



DONATE BLOOD

Wesley Memorial Church
Sunday, April 12
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

All donors receive*:

- \$20 eGift Card
- Umbrella
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

Fact: Only 3% of those who are eligible actually donate blood.

Appointments are encouraged, please visit oneblood.org/donate-now and use **sponsor code 16000**

ID REQUIRED

*One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Not-transferable. Gifts may vary. For more information please visit oneblood.org/details.

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CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES FOR CHILDREN

For the month of **April**, we are collecting toothbrushes and dental floss. Please place your donations in cabinet in the conference room.

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Craft Ladies	Tues, 2pm - 5pm	Craft Room
Choir Rehearsal	Tues, 7pm - 8pm	Choir Room
Promiseland Children	Weds, 6pm-7:30pm	Promiseland Room
Bible Studies	Weds, 6:30-7:30pm	Conference Room
Needles Group	Thurs, 9am - 12pm	Craft Room
Men's Breakfast	Sat, 7am - 9am	FLC Fellowship Hall

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kadine Christie - 4/13 | Sean Bell - 4/14
Alison Hubbard - 4/14 | Rev. Antonio Christie - 4/15
Jaheim Nibbs - 4/20 | Zayn Scantlebury - 4/27 | Makenna Bayyat - 4/28

SILVER SAINTS

Welcome Spring Gathering

Join us for lunch, games, worship and more!

SATURDAY APRIL 18 12PM - 2PM



Join us for

BOARD GAME NIGHT

An Evening of Free Family Fun and Light Refreshments!

FRIDAY, APRIL 24
7:00-8:30PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Counters - Join others in counting donations on Monday mornings. Contact Cindy at 813.769.9157. **Service** - Media help is needed with slides during service. Contact Jean Rowe - 813.767.5264 or JKR1885@yahoo.com. **Bridges Preschool** - Help us cook and prepare food Mondays-Thursdays 9am-12:30pm. Contact Denise at 813.220.2746. **Promiseland** - Work with children in the gym on Wednesday nights. Help with crafts and snacks on Wednesday and Sunday nights. Contact Rochelle at 813.215.6433.

GIVE TO WESLEY MEMORIAL UMC



THERE ARE MULTIPLE WAYS TO GIVE:

1. Online- wesleytampa.org/give/
2. Text the word "donate" to 813-548-6100
3. In Person: Drop in offering plate
4. Mail: Mail donation to:
6100 Memorial Highway, Tampa, FL 33615



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WESLEY MEMORIAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rooted in Love. Growing in Faith. Serving with Joy.

EASTER

Sunday

SUNDAY APRIL 5, 2026
7:00PM

Rev. Antonio Christie, Senior Pastor

6100 Memorial Highway | Tampa, FL 33615
www.wesleytampa.org

**EASTER SUNDAY
ORDER OF WORSHIP
APRIL 5, 2026**

THANK YOU FOR SILENCING YOUR PHONE.
*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

PRELUDE "All Hail the Power in Jesus Name" Jean Rowe

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENT Kadine Christie

HAND BELL CHOIR Easter Celebration

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We come in the quiet of early morning, carrying what we have seen, what we have lost, and what we hope for.

People: We come looking for Jesus.

Leader: We come with Mary to the tomb, wondering if life can rise out of grief.

People: We come longing for good news.

Leader: Hear the promise of God: "I am about to create new heavens and a new earth."

People: We come to worship the God who makes all things new.

Leader: Christ is risen. The stone has been rolled away. Death does not have the final word.

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Risen Christ, we come this morning with hearts full of many things—joy and sorrow, hope and weariness, faith and questions. Some of us come running with excitement. Some of us come weeping like Mary at the tomb. Some of us come wondering whether new life is really possible. And yet you meet us here. You meet us with the promise that death is not the end, and that you are even now making all things new. Open our hearts to the wonder of Easter. Lift our eyes to see the empty tomb. Speak our names with resurrecting love. Fill this place with joy, hope, and holy expectancy, that we may worship you not only with our lips, but with lives made new by your grace. We pray in the name of the risen Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" UMH 302

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, too often we live as though the tomb is still sealed. We cling to fear when you call us into hope. We hold on to sorrow as though joy could never return. We bow to deathly things—resentment, bitterness, despair, apathy, and unbelief—instead of trusting the power of your resurrection. Forgive us, O God. Forgive us for the ways we resist new life.

Forgive us for the ways we settle for what is broken instead of trusting your promise to make all things new. Roll away the stones from our hearts. Call us again by name. Raise us from fear to faith, from sin to grace, through Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF PARDON

Hear the good news of Easter: The tomb is empty. Christ is risen. Love has triumphed over sin. Life has triumphed over death. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and set free. The old has passed away; behold, God is making all things new. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "The Day of Resurrection" UMH 304

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

***GLORIA PATRI**

OFFERTORY "Awake a Joyful Song" Chancel Choir

***PRESENTATION OF TITHES, AND OFFERINGS**

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, on the first day of the week, you opened the tomb and surprised the world with life. Open us now. By your Holy Spirit, roll away whatever keeps us from hearing and receiving your truth. Let the Scriptures live among us, that we may see the risen Christ more clearly, love him more deeply, and follow him more faithfully. In the name of the risen Christ we pray.
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 65:17-25 Carol Dittmar

***NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** John 20:1-18 Sarah Young

SERMON Hope is Alive Rev. Antonio Christie

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

For those wishing to become members in this congregation of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church either by profession of faith or transfer of church membership, please contact Rev. Antonio Christie at antonio@wesleytampa.org

***CLOSING HYMN** "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Won" UMH 306

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Antonio Christie

CLOSING "Let There be Glory and Honor and Praises" Jean Rowe

**MODERN WORSHIP
APRIL 5, 2026 | 11:00 AM**

GATHERING MUSIC

OPENING SONG "Happy Day" Faniel Pradel

OPENING PRAYER

***SINGING OUR PRAISE** "Glorious Day"

OFFERING "Holy Forever"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rochelle Mock

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 65:17-25 Amanda Scantlebury

***SONG OF INVITATION** "Man of Sorrows"

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 20:1-18

SERMON Hope is Alive Rev. Antonio Christie

CLOSING SONG "Living Hope"

BENEDICTION Rev. Antonio Christie

TURN A T-SHIRT INTO A BLESSING

Support our outreach ministries and make a difference – one shirt at a time. **\$20 each or Buy One, Give One for \$30.** Your second t-shirt will be donated to someone experiencing homelessness. Thank you for helping those in need.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We invite you to share your prayer needs or join us in praying for others. Please scan the QR code to submit your prayer requests or visit wesleytampa.org/prayer-request



Kitty Green
Shirley Gravlin
David Rose
Mary Lynne Fyda
Terri O'Neal
Christine & Jaymi
Linda Weiland

Karen Marotz
Marjorie Schramm
Christy and Steve
Faith Scheirer
Sherry Salas and Rose Harper
Jasmine James