

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church

Established 1812
Warrenton, North Carolina



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Our mission is to assist people in recognizing God's call to a new life through faith in Christ Jesus. We exist to worship God, to serve Christ and to love our neighbors in the same way God loves us. We are a family of believers who profess our imperfections at the same time that we strive to help each other become more Christ-like through worship, education, service and fellowship.

Service of Word and Table

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

** THE GATHERING *Prelude on 'Union Seminary'* Charles Callahan

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Light of Christ leads us in to worship.

PRELUDE *Chorale Prelude on 'Schmücke dich'* Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP

When we are called from around the world, at God's invitation, to gather at a table of fellowship and grace, we feel obligated to accept the invitation. *When we gather at the table, no matter how small or large, we feel an intimate connection with any who gather in God's name.* May God enrich our lives in table fellowship today, knowing that our connections extend around the world. *It is our duty and service to attend to the word of God, revealed in the broken bread and shared cup. Alleluia!*

* PRAYER

Meet with us, Lord, at your table that we may feast on the abundance of your grace and love. Amen.

* HYMN *Where Charity and Love Prevail* UMH 549

* A MODERN AFFIRMATION UMH 885

* GLORIA PATRI *Glory Be to the Father* UMH 71

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Lamentations 1:1-6* Pew Bible OT 722

PSALTER LESSON *Psalms 137* UMH 852

A TIME OF SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 17:5-10* Pew Bible NT 76

* HYMN *Become for Us the Living Bread* UMH 630

EPISTLE LESSON *II Timothy 1:1-14* Pew Bible NT 198

SERMON *For the World, the Body of Christ, Redeemed by His Blood* Reverend Gooch

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

ANTHEM *Remember, Remember Me* Jack Schrader

OUR CONFESSION

Lord, we call for peace and wholeness, but our practices often times divide us and scatter us across the world. Forgive us for insisting that others must follow our ways or suffer the consequences. Forgive us for being satisfied with a broken and decaying world. Forgive us when we see others as dispensable. Forgive us, we pray, and bring us to your table of reconciliation and grace. Amen.

WORDS OF PARDON

OFFERTORY *Let Us Break Bread Together* Callahan

* PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND GOD'S GIFTS

* DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 94

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH 13

THE LORD'S PRAYER
SHARING THE HOLY MEAL
OUR THANKS

UMH 895

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Let us not be ashamed of testifying to our faith. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

* HYMN	<i>Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether</i>	UMH 632
* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING		
* CHORAL BENEDICTION	<i>Danish Amen</i>	UMH 898
* CHIMING THE TRINITY		
* POSTLUDE	<i>Schönster Herr Jesu (Fairest Lord Jesus)</i>	Callahan
** Please enter in preparation for Christian Worship.		* All who are able may stand.

Pastor, The Reverend Ray Gooch
Liturgist, Ramona DuBose
Greeter, Mabel Bullock

Organist/Choir Director, Chet Hunt
Altar, Rebecca Harris
Ushers, Neblett Bullock, John Coleman

TO OUR VISITORS: We welcome all of our visitors today! In this hour, may your life be filled with peace as we worship our Lord together. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to join us. Please sign a visitor's card and let us know if you would like a call or a visit.

HOLY COMMUNION: Today we will celebrate Holy Communion. In the tradition of the United Methodist Church, all are welcome and invited to partake, as our table is an "open table." For those who need it, there is a gluten-free option.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY: Today is observed by many churches around the world as World Communion Sunday. This holy sacrament is common to most Christian Churches. In the United Methodist Church, we traditionally receive a special offering for scholarship aid through our general church. You are invited to make your gifts in a regular offering envelope and mark this gift "World Communion." Thank you for sharing your gifts with others.

GLOBAL CARING MONTH: Our thanks to Lisa Bolton for her outstanding effort and involvement with Capital Ford's Global Caring Month food drive and fundraiser. Our thanks also to the Wesley Memorial family for your participation in what became a most successful venture for the benefit of Warren County's Loaves and Fishes food pantry.

MUSIC NOTES: Both the gathering music and the last hymn draw upon the hymn tune *Union Seminary*, which is a section of the communion anthem *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*, composed by American organist, educator and composer Harold Friedell (1905-1958), published in 1957. The tune is named for the School of Sacred Music, Union Theological Seminary, New York City, where Friedell taught theory and composition.

CHARGE CONFERENCE: Charge Conference will be held this year on Monday, October 20 at 6 p.m., here at Wesley Memorial. This year's conference will be held in the Fireside Room, and will include Bethlehem UMC. All members of the Administrative Council are also members of the Charge Conference, and the meeting is open to all who wish to attend.

BASKET COLLECTION: Basket funds provide relief to those in need in our community. In 2024, the amount raised was \$2,777.00. Thanks to all who contribute throughout the year.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members

Tom Aycock, Jules Banzet, Mary Lou Bond,
Anne Harris and Saralee Scott

Friends

The family, friends and colleagues of all who
are killed or injured in senseless violence

The families of all in peril in the Middle East

The families of all in peril in Ukraine

Mike Aycock, Logan Barber, Chip Bristow,
John Bender, Lesa Bobbitt, Mark Byam,
Elke Capps, Glenn Coleman III, Janet Coleman,
Syd Cooper, Abby and Josh Cordes,
John Boyd Davis, Jake Echols,
Suzanne Fleming, Allen Harris, Ronnie Hight,
Candy Holland, Donna Hunt, Scott Lang,
Diane Lynch, Doris Milligan,
Edgar and Debbie Milligan and Family,
Luke McCullough, Evelyn Ostendorf,
Judy Pulley, Travis Pulley and Holly Williams

SUNDAY, October 12, 2025

Scripture: Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137;
II Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

Altar: Rebecca Harris

Greeter: Lisa Bolton

Ushers: Kent Copley, Steve Milligan

COMING UP

October 8 - Weekly Ecumenical Lectionary
Study, 9 a.m., Warrenton Baptist Church

Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Fireside Room

October 12- Morning Worship

October 20 - Charge Conference, to be held at
Wesley Memorial UMC, Fireside Room, 6 p.m.

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2025 Church Budget - \$112,115.95

Amt. Needed Per Sunday - \$2,157.00

Collection Last Sunday - \$2,215.00

Attendance Last Sunday - 46