

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 25, 2016

Christmas Day

Contemporary Worship in the Fellowship Hall
10:00 am

Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
10:00 am

1225 Chestnut Drive • High Point, North Carolina 27262
336.884.2204 • www.wesleymemorial.org



Horizon Worship

December 25, 2016

10:00 am

Gathering Music

Indescribable Chris Tomlin
I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day Casting Crowns

Welcome and Announcements

Toy Blessing

Christmas Carol

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing MENDELSSOHN

Scripture

Isaiah 52:7-10

Prayer

Offering

Light of the World Lauren Daigle

Scripture

John 1:1-14

Sermon

Jared Stine

Closing

Worship Leaders: Jared Stine, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care; Keith Byrd, Director of Contemporary Music; The Horizon Praise Team.

Welcome!

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning! Please sign the attendance notebooks that the ushers pass out during the announcements. If you are a guest, we ask that you please leave your contact information and a pastor will contact you this week with more information about our church.

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

December 25, 2016

10 am

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OPENING VOLUNTARY

Carol ArrangementsBach, Dupre, Lind and Purvis

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen! Jerusalem breaks into song; Zion lifts her voice!

Christ is born! Good News rings out over all creation.

Look! God has stretched out a hand of healing and comfort.

Christ has come! Good News blossoms throughout the land.

Let those who have ears hear, let those who have eyes see:

Christ is here! Let us proclaim Good News to all the world.

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**O God, in the bleak midwinter, as darkness and cold creep ever deeper,
we welcome the birth of the Christ-child in our world.**

May we be like the magi, bringing gifts and worship.

May we be like the shepherds, dropping everything to see you.

May we be like the angels, singing your Good News all through the world. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 246

Joy to the World ANTIOCH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UM Hymnal No. 881

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

"Blessing of the Gifts"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 52:7-10 (OT pg. 683)

HYMN SING

HYMN No. 218 (VERSES 1 & 4)

It Came upon the Midnight Clear CAROL

HYMN No. 219 (VERSES 1 & 3)

What Child Is This GREENSLEEVES

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Greensleeves Richard Purvis

Please stand as you are able.

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

HYMN No. 221

In the Bleak Midwinter..... CRANHAM

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 1:1-14 (NT pg. 91)

Please be seated.

SERMON

Erin Beall

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN No. 251

Go, Tell It on the MountainGO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

BENEDICTION

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Joy to the World..... Kristina Langlois

Worship Leaders: Erin Beall, Associate Pastor for Adult Spiritual Formation and Contemporary Worship; Al Ward, Senior Pastor; Debbie Foust, Director of Children’s Ministry; Frank Pifferetti, Organist; Neil Brown and Sarah Faith Amos, Acolytes; Reid Brown, Crucifer; Joe Gamble, Altar Guild; Jerry Tucker, Sound Engineer.

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.

Our Sympathy to ~

Bert Klemme and Karen Cooke and families in the death of their mother, Dixie Gray Wilson Klemme, on December 17, 2017.

Thanks and Praise ~

... to the children of WMS Kindergarten Fives for their beautiful re-enactment of the Nativity Story presented to family and friends. Special appreciation also to their Kindergarten teachers and to Shirley Boyles for her piano accompaniment.

... to the Early Childhood Team for decorating the Dining Hall for the WMS Family Christmas Luncheon. Special thanks to Dr. Chad Miller for his beautiful portrayal of Santa Claus and to Sarah Woollen for playing the charming Mrs. Claus. The children loved you!

... to all involved in this year's Angel Tree program. Through your generosity, over 80 children of incarcerated parents were provided gifts on behalf of those parents. Additionally, through the combined efforts of our youth ministry, the Angel Tree Circle, Wesley 100, Debbie Foust, Stephen Nelson, and a number of parent volunteers, many of these children were treated to a terrific Christmas party. Thanks to all for your contributions and efforts.

Ways to CONNECT

HIGH SCHOOL WINTER RETREAT! JANUARY 27-29, 2017



Calling all high school students and their friends! We are hitting the road for the slopes in 2017! Check your calendar and invite your friends to join us on Friday, January 27 - Sunday, January 29! We will leave after school on Friday and come back Sunday evening. We are going to Teen Valley Ranch in Plumtree, NC. Check it out at www.tvr.org. There will be options to ski, snow tube or just hangout if you choose! Registration is open now and will continue through Wednesday, January 18. Cost is \$250 per student. Registration forms can be found on-line at www.wesleymemorial.org/students. Questions? Contact Steven Nelson at snelson@wesleymemorial.org or 910-232-6064.

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.



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CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

You can follow Wesley Memorial on Twitter and like us on Facebook to stay up-to-date on the latest posts and see pictures from our various special events and much more!

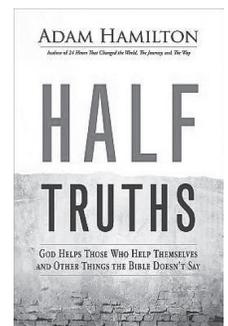
UPDATING THE DATABASE FOR WESLEY MEMORIAL MEMBERS...

As we are trying to keep all the information up to date in our database, we are discovering that many members have a phone number that is not in working order or belongs to someone else. We know that people are now dropping their land lines and just using their cell phones. If you have changed your phone number and have not notified the church, please contact Tish Schultheiss at tschultheiss@wesleymemorial.org or 336 812 4808.

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.



Ways to SERVE

STUDENTS SERVING AT WARD STREET IN 2017

We had a blast serving our friends and neighbors at Ward Street UMC this fall. A big thank you to all the parents and students that came out to serve with us! We are serving 4 times next year!!! Save the dates and be ready to serve again in February. We welcome all families and leaders to come alongside us too. Meet us at Ward Street kitchen between 4-4:30 pm on the dates listed below. Questions? Contact Steven Nelson at snelson@wesleymemorial.org.

2017 WARD STREET MEALS ON THURSDAYS:

FEBRUARY 16, 2017

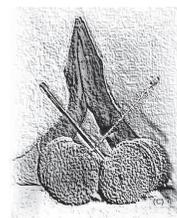
MAY 18, 2017

AUGUST 17, 2017

NOVEMBER 30, 2017

JOIN OUR PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY ON WEDNESDAYS

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has made and delivered over 1,600 shawls, blankets, sweaters and other items to members of our church and community! Join the group on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm in the Arts & Crafts Room. For more info, please contact Lee Huff, 336-887-9165; Karen Sumner, 883-8721 or Linda Dale, 336-884-5121.



Ways to GIVE

DEADLINES APPROACHING FOR 2016 YEAR-END GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

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 during Sunday worship today;
- Mail your check to 1225 Chestnut Drive, High Point, NC 27262. Must be postmarked by 12/31;
- 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.



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.

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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CALENDAR: December 25, 2016 - January 2, 2017

Sunday, December 25, 2016 (Christmas Day)

- Contemporary Worship, 10:00 am, Fellowship Hall
- Traditional Worship, 10:00 am, Sanctuary

Monday, December 26, 2016

- Church Office Closed

Sunday, January 1, 2017 (New Year's Day)

- Contemporary Worship, 10:00 am, Fellowship Hall
- Traditional Worship, 10:00 am, Sanctuary

Monday, January 2, 2017

- Church Office Closed



OUR CLERGY & MINISTRY STAFF:

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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.