

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 11, 2016
THIRD 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

December 11, 2016

8:30 am

Welcome!

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OPENING VOLUNTARY

Comfort, Comfort These My People.....Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, in this season of waiting, hoping, and anticipating,

We are preparing room in our hearts, that we may not be like the innkeeper—

Too crowded to make room for you, too busy to make you feel welcome.

Aid us in our search for stillness, for peace, for the sacred center

That is found in the still small voice of a baby cooing in a manger in Bethlehem.

Amen.

† HYMN No. 206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light.....HOUSTON

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 11:2-11 (NT pg. 2)

SERMON

Al Ward

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Mike and Susan Samuel

We wait for the coming of Christ, giving life in abundance.

Come Giver of Life

The bread of life given for all people is a sharing in the body of Christ

Come Giver of Life

The desert shall rejoice and blossom abundantly

Christ, shine in our world today

The Congregational Response is found on the insert, verse 3

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Jesus, Jesus Rest Your Head.....Appalachain Folk Song, arr. John Jacob Niles

Michaela Kelly, soprano

Jesus, Jesus, rest your head, You has got a manger bed. All the evil folk on earth Sleep in

feathers at their birth. Have you heard about our Jesus? Have you heard about his fate?

How his mother went to that stable On that Christmas Eve so late? Winds were blowing,

cows were lowing, Stars were glowing, glowing, glowing. To that manger came then wise

men, Bringing things from hin and yon. For the mother and the father And the blessed little

Son. Milk-maids left their fields and flocks And sat beside the ass and ox.

† **DOXOLOGY No. 95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings FlowOLD 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. 254**

We Three KingsKINGS OF ORIENT

(During the singing of this hymn, you are invited to bring your "White Christmas" gift to the Prayer Rail.)

† **BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

The King Shall Come When Morning DawnsMichael Burkhardt

† Please stand as you are able.

Worship Leaders: Al Ward, Senior Pastor; Jared Stine, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care; Mike and Susan Samuel, Advent Readers; Michaela Kelly, Wesley Singer; Frank Pifferetti, Organist.

Service Notes:

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Horizon Worship

The Gathering 8:30 am December 11, 2016 The Beginning 9:45 am

Gathering Music

Breathe Jonny Diaz

Ever Be Aaron Shust

Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons) Matt Redman

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Christ Be Our Light Bernadette Farrell

Prayer Concerns and Prayer

Offering

Light of the World Lauren Daigle

Scripture

Matthew 11:2-11

Message

Al Ward

Time of Reflection

Reprise

Closing

Worship Leaders: Al Ward, Senior Pastor; Erin Beall, Associate Pastor for Adult Spiritual Formation and Contemporary Worship; Jason, Polly, Ava LaRie & Troy Geisler, Advent Readers (8:30 am); Rodd, Heather, Roddy & Ryleigh Woodard, 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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11 am

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OPENING VOLUNTARIES

O Come, O Come Emmanuel.....arr. Kevin McChesney

Carol Of The Bells.....arr. Charles Maggs

Carolyn Shaw, Cindy Webb, Kindra Ingram, Handbells

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Prepare The Royal Highway.....arr. John Ferguson

Chancel Choir

Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near! Let every hill and valley A level road appear! Then greet the King of glory, Foretold in sacred story: Hosanna to the Lord, For he fulfills God's Word!

Please stand as you are able.

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that is found in the still small voice of a baby cooing in a manger in Bethlehem.
Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 203

Hail to the Lord's AnointedELLACOMBE

Please be seated

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Don, Carolyn & Luke Shaw

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ANTHEM

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus Vicki Hancock Wright

Children K-5

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. Come, O come, Emmanuel!

PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Song Of Mary Richard Shephard

Chancel Choir

My Lord and Saviour is my song, He fills my spirit with delight, To raise me up his arm is strong, The lowly precious in his sight. Magnificat anima mea Dominum (My soul magnifies the Lord). My name shall live from age to age, And every tongue his servant bless, For mercy is their heritage Whose hearts the Holy One confess. The proud beguiled by dreams of power Divided and degraded lie: He casts them down from throne and tower And stoops to lift the humble high. He feeds the hungry at his board And sends the rich unfilled away, And mindful of his promised word Has answered Israel’s prayer today. With all the elders of our race, And those unborn who seek this birth, I sing the glory of his grace who brings eternity to earth.

