

The Worship of God

Sanctuary

December 15, 2019

11 am

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Variations on Puer NobisAlbert Zabel
(Come, thou Redeemer of the Earth) (1935-2017)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Ding, Dong, Ding, Dong.....Michael Bedford
Children K-5

Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion!

For lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says the Lord.

Let us pray.

O God, you so loved the world as to give your only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Grant to us the precious gift of faith, that we may know that the Son of God is come, and may have power to overcome the world and gain a blessed immortality; through Jesus Christ our Love. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 250

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

Please be seated

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

George and Laney Morris

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM & RECEPTION

After the parents' profession of faith, the pastor asks the congregation:

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include *Emerson* in your care?

We will.

After the baptism, the pastor asks the congregation:

Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ:

Through baptism we are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

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 minis-

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.

Because we wish to comply with directives from the High Point Fire inspector, we will not have candles near live or artificial greenery. We have purchased beautiful Advent Candle Stands for the sanctuary and chapel.

We rejoice in the baptism of **Emerson Isaac Miller, son** of Matt Miller and Melody Emerson and welcome him into the family of Christ. Grandparents are David and Carol Cyr of New Haven, CT, Steve and Beth Benson of Charlotte, NC and Jim and Beth Squires of Charlotte, NC. Great grandparent is Annette Cyr of Wallingford, CT.

We welcome into our congregation today these new members: **Joining at 8:30** - Patsy & Jeff Henderson, Phil Watson and Hayden Kirby-Smith.

Joining at 9:45 - Devon and Misty Conder, Gary Gilliam, Anna Erwin-Magill, Josiah Magill, & Andrew Magill, Eli, Lisa and Shane Withers.

Joining at 11 am - Arden Anderson, Don & LaVon Boone, Shawn Burchette, Betty Giustiniano, Joe & Diana Lorber, Matt & Melody (Emerson) Miller and Patti Wood.

"Song of Mary" was purchased for the glory of God by Anthem Angel Karl Koerberling in loving memory of M L Koerberling.

tries 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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Response:

Lord in your mercy, **hear our 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. Magnificat anima mea Dominum. 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. Magnificat anima mea Dominum. He feeds the hungry at his board and send the rich unfilled away, and mindful of his promised word has answered Israel's prayer today. Magnificat anima mea Dominum. 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. Magnificat anima mea Dominum.

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

HOMILY

Jeff Patterson

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY

Invitation

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

Reader: Adrienne Reeves

CAROL

"To A Maid Engaged to Joseph" ANNUNCIATION

Chancel Choir

The Angel Gabriel Visits Mary Luke 1:26-31

Reader: Sophie Kitley

CAROL

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 Jesus.....Luke 2:1, 3-7

Reader: Porter Redmond

CAROL

Away in a Manger.....AWAY IN A MANGER

(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

Reader: Ben Holbrook & Madeline Coleman

CAROL

The First NoelTHE 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: Molly Holbrook & Charlotte Porter

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

Amen.....Dale Grotenhuis

Chancel Choir

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

People, Look East!.....Kristina Langlois

(b. 1956)

Service Notes:

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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.



Welcome to

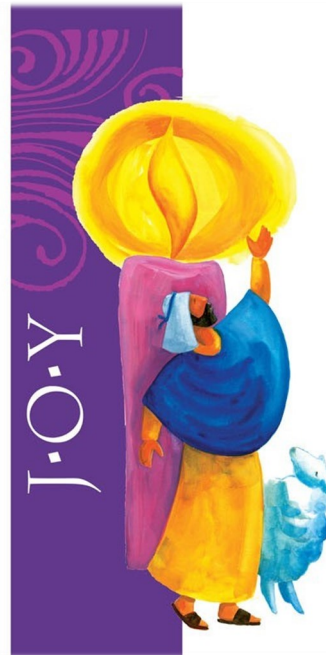
WESLEY MEMORIAL

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 15, 2019

3rd Sunday of Advent



Traditional Worship in the Chapel

8:30 am

Contemporary Worship in the Fellowship Hall

9:45 am

Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

11:00 am

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I WON'T SURVIVE THE
HOLIDAYS
December Sermon Series

1st - Remember His Timing
8th - Remember His Vision
15th - Remember His Power
22nd - Remember Your Place
29th - Remember His Presence

24th - Christmas Eve Services
5pm - Lovefeast (Sanctuary)
8pm - Contemporary (Fellowship Hall)
11pm - Communion (Sanctuary)

PERFECT FOR INVITING A FRIEND!

