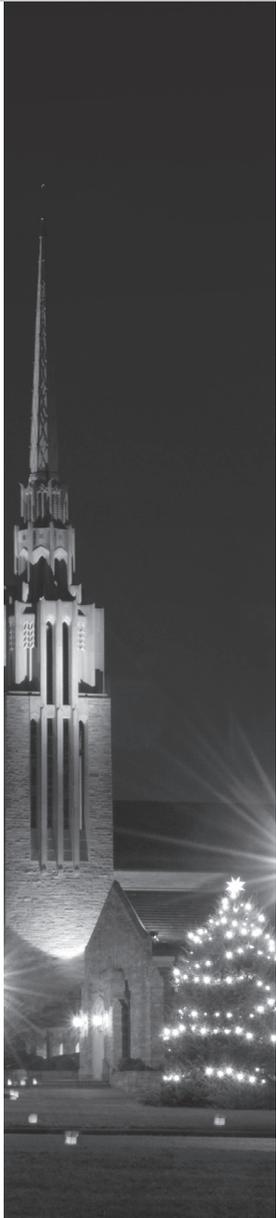


Welcome to WESLEY MEMORIAL

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 27, 2015

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

Contemporary Worship
in the Fellowship Hall
9:45 am

Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary
11:00 am

1225 Chestnut Drive • High Point, North Carolina 27262
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Horizon Worship

December 27, 2015

9:45 am

Gathering Music

Joyful Joyful Casting Crowns
Gloria, We Adore You Paul Baloche

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns and Prayer

Offering

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day Casting Crown

Scripture

Luke 2:41-52

Message

Erin Beall

Time of Reflection

Go Tell It On the Mountain Traditional

Closing

Worship Leaders: Erin Beall, Associate Pastor for Adult Spiritual Formation and Contemporary Worship; 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

The Worship of God

Sanctuary

December 27, 2015

11 am

OPENING VOLUNTARY

A Carol Fantasy (Suite Noel) Franklin D. Ashdown

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, all the earth, from the highest heights to the deepest depths!

Let everything sing and shout praise to the Creator!

Praise the Lord, all the heavens and starry host!

All throughout the universe may praise to God abound!

Come, let us joyfully praise God!

Let us live our praise in deeds of loving kindness. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

God, who walks with each one of us, help us to place our trust in your guiding care for us as we gather to learn the great lessons of living in peaceful community with each other. Prepare us to be witnesses of your love and forgiveness. Make us ready to work for you in your creation; for we ask this in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son. AMEN.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 220

Angels from the Realms of Glory REGENT SQUARE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UM Hymnal No. 881

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

ANTHEM

The Star Carol Alfred Burt

Jessica Johnson Brock, mezzo-soprano

Long years ago on a deep winter night, High in the heav'ns a star shone bright, While in a manger a wee baby lay, Sweetly asleep on a bed of hay. Jesus, the Lord was that baby so small, Laid down to sleep in a humble stall; Then came the star and it stood overhead, Shedding its light 'round His little bed. Dear Baby Jesus tiny Thou art, I'll make a place for Thee in my heart, And when the stars in the heavens I see, Ever and always I'll think of thee.

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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.

Service Notes:

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"The Star Carol" was purchased by Anthem Angels Bob and Sallie Amos in honor of their children, IV and Mac Hendrix, Katharine Payne, Robert and Allison Amos and Connor Amos.

We welcome to worship today Jessica Johnson Brock, a former Wesley Memorial Choral Scholar, who is living and working in Boston.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Jesus of Nazareth Charles Gounod

Jessica Johnson Brock, mezzo-soprano

Tho' poor be the chamber, come here, come and adore; Lo! The Lord of Heaven hath to mortals given life for evermore. Shepherds who folded your flocks beside you, Tell what was told by angel voices near: To you this night is born He who will guide you Thro' paths of peace to living waters clear. Kings from a far land, draw near and behold Him, Led by the beam whose warn- ing bade ye come; Your crowns cast down, with robe royal enfold Him; Your King descends to earth from brighter home. Wind, to the cedars proclaim the joyful story; Wave of the sea, the tidings bear afar. The night is gone! Behold, in all its glory All broad and bright rises th'Eternal morning Star.

