6.

Ways to GROW

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS EVENT RESCHEDULED FOR THIS WEDNESDAY

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery, and is the second largest criminal industry in the world after drug trade. Join Erin Beall Wednesday, November 12 at 6:30 pm in Conf. Rm. #3 as part of her ordination project as she educates us on the realities of Human Trafficking.



SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THIS YEAR'S ADVENT DEVOTIONS BY EMAIL

Something new and exciting we're trying this year with the Advent Devotional Book is making the daily devotions available online via email. If you would like to sign up to receive these daily Advent Devotional emails (one per day for only 25 days throughout Advent—no spamming, we promise!), visit www.wesleymemorial.org/advent2014.



AGING WELL SERIES PRESENTS
"HOSPICE: DISPELLING THE MYTHS"
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13 AT 11 AM (CIRCLE VIEW ROOM)

Ways to SERVE



HELPERS NEEDED TO PREPARE LOVEFEAST CANDLES

It is time to dress the beeswax candles for the Lovefeast with their red frills. We will meet this Tuesday, November 11 at 1:15 pm in the Choir Room. Please come for an enjoyable and vital part in preparing for the Lovefeast. For more information, contact Ann Linthicum at 882-4044 or just show up on Tuesday!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO WORK 'GIFTS THAT TRANSFORM OUR WORLD' STORE THROUGHOUT DECEMBER



Starting December 3, Wesley Memorial will open our church store for purchasing Gifts That Transform OUR World (GTTOW). Your help is needed to man the store on:

- Sundays (before Sunday school class and before & after worship services)
- Wednesdays (during the day and before our Wednesday night dinners)

Your help in making the store available is critical to a successful GTTOW event. To sign up visit: www.wesley memorial.org/GTTOW or contact Julie Price (869-0672) or Laura Amos (889-7575).

Ways to GIVE

THANKSGIVING FOOD ITEMS NEEDED TO FEED LOCAL FAMILIES

Now through November 21, we are collecting specific items (see below) for Thanksgiving food bags that will be distributed to families in need. Our Goal is to supply enough food for 50 complete bags. A Turkey will be added to each bag to complete their Thanksgiving meal. We will be "packing" these bags as a Mission activity on Consecration Sunday, November 23 from 9:30-11:30 am in the Dining Hall. Please see the list of specific items and the group responsible for that item(s). Items can be dropped off in the labeled bins outside each worship space and the Administration Building Lobby.

NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS LIST:

- Student Ministries - Green Beans (large cans) & Stove Top Stuffing
- Adult SS Classes/Unity Groups - Candied Yams (large cans) & Corn Bread Mix (add water)
- Children's Ministries - Chicken/Turkey Broth
- WM School - Instant Potatoes & Cranberry Sauce



DONATIONS NEEDED TO FILL THE BACKPACKS

Please help us feed hungry children by donating the following items: **Granola Bars, Fruit Cups, Juice Boxes, and Individual Cereal Boxes.** Collection bins are in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall Lobby and Administrative Building Lobby.

ON-LINE STEWARDSHIP RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Not going to be at church Sunday, November 23? Submit your 2015 pledge commitment on-line at wesley memorial.org/gifts or use this QR code.



CONSECRATION SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23



We will formally receive, bless and give thanks for our 2015 pledge commitments. It will be a day for our congregation to come together and express our gratitude to God and to each another for the abundant blessings that surround us. We will have TWO worship services on November 23:

**CONTEMPORARY
WORSHIP CELEBRATION**
9:00 am (Fellowship Hall)

**FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH
& MISSION ACTIVITY**
9:30-11:30 am (Dining Hall)

**TRADITIONAL
WORSHIP CELEBRATION**
11:00 am (Sanctuary)

CALENDAR: NOVEMBER 9 - 16, 2014

Sunday, November 9, 2014

- Children's Music (Grades 2-5), 9:30 am, Children's Gathering Space
- Paths of Grace (Wesley 201), 9:45 am, Circle View Room
- Children, Youth & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Bible Explorers, 4:45 pm, Children's Gathering Space
- Youth Handbells, 5:00 pm, E204
- Student Ministry Small Groups, Middle and High School Girls 6:00 pm / Boys 7:00 pm, Underground

Monday, November 10, 2014

- Jean Stockton's Bible Study, 10:30 am, Circle View Room
- Charge Conference, 5:30 pm, Circle View Room
- MYF - Monday Night Football Event, 6:00 pm, Underground

Tuesday, November 11, 2014

- Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, 12:15 pm, Dining Hall
- Finance Team Meeting, 5:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #3

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

- 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, 6 Grade / A&C
- Wesley Ringers, 4:15 pm, D204
- Wednesday Dinner, 5:30 pm, Dining Hall (Menu: Meatloaf, Macaroni & Cheese, Peas, Roll, 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.)
- Confirmation Class, 5:30 pm, Underground C101
- Human Trafficking Awareness Event, 6:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #3
- DivorceCare & Support Class, 6:30 pm, D213 Media Center
- Chancel Choir Practice, 6:30 pm, Choir Room
- Men's Bible Study, 7:00 pm, D208

Thursday, November 13, 2014

- Student Ministry Breakfast Club, 7:00 am, Chick-fil-A
- Aging Well Series, 11:00 am, Circle View Room
- Board of Trustees Meeting, 5:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #3
- Adult Handbell Rehearsal, 7:00 pm, E204

Saturday, November 15, 2014

- Carolina Christmas Bazaar, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Sunday, November 16, 2014

- Children's Music (Grades 2-5), 9:30 am, Children's Gathering Space
- Paths of Grace (Wesley 201), 9:45 am, Circle View Room
- Children, Youth & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Children's Ministry Team, 3:30 pm, Children's Gathering Space
- Bible Explorers, 4:45 pm, Children's Gathering Space
- Youth Handbells, 5:00 pm, E204
- 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 November 2, 2014

All Worship Services: 468

(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.