

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, November 2, 2025

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday

** THE GATHERING	Adagio for Strings	Samuel Barber
THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR		
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		

The Light of Christ leads us in to worship.

PRELUDE	Largo from 'New World' Symphony	Antonin Dvorák
CALL TO WORSHIP		

When God's people gather before God's presence, whether in the heavenly kingdom or in any earthly space, there is a direct connection between all who are present and between the various kingdoms. *We often feel that connection as we worship and rejoice that we do not worship in a vacuum but are grounded by God's connecting Spirit.* On this All Saints Sunday, may our worship reflect the holiness of God and the great celebration of all who follow the lordship of Jesus Christ. *Let us worship in Spirit and in Truth.*

PRAYER

We bless your holy name, O God, for all your servants who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors. Give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness, to your honor and glory; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN	For All the Saints	UMH 711
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostles' Creed	UMH 881
* GLORIA PATRI	Glory Be to the Father	UMH 71

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON	Ephesians 1:11-23	Pew Bible NT 180
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A TIME OF SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM	All the Way Home	Sarah Quartel
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ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCES

As each of the names of members who have deceased during the past year, a candle in their memory will be lit, a chime will be sounded and you are invited to respond: Thanks be to God!

Dorothy Williams "Shorty" Roberts, April 19, 1927 - January 23, 2025

Alpheus "Doc" Jones, Jr., May 8, 1935 - March 22, 2025

Lawrence Rux Boyd, Jr., June 13, 1944 - June 24, 2025

A fourth candle will be lit to honor all others. You are invited to speak the names of other family or friends you wish to honor today.

PRAYER: Holy God, we honor you this day for the creation of each of these saints and for gathering them into your kingdom where they may forever honor your holy name. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Daniel 7:1-7, 15-18	Pew Bible OT 786
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* HYMN	Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart (vs. 1, 4 & 5)	UMH 500
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GOSPEL LESSON	Luke 6:20-31	Pew Bible NT 61
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SERMON	Included in Christ and Marked by the Holy Spirit	Reverend Gooch
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INVITATION TO THE TABLE

OUR CONFESSION

Almighty God, you make it challenging for us when you invite us to envision all people gathering at your kingdom Table, for we have not always followed your teachings, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves and we have not always sought your kingdom above our own plans. Forgive us we pray and set us free for obedience to your Word. Amen.

WORDS OF PARDON

OFFERTORY *Ave Verum Corpus* Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

* PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH 13

SHARING THE HOLY MEAL

OUR THANKS

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. We pray that we may follow the example of the saints as we live our lives in faith and hope. 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 *Sing with All the Saints in Glory* UMH 702

* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

* CHORAL RESPONSE *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name* UMH 663

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* POSTLUDE *Chaconne* Louis Couperin

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	Organist/Choir Director, Chet Hunt
Liturgist, Jeff Harty	Altar, Anne Harris
Greeter, Sheila Blackwood	Ushers, Alan DuBose, Richard Hunter

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON: Next Sunday, November 9, following Morning Worship, there will be a Covered Dish Fellowship Luncheon in the church Fellowship Hall. Please plan to bring a dish and stay for this special time of being together. Consider bringing guests!

COOKIES FOR SCHOOLS: Our thanks to everyone who participated in the Cookies for Schools project on Tuesday. Some 18 boxes of cookies were assembled and delivered to schools and public service agencies, in appreciation from our church to those working in service to the community.

COMMUNITY PRAYER TREE: Plans are underway for the Warrenton community’s first Community Prayer Tree, hosted by Wesley Memorial UMC. The Prayer Tree will be erected on the front church lawn. The community will be invited to meet at the Prayer Tree on November 30 and December 15, from 7-8 p.m., for prayer and placement of prayer “ornaments” on the tree. Wesley Memorial is selling “Meet Me at the Prayer Tree” sweatshirts to publicize the event. The order form is in the narthex or you may place your order with Lisa Bolton at LBolton5@nc.rr.com. Shirts are \$30. Orders and payment are due by November 15.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE:

The Warren County Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, November 23 at the Courthouse, 3 p.m. Following the service, Thanksgiving boxes of food will be distributed to families in need. We are now collecting items for the boxes which may be left in the back entrance to the narthex. A list of needed items is on the credenza in the narthex. Thank you for your support!

WREATH PROJECT 2025: Supplies are here, orders are being taken and soon it will be wreath season! Bows will be made on **November 12 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Fireside Room. We will gather boxwood on **Nov. 28 & 29**, then start making wreaths on **Dec. 1**. The wreaths needed for the first Sunday of Advent will be made on **Nov. 24 and 25**. Mark your calendars and plan on helping out!

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.

SUNDAY, November 9, 2025

Scripture: Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21;
II Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-40

Altar: Vivian Paynter

Greeter: Vivian Paynter

Ushers: Ben Hunter, Tommy Ross

COMING UP

November 5 - Weekly Ecumenical Lectionary Study, 9 a.m., Warrenton Baptist Church

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

November 9 - Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.

Covered Dish Luncheon, Fellowship Hall, following Morning Worship

November 12 - Bow-Making for Wreath Project 9:30 a.m., Fireside Room

November 23 - Community Thanksgiving Service Courthouse Square, 3 p.m.

November 28-29 - Boxwood gathering for wreath project

December 1 until complete - Wreath Making, Fellowship Hall

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members

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

Friends

All who are impacted by the US Government shutdown

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 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, Phil Hunt,
Scott Lang, Doris Milligan, Edgar and Debbie
Milligan and Family, Luke McCullough,
Evelyn Ostendorf, Judy Pulley, Travis Pulley,
Joe Stepusin and Holly Williams

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2025 Church Budget - \$112,115.95

Amt. Needed Per Sunday - \$2,157.00

Collection Last Sunday - \$911.00

Attendance Last Sunday - 31