



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 - DECEMBER 7, 2014
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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Our Sympathy to ~

Max and Paul Meeks in the death of their wife and mother, Nancy Meeks, on November 28, 2014.

Jay Butler in the death of his grandmother, Edith Butler, on November 30, 2014.

Janice Bowman and family in the death of her sister, Sue Lundy Stramm, on December 1, 2014.

Thanks and praise ~

... to Judy Marsh, Kay Tucker, and Ann Linthicum for serving the bereavement reception for the family and friends of Nancy Meeks.

... to the Aldersgate Memorial Sunday School Class for providing the bereavement meal for the family of Nancy Meeks.

ON THIS COMMUNION SUNDAY ...

We share the addresses of some of our members with health concerns who would like to hear from you. There are cards in the Welcome Folders. Please take a moment to write to them. Please address the card. You may mail it or place it at the altar rail or in the offering plate for us to mail.

Frances Hutchins
1795 Westchester Manor
High Point, NC 27262

Ceci Thomas
407 Hillcrest Dr
High Point, NC 27262

Ways to CONNECT

JOIN US FOR HANGING OF THE GREENS TODAY AT 4:30 PM

Please come join us for this annual tradition. Children-toddlers through 5th grade will have fun decorating their tree in the Dining Hall, making the next set of pieces for their Nativity set as well as visiting with Mary and Joseph as they stop by on their way to Bethlehem. Infant care will be available in the Crib Room. Activities begin at 4:30 pm.



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR EXPLORE WESLEY MEMORIAL COFFEE



Interested in learning more about our church? Want to meet our pastors or ministry directors in a smaller group? Want a tour of the Wesley Memorial campus? If you answered "Yes!", please join us for our Explore Wesley Memorial Coffee TODAY at 12 noon in the Asbury Room. We look forward to getting to know our visitors better and hope to answer questions you may have.

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY NEXT SUNDAY

A highlight of the Christmas season for many, please join us for the children's nativity performances next Sunday, December 14 during the 11:00 am service and Sunday, December 21 at the 8:45 am service. We'll re-live the Christmas story through the eyes of a child.



Christmas Eve WORSHIP SERVICES:



3 pm – Experience the Wonder: Family-Friendly Worship Service in the Dining Hall

5 pm – Love Feast in the Sanctuary

8 pm – Contemporary Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

11 pm – Traditional Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

Ways to GROW

**NEW ADULT SMALL
GROUP STUDIES
COMING IN JANUARY.
STAY TUNED
FOR DETAILS!**

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

It's not too late to sign up to receive our daily Advent devotions by email! To sign up visit:
www.wesleymemorial.org/advent2014
You will receive one email per day for only 25 days throughout Advent—no spamming, we promise!



The Worship of God

Chapel

December 7, 2014

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

The Holy BoyJohn Ireland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?

With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death, and resurrection.

How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.

For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

Glory to God in the highest!

† HYMN No. 211

O Come, O Come, EmmanuelVENI EMMANUEL

THE LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

O Come, O Come EmmanuelVENI EMMANUEL

Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:1-8

SERMON

"Discovering The Real Meaning of the Season"

Al Ward

INVITATION

UM Hymnal p. 12

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Spring Carol from *A Ceremony of Carols*Benjamin Britten

Adrienne Leggett and Teresa Bonavita, sopranos; Sally Duran, harp

Pleasure it is to hear iwis(always), the Birdès sing, the deer in the dale, the sheep in the vale, the corn springing. God's purveyance For sustenance, It is for man. Then we always to him give praise, And thank him than(then).

A Ceremony of Carols, op. 28 by Benjamin Britten © 1943 by Boosey & Co., Ltd.

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† 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!**

† GREAT THANKSGIVING

UM Hymnal p. 13

SHARING THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

† HYMN No. 617 (VERSUS 1, 4, 5)

I Come with Joy DOVE OF PEACE

† BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Noel X (Grand jeu et Duo) Louis-Claude Daquin

† Please stand as you are able.

