

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, August 17, 2025

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

** THE GATHERING *Ave Verum Corpus* ('Hail True Body') Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Light of Christ leads us in to worship.

PRELUDE *Adagio assai* Maurice Ravel

CALL TO WORSHIP

To each worship experience, we come with expectations of what we anticipate receiving, perhaps an order of worship or maybe a need that we hope will be addressed. *In every worship experience we learn more of God's expectation of the people and the world God created.* When we search the scriptures, wait in expectation and listen for God to direct our paths, we trust the Holy Spirit to help us find a connection with God. *That's why we have gathered today. May God help us to find all those things and more!*

PRAYER

Holy God, we are waiting and listening. Fill our ears and hearts and minds with your instructions, your revelations, and help us to receive your holy gifts. Amen.

* HYMN *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* UMH 559

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* UMH 881

* GLORIA PATRI UMH 71

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Isaiah 5:1-7* Pew Bible OT 602

A TIME OF SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 12:49-56* Pew Bible NT 71

* HYMN *God of Love and God of Power* UMH 578

EPISTLE LESSON *Hebrews 11:29-56* Pew Bible NT 210

SERMON *I Have a Baptism to Undergo* Reverend Gooch

PSALTER LESSON *Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19* UMH 801-802

A LITANY OF PRAYER *Turn your Eyes upon Jesus* (Choral Response) UMH 349

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

OFFERTORY *Prayer from Suite Gothique, Op. 25* Léon Boëllmann

* PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

* DOXOLOGY *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 94

* HYMN *Am I a Soldier of the Cross* UMH 511

* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

* CHIMING THE TRINITY

* POSTLUDE *Westminster Abbey* Noel Rawsthorne

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, Kay Copley

Organist/Choir Director, Chet Hunt
Ushers, Kent Copley, Heath Frazier
Altar, Kay Copley

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.

NEW BABY! The rose on the altar is given to the Glory of God and honors the birth of MacGregor Warren Knight, born to Anna Britt and MacGregor Knight on Sunday, August 10, 2025. Warren is the grandson of Jeff and Stephie Harty, and nephew of Molly Harty. Our sincerest congratulations to the entire family!

MEN'S MEETING: Following worship today, the men of the church are asked to gather at the front of the sanctuary to discuss plans for the August and September Men's Fellowship Supper meetings. All men are invited and urged to stay for the meeting.

PRAYER PAL SIGN-UP: The process of signing up Adult Prayer Pals, as well as children and youth to be assigned Prayer Pals, is underway. Both forms are in the narthex and should be returned to Vivian Paynter. There is a box in the narthex in which to place completed forms. We need to complete the sign-up process as soon as possible since Prayer Pal 2025-2026 is about to get underway.

WIC BREASTFEEDING WEEK: Warren County Health Department's Women, Infants and Children Program, also known as the WIC program, is celebrating Breastfeeding Week and collecting supplies that will be distributed to clients later in the month. A list of needed items can be found in the narthex. Supplies will be collected until August 31. Please leave your items in the collection box in the Parlor. We will be collecting through the end of the month. Thank you for participating in this important local project.

STORM RELIEF EFFORTS: Tropical storm Chantel caused significant damage in parts of our Conference. Homes, churches, and neighborhoods face cleanup and recovery. Among those flooded was Saxapahaw UMC and parsonage. You can help with recovery by contributing to the NC Storm Fund through our church. Please make checks payable to Wesley Memorial and mark your checks and offering envelope "Storm Fund," and place them in the offering plate. We will collect these funds through today, August 17, 2025.

MUSIC NOTES: Beginning today, and on each of the following three Sundays, the prelude will feature piano works by Maurice Ravel, Frédéric Chopin, Robert Schumann and Sergei Rachmaninoff. This morning's prelude is the *Adagio assai* ('Very slow') by French composer Maurice Ravel (1875-1937), from the second movement of his *Piano Concerto in G major* (1931). Throughout his career, Ravel, in his solo piano pieces and his orchestral and chamber works, strove to produce music which was uniquely French, with tone colors and harmonizations unlike any other composer.

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

All who are affected by devastating wildfires,
hurricanes, floods and tornadoes in the US
The families of all in peril in the Middle East
The families of all in peril in the Ukraine conflict

Mike Aycock, Logan Barber, Lesa Bobbitt,
Mark Byam, Elke Capps, Glenn Coleman III,
Janet Coleman, Syd Cooper,

Abby & Josh Cordes, John Boyd Davis,
Jake Echols, Suzanne Fleming, Allen Harris,
Terri Hedrick, Ronnie Hight, Candy Holland,
Donna Hunt, Diane Lynch, Doris Milligan,
Luke McCullough, Evelyn Ostendorf,
David Proctor, Tim Proctor, Judy Pulley,
Travis Pulley, Bobby Tippett, Nancy Walman
and Holly Williams

SUNDAY, August 24, 2025

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6;
Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

Altar: Kay Copley

Greeter: Mary Hunter

Ushers: John Coleman, Richard Hunter

COMING UP

Today - Meeting with Men of the Church, front of sanctuary, following Worship

August 20 - Weekly Ecumenical Lectionary Study, 9 a.m., Warrenton Baptist Church

August 24 - Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

October 20 - Charge Conference, to be held at Wesley Memorial UMC

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

Collection Last Sunday - \$3366.00
Attendance Last Sunday - 78