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; Alle- luia! 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. 249

There's a Song in the Air CHRISTMAS SONG

Please be seated

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:41-52

SERMON

Erin Beall

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN No. 246

Joy to the World ANTIOCH

BENEDICTION

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In on Christmas Day! Raymond Weidner

Worship Leaders: Erin Beall, Associate Pastor for Adult Spiritual Formation and Contem- porary Worship; Jared Stine, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care; Debbie Foust, Director of Children's Ministries; Jessica Johnson Brock, soloist; Frank Pifferetti, Organist; Georgia How- ell and Stuart Nunn, Acolytes; Jane Nunn, Crucifer; Dave McCoy, 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.

Thanks and Praise ~

... to Meredith Morgan for sharing her talent of music by leading caroling this Christmas season during the Community Christmas Tree lighting, Hanging of the Greens, Angel Tree party and caroling with the elementary children. What a blessing she has been to so many this Christmas.

Connect with Us on Facebook & Twitter ~

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 holiday events and much more!

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twitter 

Ways to CONNECT

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 on Sunday, January 10 at 9:45 am in the Asbury Room. We look forward to getting to know our visitors better and hope to answer questions you may have.



ATTENTION STUDENTS: MYF IS GOING ICE SKATING ON JANUARY 9



We are going to put our MYF on ice! We will be going ice skating at Greensboro Ice House from 7-9 pm on Saturday, January 9. Please bring \$15 to skate. Make sure your student has the current medical/behavior waiver on file. The waiver can be found on wumcstudents.org. Please make plans to join us.

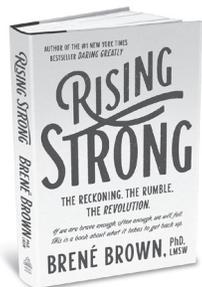
NEED TO TALK TO SOMEONE, BUT DON'T KNOW WHERE TO TURN?

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 care without judgment. If you are grieving a loss, struggling with divorce, or any life transition, contact Mike Flack at 812-3559 or speak to a pastor.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Ways to GROW



JOIN OUR NEW JANUARY BOOK STUDY ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

The New Year brings with it renewed enthusiasm, resolutions and big plans! Make joining a book study one of those plans! Join Rev. Erin Beall as she leads a discussion-based study Brené Brown's, *Rising Strong*. Brown is a magnificent teacher, speaker, and writer, whom you may have heard on NPR or seen on ted.com. *Rising Strong* is her second book, following her first, number-one bestseller *Daring Greatly*. Brené specializes in studying shame and fear, and how they can be overcome so that we can be our best selves. Books will be \$20 from the church, or you can order your own on your Kindle. Classes will be Wednesday nights, 6:30-7:45 pm in the Circle View Room, January 13 - February 24.

NEW CLASS FOR CHILDREN AGES 5-12 STARTING IN JANUARY!

After a divorce or separation, kids usually feel scared, sad, and confused. They know you have been hurt deeply. As a result, they may hide their feelings because they are worried about your happiness or because they do not know how to express their feelings appropriately. DivorceCare for Kids (DC4K) helps them process those feelings and gives them tools to communicate better with you. DC4K provides your children with a safe and neutral place to gain an age-appropriate understanding of separation and divorce. They will learn how to process and share their feelings. For 13 weeks your children become involved in a fun, caring group. The weekly session topics help your children learn that God's love strengthens them and helps them turn their sadness to hope and their anger to joy. Children ages 5-12 are welcome. Sessions are supervised by a licensed professional counselor. Stay tuned for more information.



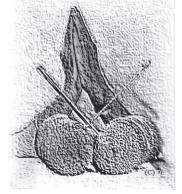
HAVE YOU CONSIDERED JOINING A UNITY GROUP AT WESLEY MEMORIAL IN THE NEW YEAR?