TODAY!

Nativity

Sunday Morning
December 15
11:00 am
Sanctuary

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1225 Chestnut Drive
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Seniors' (60+) **CHRISTMAS** Potluck


RSVP/Questions?
Susan Sumpter
336.848.4128

Bring your favorite side dish!
Fried Chicken Provided!

Wednesday, December 18
5:30pm Vespers • 6:15pm Dinner • 7:15pm Carol Sing

**The Church Offices will be closed on
December 25 and 26
for Christmas**

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP



Lovefeast

with
Trumpets and Organ
Choirs
Christmas Carols

December 24
Christmas Eve
5:00 pm
Sanctuary doors open at 4:15

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Light of the World

Contemporary

December 24
Christmas Eve
8:00 pm
Fellowship Hall
(look for the RED flags)

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Communion

with
String Quartet
and Organ

December 24
Christmas Eve
11:00 pm
Sanctuary

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Two Services

10:00 am Contemporary Fellowship Hall	10:00 am Traditional Sanctuary
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Sunday, December 29

1st - Remember His Coming
8th - Remember His Vision
15th - Remember His Power
22nd - Remember Our Place
29th - Remember His Presence

PERFECT FOR INVITING A FRIEND!

Announcements

Student Ministries Ski Trip is **Friday, January 24 - Sunday, January 26**. We are going to **Teen Valley Ranch in Plumtree, NC**. Registration Deadline is **Monday, January 13**. Registration Price is \$200.00. \$50 deposit. Register Online at: wesleymemorial.org/grow/students/

Christmas Giving

Our Missions team identified Warner Temple AME Zion in Wilmington, NC as our 2019 **Christmas Offering** recipient. Please give generously.

Staff Christmas Bonus: Staff Parish Relations Team (SPRT) invites the congregation to bless our staff with a financial gift at Christmas. To participate, please make a check out to WMUMC and mark "**Staff Bonus**" in the memo line. You can also contribute on-line. Thank you for helping us express gratitude to our wonderful staff. Please make your contribution by **Sunday, December 15 (TODAY)**.

Childcare

Reservations required
(48 hours in advance)
wesleymemorial.org/childcare

Cancellation
(24 hours in advance)
skelley@wesleymemorial.org

This Week at Wesley Memorial: **December 15 - 21**

Sunday, December 15

Horizon Praise Team Rehearsal, 8:15 am,
Fellowship Hall

Traditional Worship, 8:30 am, *Chapel*

Children's Music Rehearsal, 9:30 am, *Sanctuary*

Contemporary Worship, 9:45 am, *Fellowship Hall*

Children, Student & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am

Traditional Worship, 11:00 am, *Sanctuary*

Confirmation Class, 4:00 pm, *The Underground*

Sunday Night Live, 5:30 pm, *The Underground*

Monday, December 16

Interdenominational Bible Study, 10:30 am,
Circle View Room

Open Door Ministry - Our Father's Table, 5:30pm,
off-site

AA Meeting, 8:00 pm, *D208*

Tuesday, December 17

Live Alive Book Club, 10:30 am, *Small Dining Room*

Live Alive Luncheon & Program, 11:45, *Dining Hall*

Wednesday, December 18

No Bible Study Lunch

Caring Ministry, 1:15 pm, *Circle View*

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1:30 pm, *Arts & Crafts Room*

Grace Notes, 4:30 pm, *Adult Bell Room*

Vespers, 5:30 pm, *Chapel*

No Wednesday Night Dinner

Senior Adult Potluck Supper, 6:15 pm, *Dining Hall*

Genesis Class, 6:30 pm, *D212*

Chancel Choir, 6:45 pm, *Choir Room*

Thursday, December 19

Chancel Bells, 7:00 pm, *Adult Bell Room*

AA Meeting, 8:00 pm, *D208*

AL-Anon Meeting, 8:00 pm, *D212*

Saturday, December 21

Feeding Lisa's Kids Food Distribution, 8:00 am,
Picnic Shelter

Wesley 100 Breakfast, 8:00 am, *Small Dining Room*

Horizon Praise Team Rehearsal, 9:00 am,
Fellowship Hall

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(infant through Kindergarten)

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WMUMC has established a policy designed to protect our children and students when they are attending or visiting Wesley Memorial's facilities and sponsored events.



In the event of a PERSONAL/PASTORAL emergency, call the main number 336.884.2204 and choose option 1. It is available 24/7 and will connect you with a pastor.

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