Worship Leaders: Al Ward, Senior Pastor; Jared Stine, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care; Bob and Sallie Amos, Advent Readers; Adrienne Leggett and Teresa Bonavita, sopranos; Sally Duran, harp; Frank Pifferetti, Organist.

Service Notes:

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Horizon Worship

The Gathering 8:45 am

December 7, 2014

The Beginning 9:45 am

Gathering Music

Hosanna Hillsong

In the Secret Chris Tomlin

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Prayer Concerns and Prayer

Offering

Kindness Chris Tomlin

Scripture

Mark 1:1-8

Message

"Making the Desert Bloom" Erin Beall

Holy Communion

In the Secret Reprise

Closing

Worship Leaders: Erin Beall, Associate Pastor for Adult Spiritual Formation and Contemporary Worship; Lauren and Leigh Kuhnly and Barbara Beck, Advent readers (8:45); Al Ward, Senior Pastor (9:45); Wes, Mary, Dory, and Abby Kever, Advent Readers (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

December 7, 2014

11 am

OPENING VOLUNTARY

The Holy Boy.....John Ireland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence.....Gustav Holst
Michaela Kelly, soprano

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly minded for with blessing in his hand Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

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By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.

For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

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OPENING PRAYER

PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 211

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

THE LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

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

Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

A Christmas Canon/Joy To The World.....arr. Janet Witman
Sally Duran, Helen Rifas, harps

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John Ireland, the composer of today's prelude, was a teacher of Benjamin Britten.

Please stand as you are able.

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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

Please be seated.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 150

A CEREMONY OF CAROLS.....Benjamin Britten

Chancel Choir

A Ceremony of Carols
was purchased by Libby
Atwell in loving memory
of her husband, Richard
Dickinson Atwell.

PROCESSION

Matthew Arnold, tenor

Hodie Christus natus est: hodie Salvator apparuit: hodie in terra canunt angeli laetantur archangeli: hodie exultant justi dicentes: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Alleluia! (Today Christ is born; today a Savior appears: today angels sing on earth and archangels rejoice: today the just exult saying: Glory to God in the highest!)

WOLCUM YOLE! (WELCOME!)

Wolcum be thou hevenc king, Wolcum Yole! Wolcum, born in one morning, Wolcum for whom we sall(shall) sing! Wolcum be ye Stevenc and Jon, Wolcum, Innocentes (children martyred by Herod) every one, Wolcum Thomas marter one, Wolcum be ye good New Yere, Wolcum Twelfth Day (Epiphany) both in fere(well nigh). Wolcum, Sientes lefe and dere (Saints lesser and greater), Wolcum Yole! Wolcum. Candelmesse, Quene of bliss, Wolcum bothe to more and lesse. Wolcum, be ye that are here. Wolcum alle and make good cheer, Wolcum alle another yere. Wolcum.

THERE IS NO ROSE

There is no rose of such vertu As is the rose that bare Jesu. Alleluia. For in this rose containèd was Heaven and earth in litel space, Res Miranda(wonder of wonders). By that rose we may well see There be one God in persons three, Pares forma, (equal in form). The aungels sungen the shepherds to: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gaudeamus (let us rejoice). Leave we all this worldly mirth, and follow we this joyful birth. Transeamus (let us go).

THAT YONGE CHILD

Adrienne Leggett, soprano

That yongë child when it gan weep With song she lulled him asleep: That was so sweet a melody It passed(surpassed) alle minstrelsy(others). The nightingale sang also: Her song is hoarse and nought thereto: Whoso attendeth to her song And leaveth the first then doth he wrong.

BALULALOW

Teresa Bonavita, soprano

O my deare hert, young Jesu sweit, Prepare thy creddil in my spriet(spirit), And I sall rock thee to my hert, And never mair(nevermore) from thee depart. But I sall praise thee evermoir with sanges sweit unto thy gloir(glory); The knees of my hert sall I bow, And sing that richt (right) Balulalow!

