

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 27, 2016
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

November 27, 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

Prelude on "Veni Emmanuel" David H. Williams

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of hope, we come before you full of expectation for what lies ahead. We are excited about the birth of Christ, but we know there is much to do before this baby arrives. A house needs to be prepared – a house in our hearts, where your grace may enter. God of new life, prepare our hearts and our lives, that we may wait with joy and hope for the birth of your Son. Amen.

† HYMN No. 196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 2:1-5 (OT pg. 631 & 632)

SERMON

Jared Stine

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Richard and Ivey Orr & grandchildren

We wait for the coming of Christ, the light of the world

Come Lord Jesus

The true light, which enlightens everyone is coming into the world.

Come Lord Jesus

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness will not overcome it.

Christ, shine in your church today.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

You Visit The Earth arr. K. Lee Scott

Brittany Griffin, mezzo-soprano

You visit the Earth and bless it, and bless it; and crown the year with your goodness. The meadows rejoice in fullness; they shout for joy in your bounty.

† DOXOLOGY No. 95

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.

† **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

† **HYMN No. 569**

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations.....MESSAGE

† **BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland.....Karen Keene
(Savior of the Nations, Come)

† Please stand as you are able.

Worship Leaders: **Jared Stine**, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care; **Al Ward**, Senior Pastor; **Brittany Griffin**, mezzo-soprano; **Richard and Ivey Orr & grandchildren**, Advent Readers; **Frank Pifferetti**, Organist.

Service Notes:

The Opening Prayer written by Karin Ellis, 2016 *The Abingdon Worship Annual*.

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Horizon Worship

The Gathering 8:30 am November 27, 2016 The Beginning 9:45 am

Gathering Music

God Is On The Move Teventh Time Down
Let Love Win Carrollton

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Christ Be Our Light Bernadette Farrell

Prayer Concerns and Prayer

Offering

Come as You Are Crowder

Scripture

Isaiah 2:1-5

Message

Jared Stine

Time of Reflection

Reprise

Closing

Worship Leaders: Jared Stine, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care; Erin Beall, Associate Pastor for Adult Spiritual Formation and Contemporary Worship; Whit, Beth, Molly & Ben Holbrook, Advent Readers (8:30 am); Randy, Tracy, Trevor & Travis Briggs, Advent Readers (9:45 am); 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!

The Worship of God

Sanctuary

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OPENING VOLUNTARIES

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

The Lord Our God Is In His Holy Temple.....Dale Grotenhuis
Chancel Choir

The Lord our God is in his holy temple. Come worship and bow down before him. Let us enter into his courts with praise. Praise his holy name.

Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

It is a joy to enter the house of the Lord!

Here we lay aside our differences and pray for one another.

Here we catch a glimpse of light, a promise of hope and new life.

Here we wait for the birth of the one who will teach us how to love and serve.

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Come and praise God!

OPENING PRAYER

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 211 (VERSES 1, 2, 3, 4, 7)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.....VENI EMMANUEL

Please be seated.

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Susan Sumpter & Sarah Woollen

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Come Lord Jesus

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

ANTHEM

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Brittany Griffin, mezzo-soprano

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PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus Robert A. Lobby
Chancel Choir

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art, dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart. Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king; born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne. Rule in all; hope of all. Come, expected Jesus. Come.

Please stand as you are able.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN No. 730

O Day of God, Draw Nigh ST. MICHAEL

Please be seated.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 2:1-5 (OT pg. 631 & 632)

SERMON

Jared Stine

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN No. 569

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations MESSAGE

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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(Savior of the Nations, Come)

Service Notes:

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Ushers for the month of November: Brett Barbour, Edwin Bass, Daniel Dale, Bart Lassiter, Bob Niebauer, and Bill Russell.

Greeters: Jim Adams, Linda Dale, Jerry Tucker, Kay Tucker.

Thanks and Praise ~

... to Judy Marsh and Ann Linthicum who served the bereavement reception for the family and friends of Barbara Levina.