It is usually within a small group that people are able to explore and grow in their faith. Unity Groups, a form of small group ministry, offers you just such a setting. Unity Groups meet regularly for study, prayer, accountability, fellowship, and mission. They can be set up for just women, just men, or both. For more information about Unity Groups and other Adult Spiritual Formation opportunities visit: www.wesleymemorial.org

Ways to SERVE

WANT TO JOIN WESLEY MEMORIAL'S PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY?

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. Contact Lee Huff, 887-9165; Karen Sumner, 883-8721 or Linda Dale, 884-5121.



MARTHA & STEPHEN GUILD FLEXIBLE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for a volunteer commitment that is flexible? Duties Available: Calling, Setting Tables, Serving (serving drinks, wiping trays, cleaning up at end of meal), or Host or Hostess (opportunity to choose one or a combination of options). Contact Cindy Dominick at 812-4814 or cdominick@wesley memorial.org for questions or to sign-up.

Ways to GIVE

PLEASE HELP WESLEY MEMORIAL TRANSFORM LIVES IN 2016

Wesley Memorial matches its annual operating budget to the financial support pledged by our members and friends. In 2015 we received \$1.7M in pledged support. As Monday, December 21, we have received \$1.67M in pledged financial support of our 2016 operating budget. We are \$34K away from our 2015 giving level with 61 pledges representing \$109K in support still outstanding. If you have already submitted your 2016 pledge card, thank you very much! We are grateful to each of you for your generous support.

If you have not yet submitted pledge card, please do so today. You may submit your pledge card by:

- Mailing a completed pledge card to the church 1225 Chestnut Drive, High Point, NC 27265;
- Returning your pledge card to the Front Desk;
- Submitting a pledge card on-line at www.wesley memorial.org/gifts

Your generosity empowers Wesley Memorial's to CONTINUE and GROW in our capacity to make spiritually healthy followers of Jesus Christ who live in ways that transform the world. Thank you, in advance, for your generous support.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING 2015 YEAR-END GIVING

The end of the year is fast approaching (Thursday is the last day of 2015). At Wesley Memorial, our staff is happy to work with you to help you achieve your 2015 giving goals and intentions. Here are some options and time lines available to you. In addition, you may always contact Deanie Simmons at dsimmons@wesley memorial.org or 812-4801 to facilitate your giving at this busy time of the year.

- Give at TODAY's worship services
- Mail check to 1225 Chestnut Dr., High Point, NC 27262 postmarked **by 12/31**
- Contribute on line at <http://www.wesley memorial.org/online-giving> **by 12/29**
- Use your bank's bill pay system **by 12/29**
- To give stock or funds managed by a broker, ask for transfer completion **by 12/29**
- Bring your gift to the church office **by 12/31 at 12 noon.**

Tax-deductible gifts received by the above deadlines will appear on your 2015 giving statement. Thank you for making a difference in countless lives in this community and around the world.



FILL THE BACKPACKS FOR STUDENTS AT FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY

Wesley Memorial continues to provide "backpacks" of food for Fairview students on the weekend and holidays. Items needed: protein items, individual servings of milk, white or chocolate, individual instant breakfast, individual cereal boxes, fruit juice and plastic grocery bags. Collection bins are in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall Lobby and Administrative Building Lobby.

CALENDAR: December 27, 2015 - January 3, 2016

Sunday, December 27, 2015

- Contemporary Worship, 9:45 am, Fellowship Hall
- Traditional Worship Service, 11:00 am, Sanctuary

Monday, December 28, 2015

- Church Office Closed

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Friday, January 1, 2016

- Church Office Closed for Holiday

Sunday, January 3, 2016

- 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 Service, 11:00 am, Sanctuary
- Confirmation Class, 4:00 pm, Circle View 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!

Our faithfulness in attendance

December 20, 2015

All Worship Services: 593

(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.*