AS DEW IN APRILLE

I sing of a maiden That is makèles(matchless): King of all kings To her son she ches (chose). He

came al so stille where his moder (mother) was, As dew in Aprille That falleth on the grass. He came al so stille To his moder's bour (breast) As dew in Aprille that falleth on the flour. He came al so stille There his moder lay, As dew in Aprille that falleth on the spray. Moder and mayden was never none but she: Well may such a lady Goddes moder be.

THIS LITTLE BABE

This little Babe so few days old, Is come to rifle Satan's fold; All hell doth at his presence quake, Though he himself for cold do shake; For in this weak unarmed wise The gates of hell he will surprise. With tears he fights and wins the field, His naked breast stands for a shield; His battering shot are babish cries, His arrows looks of weeping eyes, His martial ensigns Cold and Need, And feeble Flesh his warrior's steed. His camp is pitchèd in a stall, His bulwark but a broken wall; The crib his trench, haystalks his stakes; Of shepherds he his muster makes; And thus, as sure his foe to wound, The angels' trumps alarum sound. My soul, with Christ join thou in fight; Stick to the tents that he hath pight(pitched). Within his crib is surest ward; this little Babe will be thy guard. If thou wilt foil thy foes with joy, then flit not from this heavenly Boy.

INTERLUDE

IN FREEZING WINTER NIGHT

Michaela Kelly, soprano; Jesse Herndon, tenor

Behold, a silly tender babe, in freezing winter night, In homely manger trembling lies, Alas, a piteous sight! The inns are full; no man will yield This little pilgrim bed. But forced he is with silly beasts In crib to shroud his head. This stable is a Prince's court, This crib his chair of State; The beast are parcel of his pomp, The wooden dish his plate. The persons in that poor attire His royal liveries wear; The Prince himself is come from heav'n; This pomp is prized there. With joy approach, O Christian wight(person), Do homage to thy King, And highly praise his humble pomp, wich he from Heav'n doth bring.

SPRING CAROL

Adrienne Leggett and Teresa Bonavita, sopranos

Pleasure it is to hear iwis(always), the Birdès sing, the deer in the dale, the sheep in the vale, the corn springing. God's purveyance For sustenance, It is for man. Then we always to him give praise, And thank him than.

DEO GRATIAS

Deo Gratias (thanks be to God)! Adam lay ibounden(in bondage), Bounden in a bond; Four thousand winter, thought he not to long. And all was for an appil, an appil that he tok, As clerkès finden written in their book. Ne had the appil takè ben Ne haddè never our lady A ben hevenè queen. Blessèd be the time that appil takè was therefore we moun singen(must sing) . Deo Gratias!

RECESSION

Matthew Arnold, tenor

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BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Deo Gracias..... Benjamin Britten

Chancel Choir
Thanks be to God.

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Noel X (Grand jeu et Duo)..... Louis-Claude Daquin

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Ushers for the month of December: Scott Dunbar, Windley Dunbar, Barbara Frye, Miles Gurley, Jane Harriss, Stuart Nunn, Tom Smothers, Colby Walton.

Greeters for the month of December: Wanna Blanton, Bill Bradner, Brian Bunch.

Ways to SERVE

CAROLING AND POINSETTIA DELIVERY NEXT SUNDAY



Join us next Sunday in the front circle as we visit our church members who are homebound or in retirement communities. We will travel in multiple groups to sing Christmas carols and deliver poinsettias. NO SINGING EXPERIENCE necessary - just bring a smile and a willing heart!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OPEN DOOR MINISTRIES

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! Contact Julie Price at julie.f.price@wellsfargo.com for more information.

Ways to GIVE

OPEN DOOR MINISTRIES WHITE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Bring a gift wrapped in white paper to worship next Sunday, December 14. These gifts will be given to clients at Open Door Ministries. Suggested gifts include men's coats, winter hats, gloves, socks, underwear or children's toys. Please write what is inside your gift on the bottom of the package.