Please stand as you are able.

DOXOLOGY No. 95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 100TH

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Please be seated

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 11:2-11

HOMILY

Al Ward

CHILDREN’S NATIVITY

Invitation

Reader: Debbie Foust

Isaiah Foretells the Birth of Jesus Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Reader: Al Ward

“To A Maid Engaged to Joseph” - Chancel Choir

“Song Of Mary” was purchased by Karl Koebberling for the Glory of God in loving memory of M. L. Koebberling.

The Angel Gabriel Visits Mary.....Luke 1:26-31

Reader: Erin Beall

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST LOUIS

(Congregation will sing)

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie; above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Luke Tells of the Birth of JesusLuke 2:1, 3-7

Reader: Abby Keever

Away in a Manger

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(Congregation will sing)

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The Shepherds Go to Bethlehem Luke 2:8-16

Readers: Cooper Singer & Mallory Atkinson

The First Noel

THE FIRST NOEL

(Congregation will sing)

The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: ***Noel, noel, noel noel, born is the King of Israel.***

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. Refrain.

Matthew Tells of the Wise Men's Visit..... Matthew 2:1-11

Readers: Jared Stine & Georgia Dorn

Organ introduction to *We Three Kings*

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn No. 254

We Three Kings..... KINGS OF ORIENT

(During singing of this hymn, you are invited to bring your "White Christmas" gifts to the Prayer Rail)

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Deo GraciasBoris Ord

Thanks Be to God

Chancel Choir

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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

Greeters: Wanna Blanton, Bill Bradner, Brian Bunch.

New Arrival ~

Matthew Wayne Burgess, Jr. Son of Matthew and Britney Burgess, Sr. of High Point. Proud grandparents are Leo and Ceci Thomas also of High Point.

Thanks and Praise ~

... to Boy Scouts Christopher Hartzell and Ben Stoneking for building the beautiful "Welcome Entrance" to our playground with assistance from Troop #4. This project was completed in fulfillment of Eagle Award requirements. As children and families of our community pass through this new Arbor Garden, let it serve as a greeting from our church that we are glad they have come to experience God's outdoor world on our campus.

... to all those who participated and helped with Hanging of the Greens. A special thanks to Susan Hedrick, Molly Reeves and Carolyn Steed for helping coordinate all the activities. We had some wonderful new additions to the event as well as many loved traditions.

... to Andrea Cozart, Daniel and Linda Dale, Margaritte Braddy, Samantha Klemme, Celeste Payne, Darryl and Karen Sumner, Rick and Beth Blake for decorating the Chrismon Trees in the Sanctuary.

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memorial school

NURSERY • PRESCHOOL • KINDERGARTEN

ANNOUNCING A NEW PRESCHOOL CLASS FOR 3-4 YEAR-OLDS

The new class is beginning January 5 for children who have been on our waiting list. Spaces available to welcome a few more friends. Tuesdays (9-12 noon) and Thursdays (9-1 pm Lunch Bunch). Children are eligible who already reached their 3 year-old birthday by last August, 2016 ~ becoming 4 this school year. Exciting hands-on learning activities! "Get Set For School" curriculum! Contact Susan Sumpter for more info or schedule a tour: 336.884.4232 or ssumpter@wesleymemorial.org.

Ways to CONNECT

STUDENT MINISTRIES CHRISTMAS PARTY TONIGHT

We are having our annual Student Ministries Christmas party at the Nunn's house this evening from 5:30-7:30 pm! Their house is located at 1109 Wynnewood Ave, High Point, NC 27262. There will be a tacky sweater contest, white elephant gift exchange, and of course dinner & dessert! This will be a super fun time to fellowship and celebrate Christ!

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THE CHILDREN'S NATIVITY



A highlight of the Christmas season for many, join us for the children's nativity today during the 11:00 am service and next Sunday, December 18 at the 8:30 am Contemporary service. Children ages 4 years - 5th grade will dramatize the story of the birth of Jesus. Come re-live the Christmas story through the eyes of a child.

NEED TO TALK BUT DON'T KNOW WHERE TO TURN?

