

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, May 31, 2026

Trinity Sunday

** THE GATHERING *Prelude on 'Nicaea'* Charles Callahan

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Light of Christ leads us in to worship.

PRELUDE *Nicaea* Noel Rawsthorne

CALL TO WORSHIP

The longer we live, the more we learn about God, because the more ways we encounter God, the more God molds us into a new creation. *From God's first breath in our bodies until that breath returns to God, we are becoming more like God in celebrating our place in God's creation.* On Trinity Sunday we affirm God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Our journeys with God are always unfolding into a great new tapestry of life. May our worship today expand our grasp of God at work in us. *Lord, let it be so. Amen.*

PRAYER

Lord of all spaces, fill our worship and our lives with your grace, your love and your presence. Amen.

* HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy* UMH 64

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

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Genesis 1:1-4* Pew Bible OT 1

A TIME OF SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 28:16-20* Pew Bible NT 32

* HYMN *We Believe in One True God* UMH 85

* PSALTER LESSON *Psalms 8* UMH 743-744

EPISTLE LESSON *II Corinthians 13:11-13* Pew Bible NT 176

PRAYER FOR A NEW HEART UMH 392

SERMON *Aim for Perfection* Reverend Gooch

PRAYERS FOR PERFECTING GRACE UMH 12

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Ratisbon* Healey Willan

* PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

* DOXOLOGY

* HYMN *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord* UMH 438

* BENEDICTION (in unison)

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE

Duke Street

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, Claudia Wemyss

Organist/Choir Director, Chet Hunt
Altar, Rebecca Harris
Ushers, Heath Frazier, Lee Whitley

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.

TUESDAY'S TABLE: All are invited to attend the Grand Opening for Tuesday's Table, Warren County's first soup kitchen, on Tuesday, June 2, at the Warrenton Rural Fire Station, 236 S. Main St., Warrenton. There will be a ribbon cutting at 10:45 a.m. followed by lunch service from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tuesday's Table, an initiative spearheaded by Wesley Memorial UMC in partnership with Loaves & Fishes Ministries, is more than just a soup kitchen. Its mission is to provide not only a lunchtime meal, but also fellowship, referrals to resources for those in need, and a means for building relationships and community through a shared purpose.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL: The Administrative Council will meet on Sunday, June 7, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Chairperson Cynthia Jenkins asks that committees meet prior to the June 7 meeting, review plans made earlier this year, and plan to report on the progress that has been made, as well as any new ideas or plans on the horizon. Everyone is welcome to attend, but committee chairs and Council officers are especially needed at the meeting.

CHORAL EVENSONG: The members and friends of Wesley Memorial UMC are cordially invited to attend Choral Evensong at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Warrenton on June 7 at 5:00 p.m. Evensong will be presented by the Raleigh Convocation Choir, a 23-member choir, under the direction of Dr. David Arcus. The Raleigh Convocation Choir (RCC) is a ministry of the Raleigh Convocation of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina.

BOOK STUDY: You are invited to participate in a book study of *The Color of Compromise*, on June 6, 2026 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Wake Forest UMC, 905 S. Main Street, Wake Forest, NC. The study will be facilitated by Martha Caves and is being offered by the Heritage District United Women in Faith. The registration deadline was May 29, but you may still be able to attend by emailing your request to dorapearceuwfaith@gmail.com.

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.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members

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

Friends

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, Stacie and River Barber and family, John Blalock, Lesa Bobbitt, Jerry Bolton,
Chip Bristow, Steve Brooks, Elke Capps, Glenn Coleman III, Janet Coleman, Syd Cooper,
Jimmy Crenshaw, Desiree Robertson, Suzanne Fleming, Kevin Geraghty, Martine Gomory,
Allen Harris, Sarah Hickman, Ronnie Hight, Candy Holland, Donna Hunt,
The Rev. and Mrs. Carson Jones, Luke McCullough, Doris Milligan, Chris Pegram,
Judy Pulley, Travis Pulley, Heidi Seifert, Holly Williams and Margaret White

SUNDAY, June 7, 2026

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12;
Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Altar: Elaine Coleman

Greeter: Kae Aycock

Ushers: Grady Strickland, Steve Milligan

COMING UP

June 2 - Tuesday's Table Grand Opening, 10:45 a.m.,
Warrenton Rural Fire Department

June 3 - Weekly Ecumenical Lectionary Study, 9 a.m.,
Warrenton Baptist Church

June 6 - Book Study on *The Color of Compromise*,
Wake Forest UMC, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

June 7 - Administrative Council, 9:30 a.m.,
Fellowship Hall; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Choral Evensong, Emmanuel Episcopal Church,
5:00 p.m., Raleigh Convocation Choir

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

Collection Last Sunday - \$872.00
Attendance Last Sunday - 28