



# 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 8, 2013**  
**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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# The Worship of God

Chapel

December 8, 2013

8:30 am

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Fantaisie pour Orgue* ..... Camille Saint-Saëns

## 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. 213

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* ..... TRURO

## LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3:1-11

## SERMON

*"The Way to Christmas Begins with John the Baptist"*

Dr. Al Ward

## HYMN No. 196

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* ..... HYFRYDOL

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## LORD'S PRAYER

## GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY

*Pastorale* ..... Cesar Franck

## † 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

## Welcome!

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† **HYMN No. 216**

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*..... ES IST EIN ROS

† **BENEDICTION**

† **CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*Postlude-Cantique* .....Theodore Dubois

† Please stand as you are able.

***Our service of worship has ended. Our worship through service begins.***

**Worship Leaders:** Al Ward, Senior Pastor; Jared Stine, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care; Frank Pifferetti, Organist; Andrew & Tracy Mense, Advent Readers.

# Horizon Worship

The Gathering 8:45 am

December 8, 2013

The Beginning 9:45 am

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## Gathering Music

*Lifesong* Casting Crowns

*Offering* Paul Baloche

## Welcome and Announcements

## Lighting of the Advent Candle

## Prayer Concerns and Prayer

## Offering

*You Are Emmanuel* Claire Cloninger and Paul Baloche

## Scripture

Matthew 3:1-11

## Message

*"The Way to Christmas Begins With John the Baptist"* Al Ward

## Time of Commitment

*Offering* Reprise

## Closing

**Worship Leaders:** Al Ward, Senior Pastor; Kathy Barba Pierce, Associate Pastor for Adult Spiritual Formation (8:45); Russ Pierce, Executive Pastor (9:45); Keith Byrd, Director of Contemporary Music; The Horizon Praise Team; Adam, Bethany, Sarah, Joshua, Jonathan & Joseph Vernon, Advent Readers (8:45); Tom, Christy, Hank & Chas Royal, Advent Readers (9:45).

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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 8, 2013

11 am

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### OPENING VOLUNTARY

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTROIT

*Away In A Manger* ..... TRADITIONAL

Wesley Ringers and Harp

*Please stand as you are able.*

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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!**

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 250

*Once in Royal David's City* ..... IRBY

*Please be seated.*

### LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

*In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

### CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*After the new members have affirmed their vows, the pastor shall say:*

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to support the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our witness, and our service as together we make and sustain spiritually healthy followers of Jesus Christ who live in ways that transform the world, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

## GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

*Pastorale*..... Cesar Franck

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### DOXOLOGY No. 95

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### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Please be seated.*

**CHRISTMAS ORATORIO** ..... Camille Saint-Saëns

#### I PRELUDE

#### II RECITATIVE AND CHORUS

*There were Shepherds, at night in that same country, abiding in the fields, and silently keeping their watch by night over the sleeping flocks around them. And lo! An angel of the Lord appeared, standing there beside them: And the glory of the Lord shone round about them, And they were sore afraid at his coming. And unto them the angel said: Fear not, oh ye shepherds! For, behold I bring unto you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born today a Saviour Christ, the Lord, in the city of David. And this shall the sign be: ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger low. And suddenly there was with the angel a great multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying; Glory be unto God in the highest! And on earth peace, goodwill to all men. Praise the Lord. Praise God in the highest!*

Jonathan Johnson, tenor; Jessica Johnson, mezzo-soprano; Virginia Lee, soprano;  
Matthew Arnold, baritone

#### III AIR

*Patiently have I waited for the Lord. And lo! He heard my cry.*  
Jessica Johnson, mezzo-soprano

#### IV AIR AND CHORUS

*In my heart I believe, O Lord, that Thou indeed art Christ, Son of the living God. He who was to come into this world.*

Jonathan Johnson, tenor

#### V BENEDICTUS

*Blessed, blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord. God, the Lord of Light, hath shined upon us. Thou alone my God art: and all my trust is in Thee. Oh Lord! Thou art my God. I will exalt Thee, Lord, and I will praise Thy name.*

Caroline Oliveira, soprano; Matthew Arnold, baritone

“Christmas Oratorio”  
by Camille Saint-Saëns  
was given to the music  
library by Jackie Gil-  
lespie in memory of her  
husband and former  
choir member, John  
Gillespie.

The orchestra is made  
possible through the  
Oscar C. and Bess Dur-  
land Endowed Fund and  
funds given in memory  
of Joel Williams.

