

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, March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

** THE GATHERING	<i>Trumpet Voluntary in D</i>	Jeremiah Clark
THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR		
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
	<i>The Light of Christ leads us in to worship.</i>	
PRELUDE	<i>St. Theodulph</i>	Noel Rawsthorne
* CALL TO WORSHIP		
	Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. God's love endures forever. Let the people of God say, "God's love endures forever!" <i>God's love endures forever!</i>	
* PROCESSIONAL HYMN	<i>All Glory, Laud and Honor</i>	UMH 280
* PSALTER LESSON	<i>Psalm 118:19-29</i>	UMH 839-840
* GLORIA PATRI	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	UMH 70
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		
GOSPEL LESSON	<i>Matthew 21:1-17</i>	Pew Bible NT 21
A TIME OF SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN		
BLESSING OF THE GARMENTS		
* HYMN	<i>Tell Me the Stories of Jesus</i>	UMH 277
* CANTICLE OF CHRIST'S OBEDIENCE		UMH 167, response 1
ANTHEM	<i>Hosanna, Hosanna</i>	Mitchell Covington
PRAYER		
	<i>Almighty God, with palm branches and garments, we remember the day Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem with the accolades of the crowds. Their chants of "Hosanna!" and "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" were true to the nature of Jesus. Those who questioned who was he to cause such a stir, remind us that not everyone knows about the Teacher from Galilee. Give us a moment now to hear your Word and prepare us for the journey through this Holy Week, that we may more fully grasp how you work in the life of Jesus to bring us closer to you. Amen.</i>	
SERMON	<i>The Day Jesus Came to Town</i>	Reverend Gooch
PRAYERS FOR JESUS' ENTRY MOMENTS		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		UMH 895
OFFERTORY	<i>Lobe den Herren</i>	Rawsthorne
* PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS		
* DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH 95
* HYMN	<i>At the Name of Jesus</i>	UMH 168
* BENEDICTION		
* CHORAL RESPONSE	<i>Danish Amen</i>	UMH 898
* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY		
* POSTLUDE	<i>Ein' feste Berg</i>	Rawsthorne
	<i>The Light of Christ leads us out into the world.</i>	

** 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, Jennifer Franks
Ushers, Kent Copley, Richard Hunter

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.

EASTER LILIES: As in years past, you may order Easter lilies to be placed on the altar on Easter Sunday to honor loved ones. Lilies are \$16 each. Please place orders, no later than today, **Sunday, March 29**, by signing up in the narthex, by calling Jennifer Franks at 252 257-0633 or by emailing her at jhfranks13@gmail.com. There is a limited number of lilies available, so early orders are encouraged.

COAT AND SWEATER COLLECTION: Today, the Gospel tells of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, where people laid down their cloaks and palm branches before him. In celebration of Palm Sunday you have been invited to bring gently used or new coats, sweaters or sweatshirts to our worship and afterwards to be donated to the Warren Ministries United Clothing Closet. We have acquired quite a collection! Thank you for your support of this effort.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: Coming up this week are two special Holy Week services, on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, April 2 and 3. Both services, *A Thursday with Jesus* and *And Then It Was Friday*, will be held in the sanctuary at 6 p.m. Please mark your calendars and plan to be with us.

PRAYER TREE CROSS: The additional cross in our sanctuary was constructed from the Community Prayer Tree that graced our church lawn during Advent. Attached at the center of the cross are the shredded prayer concerns from the Prayer Tree, reminding us that our prayers and concerns are held in God's heart. Throughout the season of Lent, this cross will help us focus on the Gospel proclaimed by Jesus.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS: Churches in cooperation with Warren Ministries United are hosting Lenten Devotions each Wednesday at 12 noon. You are invited to attend, and if you like, bring a bag lunch. The host church will provide beverages and dessert. The last remaining devotion is on April 1 at Cooks Chapel Baptist Church.

BASKET COLLECTION: Basket funds are used to provide relief to those of our community who are in need. In 2025, the amount raised was \$2,561.00. Thanks to all who contribute throughout the year.

URGENT NEED: We have learned from Denise Swanner, director of Loaves and Fishes, that this coming month's government food truck delivery has been cancelled. Churches and other organizations in the community are making an effort to fill in the gaps and supply food items to be distributed on Wednesday, April 1, to those who will be expecting help. Loaves and Fishes is seeking contributions of non-perishable food items such as cereal and other breakfast food, rice, pasta, pasta sauce and canned chicken. As of now, Loaves and Fishes has a good supply of canned vegetables. Please bring your food contributions to Wesley Memorial today, March 29, and leave them in the narthex. If today is not convenient, you may leave your food items at Citizens Insurance, 130 N. Main St., Suite 4, in Warrenton, through Wednesday morning, April 1, beginning each day at 9 a.m. Please call the office at 252 257-3128 if you need to deliver large contributions via the back door. Also, you may contact Mary Hunter at malhunter210@gmail.com or 252 213-0353 to arrange to meet someone at Wesley Memorial outside of today. Thank you for your generosity.

SUNDAY, April 5, 2026

Scripture: Matthew 38:1-10; John 20:1-18;
Colossians 3:1-4

Altar: Jennifer Franks

Greeter: Betsy Frazier

Ushers: Tommy Ross, Todd Wemyss

COMING UP

April 1 - Weekly Ecumenical Lectionary Study, 9 a.m., Warrenton Baptist Church
WMU Lenten Devotions, Cooks Chapel Baptist Church, 12 noon
Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Fireside Room

April 2 - Maundy Thursday Service, 6 p.m., Wesley Memorial Sanctuary

April 3 - Good Friday Service, 6 p.m., Wesley Memorial Sanctuary

April 5 - Easter Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members

Tom Aycock, Harriet Banzet, Jules Banzet,
Anne Harris and Saralee Scott

Friends

The family, friends and colleagues of
Debbie Formyduval

Members of the US military and those abroad,
engaged in and affected by warfare

Nancy Guthrie, mother of *Today Show* host
Savannah Guthrie, abducted on February 1 in
Tucson, Arizona

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

Logan Barber, Lesa Bobbitt, Jerry Bolton,
Steve Brooks, Elke Capps, Glenn Coleman III,
Janet Coleman, Syd Cooper,
Suzanne Fleming, Kevin Geraghty,
Martine Gomory, Allen Harris, Sarah Hickman,
Ronnie Hight, Candy Holland,
Luke McCullough, Chris Pegram, Judy Pulley,
Travis Pulley, Roger St. Louis, John Paul Taylor,
Harriet Tillet, and Holly Williams

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2026 Church Budget - \$129,346.95
Amt. Needed Per Sunday - \$2,488.00

Collection Last Sunday - \$724.00
Attendance Last Sunday - 36