REMINDER: ANGEL TREE GIFTS DUE BACK NEXT SUNDAY



Visit one of the trees in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall Lobby or Adult Education building and pick up an angel. Each angel represents a child who would otherwise not receive a Christmas gift. These children are identified by our partners at Henderson Settlement and the High Point Jail Ministry. All gifts should be delivered back to the trees no later than next Sunday, December 14.

KIDS CARE GIFT BAGS FOR CHILDREN IN HIGH POINT

We are collecting supplies to fill 20 Christmas bags for boys and girls that are currently without permanent housing. There are specific items that are requested to be in all the bags and a list of extras. Please refer to the December Heartbeat or church website for the link to sign up for items needed. Or you may contact Debbie Foust at dfoust@weselymemorial.org. Items are due by December 12.



ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS TODAY!

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

GIFTS THAT TRANSFORM OUR WORLD



The GTTOW alternative gifts market is up and running. Shop on Sunday mornings and Wednesdays and support a great cause while honoring a loved one. Many of the popular gifts are back in addition to several new options. To date, we've raised over \$150,000 to support mission projects at Wesley Memorial, in High Point & beyond.

Sundays December 7, 14, 21

Fellowship Hall: 8:30 - 9:00 & 9:30 - 10:00 am

Media Center: 9:15 - 9:45 am

Narthex: 10:45 - 11:00 am & Noon - 12:15 pm

Wednesdays December 10 & 17

Administration Building Lobby:

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Your gifts will support:

WM Prayer Shawl Ministry
Hospice Pillow Ministry
Wesley Memorial School
Community Clinic of High Point
Macedonia Family Resource Center
Fairview Elementary School Students
Open Door Ministries
Mobile Meals of High Point
Ward Street Mission
West End Ministries
High Point Jail Ministry
Second Harvest Food Bank
YWCA of High Point
Henderson Settlement
Nakuru, Kenya

A project of Wesley Memorial's Mission & Community Impact Team

REMINDER: All Memorials/Honorariums to be acknowledged before Christmas need to be turned in to the Church Office by Wednesday, December 17.

CALENDAR: DECEMBER 7 - DECEMBER 14, 2014

Sunday, December 7, 2014

- Blessing of the Greens
- Children, Youth & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- "A Ceremony of Carols", 11:00 am, Sanctuary
- Explore Wesley Memorial Coffee, 12:00 pm, Asbury Room
- Historical Room Open House, 12:00 pm, E203
- Choir Luncheon, 12:15 pm, Dining Hall
- Youth Handbell Rehearsal, 4:00 pm, Sanctuary
- Hanging of the Greens, 4:30 pm

Monday, December 8, 2014

- Jean Stockton's Bible Study, 10:30 am, Circle View Room
- SPRT Meeting, 5:00 pm, Conf. Rm. #3
- Stephen Ministry Meeting, 6:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #2

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

- Finance Team Meeting, 5:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #3
- Handbell Christmas Party, 7:00 pm, Circle View Room

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

- GTTOW Sale, 10:00 am, Administrative Lobby
- 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
- Wednesday Dinner, 5:30 pm, Dining Hall (Menu: Ground Chuck Patty, Baked Potato Bar, Corn, Bread & 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.)
- Advent Study, 6:30 pm, D201 Rhema Classroom
- Confirmation Class, 5:30 pm, Underground C101
- DivorceCare & Support Class, 6:30 pm, D213 Media Center
- Chancel Choir Practice, 6:30 pm, Choir Room
- Men's Bible Study, 7:00 pm, Circle View Room

Thursday, December 11, 2014

- 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, December 13, 2014

- Praise Team Rehearsal, 9:00 am, Fellowship Hall
- Reader Rehearsal, 9:30 am, Sanctuary
- Nativity Rehearsal, 10:00 am, Sanctuary

Sunday, December 14, 2014

- Children's Music (Grades 2-5), 9:20 am, Sanctuary
- Children, Youth & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Children's Nativity, 11:00 am, Sanctuary
- Poinsettia Delivery & Caroling, 2:00 pm, Front Circle

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 30, 2014

All Worship Services: 468

(Goal 505)

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE

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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.