

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 the Word

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Laity Sunday

** THE GATHERING Elevation XXII and Elevation XXV Dom Paul Benoit

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Light of Christ leads us in to worship.

PRELUDE Elevation XLIV Benoit

CALL TO WORSHIP

The call to discipleship is a call to follow the leadership of Jesus and to emulate his service to God. We have learned from Jesus, that all people are creations of God. *We have learned that true service is never fruitful unless we see others as worthy of our time, our compassion, and our willingness to meet them as our equals.* Today is Laity Sunday which reminds us that the church is the Body of Christ, where every person is a disciple and all disciples have a place of service. Let us worship God in the spirit of holiness and celebrate God's claim upon our lives.

PRAYER

Holy God, we stand in awe of your calling for us to follow Jesus, to serve his people and to find the doorway to your kingdom. Bless us with your Holy Spirit that we may find our place through humble service in your House. Amen.

* HYMN Ye Servants of God UMH 181

* CHRIST'S MODEL FOR SERVANT MINISTRY Canticle of Christ's Obedience UMH 167

* GLORIA PATRI Glory Be to the Father UMH 71

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 10:35-45 Pew Bible NT 44

A TIME OF SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 10:12-22 Pew Bible OT

* HYMN Lord, You Give the Great Commission (vs. 1, 2 & 5) UMH 584

EPISTLE LESSON I Romans 12:4-8 Pew Bible NT 152

ANTHEM Father Almighty César Franck

EPISTLE LESSON II I Corinthians 12:1-11 Pew Bible NT 164

WORDS OF WITNESS Let me tell you about a servant I know . . . WMUMC Laity

PRAYER FOR COURAGE TO DO JUSTICE UMH 456

REFLECTIONS ON SERVANT MINISTRY Reverend Gooch

PRAYERS FOR ALL GOD'S SERVANTS

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

OFFERTORY Air, Moderato con moto Franck

* PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

* DOXOLOGY Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 94

* HYMN Lord, I Want to Be A Christian UMH 402

* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Dresden Amen

UMH 897

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* POSTLUDE

Elevation XXXI

Benoit

The Light of Christ leads us out into the world.

** Please enter in preparation for Christian Worship.

* All who are able may stand.

Pastor, The Reverend Ray Gooch
Liturgist, Jeff Harty
Greeter, Martha Hicks

Organist/Choir Director, Chet Hunt
Altar, Martha Hicks
Ushers, Elton Brown, Grady Strickland

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.

CONGRATULATIONS! Congratulations to Tommy Ross and Christy Wilkerson who were married last Saturday, October 11. We wish Tommy and Christy all the best for many years to come!

CHARGE CONFERENCE: Charge Conference is tomorrow night, October 20, at 6 p.m., here at Wesley Memorial. The 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 are especially needed at the meeting. The meeting is also open to all others who wish to attend.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Wesley Memorial will be volunteering (rain or shine) to help with curbside food distribution at Loaves and Fishes this Tuesday, October 21. Plan to meet in the church's back parking lot no later than 7:40 a.m. to carpool over. For those needing to drive themselves, Loaves & Fishes is at 538 W. Ridgeway St., Warrenton, behind Warren County Health Department. We should be finished by 11 a.m. depending on how many clients come through.

COOKIE DELIVERIES: Our Cookies for Schools project will be held on Tuesday, October 28, when we deliver boxes of homemade cookies to all schools in the Warren County Schools district and other public agencies. Bring your favorite homemade cookies to the church Fellowship Hall by 9 a.m. that morning and plan to stay to help box them up for delivery. The last time we conducted this project, we had more than 1,600 cookies and delivered to some 17 schools and other agencies such as law enforcement, town halls, and the health department. For more information, please see Jennifer Franks.

MUSIC NOTES: This morning's anthem, *Almighty Father*, is an English text adaptation by E. J. Lorenz of the Latin text *Panis Angelicus* (*Bread of Heaven*). The Latin text was written by Saint Thomas Aquinas in the 13th century for the Feast of Corpus Christi, a celebration of the body and blood of Jesus Christ. French composer, organist and teacher César Franck set the text to music as a part of his *Messe à trois voix*. Opus 12 (*Mass for three voices*). Franck's composition was first published in 1872.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SUPPER: The monthly Men's Fellowship Supper will be held on Thursday, October 30, at 6 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend, and consider bringing a guest! A sign-up sheet is in the narthex so that we can get an accurate head count.

WREATH PROJECT 2025: Plans are underway for the 2025 Wreath Project. **Bow Making will be held on Wednesday, November 12, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room.** Please plan on helping out. Boxwood will be gathered during Thanksgiving weekend, and wreaths will be made the week of **December 1 - 5.** Please mark your calendars and plan to lend a hand for this church-wide project! Orders for wreaths may be placed by contacting Elaine Coleman, ElaineGibsonColeman@gmail.com, or Mary Hunter, malhunter210@gmail.com. Note: We are happy to accept and recycle your old wreath forms!

SUNDAY, October 26, 2025

Scripture: Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65;
II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Altar: Martha Hicks

Greeter: Sheila Blackwood

Ushers: Todd Wemyss, Heath Frazier

COMING UP

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

October 21 - Wesley Memorial Volunteer Day at Loaves and Fishes; Carpool from church at 7:40 a.m.

October 22 - Weekly Ecumenical Lectionary Study, 9 a.m., Warrenton Baptist Church
Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Fireside Room

October 26 - Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.

October 28 - Cookies for Schools Project, 9 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

October 30 - Men's Fellowship Supper, 6 p.m.,
WMUMC Fellowship Hall

November 9 - Covered Dish Luncheon, Fellowship Hall, following Morning Worship

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 Aycok, 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
All parties involved with the fragile peace deal,
hostage/prisoner exchange in the Middle East

The families of all in peril in Ukraine

Mike Aycok, 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,
John Jenkins II, Scott Lang, Diane Lynch,
Doris Milligan, Edgar and Debbie Milligan and
Family, Luke McCullough, Evelyn Ostendorf,
Judy Pulley, Travis Pulley and Holly Williams

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2025 Church Budget - \$112,115.95
Amt. Needed Per Sunday - \$2,157.00

Collection Last Sunday - \$1,101.00
Attendance Last Sunday - 33