... to Laura Amos for delivering the bereavement meal for the family of Barbara Levina.

... to Andy Bills, Iv Culp, Andy Eskew, Tommy Langley, Katherine McMullan, Meredith Morgan and Mike Samuel for coordinating a wonderful Consecration Sunday celebration!

Stop by for Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship at the Bridge Café

Are you a new member or visitor and looking to casually connect with WMUMC folks? Come hang out at The Bridge Café in the Lobby between the Fellowship Hall & Dining Hall. Coffee, donuts, and places to mingle and chat between, before, or after services and classes—every Sunday morning! We look forward to seeing you there!

From the Memorial Team ~

Any memorial or honorarium to be acknowledged by the Memorial Committee before Christmas must be in the Church Office by December 15, 2016.

Ways to CONNECT



JOIN US FOR OUR CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Join us Friday, December 2 at 6:30 pm as we gather around the Front Circle to sing carols, enjoy cookies, and countdown to light our Christmas Tree. We will celebrate together, rain or shine, so invite your family, friends and neighbors to this wonderful Christmas tradition!

*A Service of
Lessons & Carols*

Presented by the Chancel Choir of
Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church

With organ & strings

December 4, 2016
at 11 o'clock in the Sanctuary

Reception immediately following
service in the Asbury Room.

HANGING OF THE GREENS ACTIVITIES AND DINNER NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

There will be many wonderful new intergenerational activities to participate in together, as well as some cherished traditions at this year's Hanging of the Greens beginning at 4:30 pm. We will gather at 6 pm for dinner in the Dining Hall. After dinner we will sing a few carols followed by a brief interactive Hanging of the Greens service. **Advance reservations are needed** for the Soup and Sandwich dinner. Cost is \$4 for Adults and \$2 for children 11 & under. Make reservations by Tuesday, Nov. 29 by contacting Melissa Coley at mcoley@wesleymemorial.org.

Ways to SERVE

CHRISMON TREE DECORATORS NEEDED NOVEMBER 29

We will be decorating our beautiful Chrismon Trees in the Sanctuary on Tuesday, November 29 from 7 – 9 pm. Please come and join us and share in this festive occasion. If you can, please call Beth Blake at 336-889-7235 or email Tish at tschultheiss@wesleymemorial.org.





Advent 2016

December 2

Tree Lighting on the Circle
6:30 pm

December 4

2nd Sunday of Advent

Chancel Choir presents
A Service of Lessons & Carols
at 11 am

Reception for Chancel Choir &
Congregation - 12 noon

Hanging of the Greens
4:30-6:30 pm

December 11

3rd Sunday of Advent
Angel Tree gifts are due
White Christmas (all services)
Children's Nativity at 11 am

December 18

4th Sunday of Advent
Children's Nativity at 8:30 am
(Contemporary Service)

December 24

Christmas Eve Worship
Lovefeast at 5 pm
Contemporary Service at 8 pm
Candlelight Communion
at 11 pm

December 25

Contemporary Service 10 am
Traditional Service 10 am

Ways to GIVE



ANGEL TREES: BRIGHTEN A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS

Each angel on the Angel Tree represents a child identified by our ministry partners at the High Point Jail Ministry. Angel Trees are located in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall Lobby, & Adult Education building. All gifts should be delivered back to the Angel Trees no later than Sunday, December 11.

BRING YOUR WHITE CHRISTMAS GIFTS ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

Bring a gift wrapped in white paper to the worship service you attend. You will be invited to bring the gift to the prayer rail. These gifts will be given to Open Door Ministries to be distributed. Suggested gifts: coats, hats, gloves, socks, underwear or children's toys. Please write what is inside your gift on the bottom of the package.