## VI CHORUS

*Wherefore do the heathen clamor? Why do the nations imagine vain and foolish things? Glory unto the Father, and unto the Son, and Holy Spirit! As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

## VII TRIO

*My soul doth magnify the Lord: my spirit hath rejoiced in God. For mine eyes have seen Thy glory.*

Caroline Oliveira, soprano; Jonathan Johnson, tenor; Matthew Arnold, baritone

## VIII QUARTET

*Alleluia. Ye heavens sing praises. Be joyful on earth. For the Lord hath poured his consolation upon His people, and He to His afflicted. For the Lord hath comforted his people, and He, to all that are afflicted, will be merciful.*

Haley Rollins, soprano; Virginia Lee, mezzo-soprano; Jessica Johnson, mezzo soprano;  
Matthew Arnold, baritone

## IX QUINTET AND CHORUS

*Arise now, Daughter of Zion! Praise God in the night, praise Him in the first watches of the night. Alleluia. That Zion's true glory might be manifested, that her Saviour might rise and shine before the nations. Alleluia.*

Haley Rollins, soprano; Virginia Lee, mezzo-soprano; Jessica Johnson, mezzo-soprano;  
Jonathan Johnson, tenor; Matthew Arnold, baritone

## X CHORUS

*Praise ye the Lord of hosts, Sing his salvation, bless His name, show forth his praise in His holy house! Rejoice, ye heavens, and be joyful on earth. Rejoice in the face of the Lord, for He cometh, Alleluia. Rejoice ye angels, rejoice all ye nations, now in the face of the Lord, for He cometh. Alleluia.*

***Please stand as you are able.***

## BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

*Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts* ..... Camille Saint-Saëns

Chancel Choir

*Rejoice ye angels, rejoice all ye nations, now in the face of the Lord, for He cometh. Alleluia.*

## CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Postlude-Cantique* ..... Theodore Dubois

***Our service of worship has ended. Our worship through service begins.***

### **Service Notes:**

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**Worship Leaders:** Al Ward, Senior Pastor; Jared Stine, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care; Debbie Foust, Director of Children's Ministries; Anne Carroll, Interim Director of Music; Frank Pifferetti, Organist; Jerry Tucker, Sound Engineer; Samantha Mickey and Charles York, Acolytes; TJ Webb, Crucifer; Mike, Bridgett, Georgia & Lyla Dorn, Advent Readers.

**Orchestra Participants:** Charles Shafer, violin; Marjie Sharpe, violin; Christina Placilla, viola; Nicholas Gerald, cello; Ian Narlock, string bass; Grace Ludtke, harp.

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

**Greeters:** Wanna Blanton, Bill Bradner, Brian Bunch, Tom Forrester



## Our Sympathy to ~

Jennifer Covington and family in the death of her mother, Gloria (Pat) Rutledge Michael, on December 1, 2013.

The family of Sarah Elaine Dorius in her death on November 29, 2013.

## Thanks and praises ~

... to Debbie York for leading a workshop "NAEYC – Documentation of Observable Classroom Criteria" and to Rebekah Carlson for leading a workshop "Music Together: Stages & Activities for Children's Musical Development." These sessions were presented to WM School teachers on their fall Professional In-Service Days.

... to Darren Dyer for donning the costume of Clifford the Big Red Dog and visiting the children at WMS.

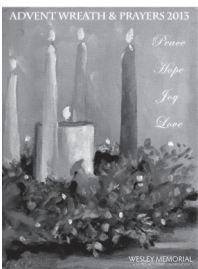
... to the children and families of WM School for their donation of 780 canned and dry food items shared with Open Door Ministries at Thanksgiving.

... to the Pre-K Fours and Kgt Fives children of the WMS Children's Choir for their delightful Family Thanksgiving Program. Special applause to Marcia Williams, choir director, and to Nancy Shaw, piano accompaniment.

## Called Charge Conference ~

A Charge Conference has been called for Tuesday, December 17 at 5:30 pm in the Circle View Room. The purpose of the Charge Conference is to receive recommendations from the Pastor Parish Relations for compensations.

## Ways to GROW



### DO YOU HAVE YOUR ADVENT BOOKLET?

Advent Booklets titled *Advent Wreath & Prayers: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love*, are available. Get one today at the Front Desk in the church office.

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

## Ways to CONNECT

### HANGING OF THE GREENS ACTIVITIES THIS AFTERNOON

Please join us this afternoon for a wonderful time of decorating and celebration – all are welcome! Infant care will be available in the Crib Room. Activities begin at 4:30 pm with Adult Sunday School classes decorating the building and children-toddlers through 5th grade having fun decorating their tree in the Dining Hall. Children will enjoy special Christmas treats, as well as making the next set of pieces for their Nativity set. After the children hang their ornaments on the tree, they will have a chance to visit with Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus as they stop by on their way to Bethlehem. Dinner begins at 6 pm. If you did not make a reservation, you are welcome to bring your own and join us for the Carol Sing and Children's Tree Lighting.