Our Stephen Ministry offers one-to-one confidential emotional and spiritual support to persons in need of a listening ear. Stephen Ministers are non-clergy persons trained to provide confidential and thoughtful care without judgment. If you are grieving a loss, dreading the holiday season, struggling with divorce, or any other life transition, contact Stephen Minister Mike Flack at 336-812-3559 or speak to a pastor.

Ways to SERVE

DELIVER CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS DECEMBER 11-16

The Caring Ministry Team invites you to help deliver Christmas poinsettias to Wesley Memorial members who are homebound or in retirement facilities. They look forward to your visit every year. No caroling or singing required! Simply pick up a few poinsettias and make a visit at your convenience. Each poinsettia is individually labeled with contact information. Contact Jared Stine at jstine@wesleymemorial.org or 336-812-4813.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP WITH THE ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS PARTY?



Come join us for our annual Angel Tree Christmas Party on Saturday, December 17 from 3 - 5 pm. This party allows us to partner with local families through our Angel Tree program. There will be several stations for children and fun throughout the day! Please meet in the Dining Hall at church at 1 pm if you would like to help with the setup or come at 3 pm to help with the party event!

Questions? Contact Steven Nelson at snelson@wesleymemorial.org.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY?

We have dates available for serving meals at Open Door Ministries and Ward Street Mission in 2017. This is a great opportunity for small groups and/or families. If you would be interested in serving at Ward Street, contact Audrey Miller at amiller75@gmail.com or sign-up using the link on the home page at www.wesleymemorial.org.



Advent 2016

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 GROW

JOIN US FOR A NEW SMALL GROUP STUDY IN JANUARY

"God helps those who help themselves" and other things the Bible DOESN'T say will be the focus of a new short-term study in January. Together we'll read Adam Hamilton's book *Half Truths* to go beyond everyday sayings and experience the full message of Jesus. Join us on Sunday, January 8 for the sermon kick-off. The small group study will begin Wednesday, January 11 at 6:30 pm.

Ways to GIVE

CELEBRATING WITH WHITE CHRISTMAS GIFTS DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Thank you for bringing your gifts wrapped in white paper to the worship service you attend today. At the end of the service 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 remember to write what is inside your gift on the bottom of the package.

WILL YOU HELP US RESTOCK THE BACKPACK PANTRY?

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.



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.

IMPORTANT REMINDER FROM THE MEMORIAL TEAM

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

CALENDAR: December 11-18, 2016

Sunday, December 11, 2016 (3rd Sunday of Advent)

- Children's Choir Rehearsal, 9:25 am, Sanctuary
- Children, Student & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Traditional Worship (Nativity), 11:00 am, Sanctuary
- Confirmation Class, 4:00 pm, Youth Gathering Space
- JuBELLation Choir, 4:30 pm, E204 Bell Room
- Student Ministries Christmas Party, 5:30 pm, Nunn's Home

Monday, December 12, 2016

- Non-Denominational Bible Study, 10:30 am, Circle View Room
- Staff Parish Team, 5:15 pm, Circle View Room
- Stephen Ministry Meeting, 5:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #2

Tuesday, December 13, 2016

- Finance Team, 5:45 pm, Conf. Rm. #3
- Senior Dinner for 12th Graders, 7:00 pm, Henley's Home

Wednesday, December 14, 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.*)
- Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1:30 pm, Arts & Crafts Room
- Handbell Quartet, 4:30 pm, Bell Room
- Wednesday Dinner, 5:30 pm, Dining Hall (*Menu: Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, 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, Choir Room

Thursday, December 15, 2016

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

Saturday, December 17, 2016

- Wesley 100 Breakfast, 8:00 am, Small Dining Room
- Contemporary Rehearsal, 9:00 am, Fellowship Hall
- Angel Tree Christmas Party, 3:00 pm, Dining Hall

Sunday, December 18, 2016 (4th Sunday of Advent)

- Traditional Worship, 8:30 am, Chapel
- Contemporary Worship, 8:30 am (Nativity) & 9:45 am, Fellowship Hall
- Children, Student & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Traditional Worship, 11:00 am, Sanctuary
- JuBELLation Choir, 4:30 pm, E204 Bell Room

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!

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336-884-2204. You will then choose

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