THE BACKPACKS PANTRY IS EMPTY: HELP US RESTOCK

Last week we filled 303 backpacks for Fairview Elementary children from food-insecure families to take home this holiday season. Thanks to those who helped with this vital ministry! But now, our pantry is completely depleted! Help us restock with pudding cups, individually packaged chips, cookies, crackers, juice boxes, milk, and breakfast items including individual cereal boxes and granola bars. Collection bins are in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall Lobby and Administrative Building Lobby.



LAST WEEK TO ORDER YOUR NC CHRISTMAS TREES AND WREATHS

The Wesley 100 men are selling fresh cut NC mountain Christmas trees and wreaths. Place your orders at the church office or call 336-884-2204. The Wesley 100 men will also be taking orders on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Please consider buying your trees and wreaths from our Wesley 100 this year. **Trees will be cut Friday, December 2 and available for pick up or delivery on Saturday, December 3.**

DON'T FORGET YOUR CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

You can order wreaths (inside and out), trees and poinsettias in honor or in memory of a loved one to decorate the church for Christmas. Place your order today. Call Sue Schoch at 336-812-4811.



2016 YEAR-END GIVING OPPORTUNITIES — DEADLINES FAST APPROACHING

At Wesley Memorial, our staff is happy to work with you to help you achieve your 2016 giving goals and intentions. Please contact Deanie Simmons at dsimmons@wesleymemorial.org or 336-812-4801 to facilitate your giving at this busy time of the year. In order for your tax-deductible contributions to appear on your 2016 giving record, here are some options and important deadlines:

- Give at one of the remaining Sunday worship services (Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18, 25);
- Mail your check to 1225 Chestnut Drive, High Point, NC 27262 postmarked by 12/31;
- Contribute on line at <http://www.wesleymemorial.org/online-giving> by 12/22;
- Use your bank's bill pay system by 12/22;
- If giving stock/funds managed by a broker, ask for transfer completion by 12/26;
- Bring your gift to the church office by Friday 12/30 before 12 noon.

Thanks for making a difference in countless lives in this community & around the world.

CALENDAR: November 27 - December 4, 2016

Sunday, November 27, 2016 (1st Sunday of Advent)

- Traditional Worship, 8:30 am, Chapel
- Contemporary Worship, 8:30 am & 9:45 am, Fellowship Hall
- Children, Student & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Traditional Worship, 11:00 am, Sanctuary

Monday, November 28, 2016

- Non-Denominational Bible Study, 10:30 am, Circle View Room

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

- Chrismon Tree Decorating, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

- 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.*)
- Handbell Quartet, 4:30 pm, Bell Room
- Wednesday Dinner, 5:30 pm, Dining Hall (*Menu: Pork Tenderloin, Baked Potato Bar, Broccoli/Cauliflower Salad, Rolls & 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.*)
- Soul Food (6th -12th Grades), 6:30 pm, Youth Underground
- Chancel Choir, 6:45 pm, Sanctuary

Thursday, December 1, 2016

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

Friday, December 2, 2016

- 6th Grade Lock-in, 6:00 pm, Underground
- Christmas Tree Lighting, 6:30 pm, Front Circle

Saturday, December 3, 2016

- Contemporary Rehearsal, 9:00 am, Fellowship Hall
- Wesley 100 Tree Distribution, 9:00 am, Front Circle
- Chancel Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal, 9:30 am, Sanctuary

Sunday, December 4, 2016 (2nd Sunday of Advent)

- Traditional Worship, 8:30 am, Chapel
- Contemporary Worship, 8:30 am & 9:45 am, Fellowship Hall
- Chancel Choir & Orchestra Practice, 9:30 am, Sanctuary
- Children, Student & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Traditional Worship, 11:00 am, Sanctuary
- Reception for Chancel Choir & Congregation, 12 noon, Asbury Rm.
- Hanging of the Greens, 4:30 pm
- JuBELLation Choir, 3:30 pm, E204 Bell Room
- Hanging of the Greens, 4:30 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!

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE

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***In the event of an emergency,
you simply need to call the main number,***

336-884-2204. You will then choose

***option 1. It is available 24/7 and
will connect you with a pastor.***