### CHILDREN'S NATIVITY NEXT SUNDAY

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

### CAROLING AND POINSETTIA DELIVERY DEC. 15 AT 2 PM

Join us next Sunday in the front circle as we visit our church members who are home-bound 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!



**Please make plans to join us for worship on Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24. Our worship services will include:**

- Family Service at 3 pm in the Dining Hall
- Love Feast at 5 pm in the Sanctuary
- Contemporary Service at 8 pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Holy Communion Service at 11 pm in the Sanctuary

## Ways to SERVE

### WILL YOU SERVE AT THE FATHER'S TABLE IN 2014?

Volunteers from WMUMC are needed to serve one night a month at the Father's Table (Open Door Ministry). If you are interested in serving, please contact Julie Price at [julie.f.price@wellsfargo.com](mailto:julie.f.price@wellsfargo.com) or 336/869-0672. Our 2014 dates will be available soon. This is a great opportunity for families and small groups to serve together!

## Ways to GIVE



### REMINDER: ANGEL TREE GIFTS ARE DUE TODAY

Thank you for helping make Christmas extra special for a deserving child!

### 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. Don't wait, place your order today. Call Sue Schoch at the church at 812-4811.

### OPEN DOOR MINISTRIES WHITE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Bring a gift wrapped in white paper to worship next Sunday, December 15. 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.



### CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR MERCY PRESCHOOL

This year's Christmas offering will enable our 2014 Student Ministries Kenya Mission Team to complete work on the Mercy Preschool's buildings in Nakuru, Kenya. Please consider donating a special offering to support the children of Nakuru. Thank you!

### WHAT GIFTS CAN WE BRING?

If you haven't turned in your PRAY, GIVE, and SERVE Commitments for 2014, please do so immediately. Cards are available in the information kiosks and at the front desk. Or, visit our website:

[www.wesleymemorial.org/gifts](http://www.wesleymemorial.org/gifts)

# 2013 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 8, 15, 22

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 11, 18

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**

## CALENDAR - December 8, 2013 - December 15, 2013

### Sunday, December 8, 2013

- Music Rehearsal w/ Orchestra, 9:00 am, Sanctuary
- "Christmas Oratorio", 11:00 am, Sanctuary
- Chancel Choir Luncheon, 12:00 pm, Dining Hall
- Serendipities Choir, 4:00 pm, A224
- Carillon Choir, 4:00 pm, Choir Room
- Hanging of the Greens Activities, 4:30 pm

### Monday, December 9, 2013

- Jean Stockton Bible Study, 10:30 am, Circle View Rm
- Staff Parish Meeting, 5:15 pm, Conf. Rm. #3
- Stephen Ministry Meeting, 6:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #2

### Tuesday, December 10, 2013

- Finance Team Meeting, 5:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #3
- Stewardship Team Meeting, 7:00 pm, Conf. Rm. #3

### Wednesday, December 11, 2013

- Mid-Week Communion, 11:00 am, Chapel
- Bible Study Lunch, 12:00 pm, Dining Hall  
(Lunch cost \$5, reservation required by 4 pm on preceding Monday)  
*NOTE: This will be our last meeting for Mid-Week Communion & Bible Study Lunch until 2014*
- Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1:30 pm, 6th Grade/A&C Room
- Wednesday Dinner, 5:30 pm, Dining Hall (Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Broccoli/Cauliflower Salad, Bread and Dessert. Children's menu is Hot Dog, Chips, and Carrots. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for those 14-18 yrs., Free for those under 14).
- Confirmation Class, 5:30 pm, Circle View Room
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 pm, Choir Room
- Disciple II Class, 6:45 pm, D205
- Sticky Faith (High School Seniors), 8:00 pm, Youth Gathering Space

### Thursday, December 12, 2013

- High School Breakfast Club, 7:00 am, Chick-fil-A
- Trustees Meeting, 5:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #3
- Adult Handbell Choir, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary
- Missions & Community Impact Team Meeting, 7:00 pm, Conf. Rm. #3

### Saturday, December 14, 2013

- Praise Team Rehearsal, 8:00 am, Fellowship Hall
- Nativity Rehearsal, 10:00 am, Sanctuary

### Sunday, December 15, 2013

- Explore Wesley Memorial Coffee, 9:45 am, Asbury Room
- Caroling & Poinsettia Delivery, 2:00 pm
- Serendipities Choir, 4:00 pm, A224
- Carillon Choir, 4:00 pm, Choir Room
- Youth Christmas Party, 7:00 pm

## 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 hope you will return to worship with us again!

Our faithfulness in attendance Dec. 1, 2013  
All Worship Services: 457  
(2013 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.***