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 1, 2026 ***All Saints Sunday***

** THE GATHERING *'Nimrod'* from *Enigma Variations* Edward Elgar

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Light of Christ leads us in to Worship.

PRELUDE *Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness* Charles Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Bible teaches us that God has placed before us the promise of a kingdom that was not made by human hands, but is eternal and everlasting in the heavens. ***That is our hope, but sometimes it is difficult to determine between wishing and hoping.*** Truly our hope is rooted in and founded in God's faithful promise. ***May God instill within us today our great hope for his kingdom.***

PRAYER

Holy Spirit of God, fill our hearts with the confident hope of being included in your eternal kingdom. Help us to live with that hope all the days of our lives. 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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Revelation 7:9-17* Pew Bible NT 231

THE ROLL CALL OF GOD'S SAINTS WHO ENTERED THE KINGDOM SINCE LAST YEAR

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.

EPISTLE LESSON *I John 3:1-3* Pew Bible NT 223

A TIME OF SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

* HYMN *When We All Get to Heaven* UMH 701

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 5:1-12* Pew Bible NT 37

ANTHEM *In Remembrance of Me* Lloyd Larson

SERMON *The Hope for Eternal Life* Reverend Gooch

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

OUR CONFESSION

Lord Christ, your table invitation stirs our hearts so that we long to eat with you and our sisters and brothers, but sometimes we are troubled by things we know we have done, or said, or thought, and we cannot cleanse our minds of them. Forgive us for the wrong that troubles us and free us for the hope of eternal life through your forgiveness. Amen.

OFFERTORY *Eventide* C. S. Lang

* PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

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

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH 13

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895
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 BENEDICTION *Danish Amen* UMH 898
* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY
* POSTLUDE *Ode to Joy* 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, Sheila Blackwood
Organist/Choir Director, Chet Hunt
Altar, Kae Aycock
Ushers, Alan DuBose, Ben 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.

VETERANS TO BE RECOGNIZED: On Sunday, November 8, during Morning Worship, veterans who are church members, as well as relatives or friends of church members, will be recognized during the service. If there are those you would like to have recognized, please contact Elaine Coleman, Worship chairperson, 252 425-5616.

WREATH PROJECT 2026: Supplies are here, orders are being taken and soon it will be wreath season! Bows will be made on **November 11 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Fireside Room. We will gather boxwood on **Nov. 27 & 28**, then wreaths will be made **Nov. 30 - Dec. 4.** Additional boxwood will be gathered during that week as needed. The wreaths needed for the first Sunday of Advent will be made on **Nov. 23 and 24.** Mark your calendars and plan on helping out! Orders for wreaths may be placed by contacting Elaine Coleman, ElaineGibsonColeman@gmail.com, or Mary Hunter, malhunter210@gmail.com. Note: We are happy to recycle your old wreath forms!

COOKIE DELIVERIES: Our Cookies for the Community project will be held on **Monday, November 16,** 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 that day by 9 a.m. and plan to stay to help box them. We will also need volunteers to make deliveries. The last time we conducted this project, we had loads of cookies and delivered to some 17 schools and other agencies such as law enforcement, town halls, and the Health Department. Please plan on helping out! Thanks for your support!

ADVENT DEVOTIONS: Warren Ministries United and area churches are hosting a Season of Extended Advent Worship with the first worship service to be held on November 4 at 12 noon at Coley Springs Missionary Baptist Church, 224 Parktown Road, Warrenton. Participants are invited to bring a bag lunch and beverage for after-worship fellowship, as well as nonperishable food items or gift cards for Thanksgiving food distribution. The full schedule of services is available in the narthex.

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP: Please consider volunteering in Warren County Schools. Sign-up forms are in the narthex. Contact Elizabeth Comstock at 252 468-8272 or 252 468-8273 for more information. The volunteer program is a joint venture between Wesley Memorial's Missions and Education Committees.

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.

SUNDAY, November 8, 2026
Scripture: Joshua 14:1-3a, 14-27; Psalm 78:1-7; I Thesssalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13
Greeter: Kae Aycock
Ushers: Elton Brown, Grady Strickland

COMING UP
November 3 - Tuesday's Table, WRFD, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
November 4 - Weekly Ecumenical Lectionary Study, 9 a.m., Warrenton Baptist Church
Ecumenical Extended Advent Worship, Coley Springs Missionary Baptist, 12 noon
Choir rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Fireside Room
November 8 - Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Recognition of Veterans
November 11 - Bow Making for Christmas Wreath Project, Fireside Room, 9:30 a.m.
Ecumenical Extended Advent Worship, Cooks Chapel, 12 noon
November 16 - Cookies for the Community Project 9 a.m., Fellowship Hall

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members

Tom Aycock, Harriet Banzet, Jules Banzet, Ramona DuBose and Saralee Scott

Friends

All who are impacted by catastrophic flooding and other natural disasters, across the globe

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

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

Logan, Stacie and River Barber and family, Lesa Bobbitt, Jerry Bolton, Steve Brooks, Clyde Willis Coleman, Janet Coleman, Syd Cooper, Jimmy Crenshaw, Dee Draffin, Sandy "Sunny" Eller, Suzanne Fleming, Justin Fraser, Kevin Geraghty, Rhonda Gibson, Allen Harris, Sarah Hickman, Donna Hunt, Luke McCullough, Nathan Medlin, Chris Pegram, Judy Pulley, Travis Pulley, Desiree Robertson, Heidi Seifert, Ann Stultz, Huey Thomerson, Holly Williams and Virginia Rose White

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

Collection Last Sunday - $2,000.00
Attendance Last Sunday - 29