

ACTS

THE WAY FORWARD

Following The Spirit into What's Next.

SERMON SERIES: APRIL 19 - MAY 31

The book of Acts tells the story of a people learning how to live faithfully after the resurrection. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the early church prayed, discerned, witnessed, served, and stepped boldly into God's unfolding future.

The Way Forward invites us to walk alongside them-to listen for God's voice, to trust the Spirit's leading, and to be renewed in our calling as the church today.

As we journey through Acts, we will be reminded that God is still at work, still shaping the church, and still leading us forward with grace, courage, and purpose.



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

one
blood



*Giving blood
saves lives!*



Join us on
Sunday, April 12
10am - 3pm
FREE UMBRELLA,
\$20 eGIFT CARD and
WELLNESS CHECK
when you donate!

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



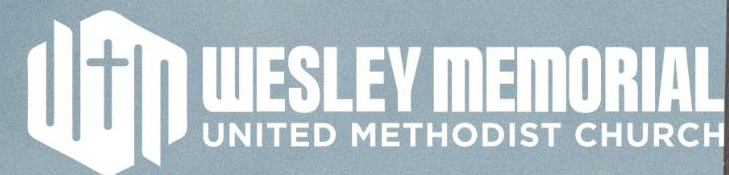
THERE ARE MULTIPLE WAYS TO GIVE:

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:
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MANAGING FEAR & DOUBT

SUNDAY APRIL 12, 2026
9:00AM | 11:00AM

Rev. Antonio Christie, Senior Pastor

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
ORDER OF WORSHIP
APRIL 12, 2026**

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

PRELUDE "Because He Lives" Jean Rowe

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENT Carol Dittmar

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Christ is risen!
People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space!
Celebrate God in all places under heaven!

**People: Give praise for God's mighty deeds!
Give praise for God's resurrecting power!**

Leader: Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets.
People: Praise God with the harp and the cello.

Leader: Praise God with tambourines and dancing!
People: Praise God with flutes and guitars!

Leader: Praise God with cymbals and drums!
People: Let everything with life and breath praise

***OPENING PRAYER**

God of the Resurrection, you open the tomb and invite us to sing and dance in the new life you give us. In Jesus Christ, whose wounds are not erased but glorified in resurrection, touch our wounds that they may be transformed into channels of healing for others. Holy Spirit, breathe into us the power to forgive so that all may have new life. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: "O Worship the King" UMH 73

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE/PARDON

Leader: Christ comes with healing light into our locked places and shadowy hurts, resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life. As God's own forgiven people, go to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" UMH 304
(Tune - "Angel's from the Realms of Glory")

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

***GLORIA PATRI**

OFFERTORY "Since I Have Been Redeemed" Jean Rowe

***PRESENTATION OF TITHES, AND OFFERINGS**

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, as the risen Christ came into the locked room of the first disciples, may your Word enter into us, by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that we who have not seen may yet believe.
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 118:14-29 Ali Hubbard

***NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** John 20:19-31

SERMON Managing Fear and Doubt Charlie Dittmar

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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** "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" UMH 306

***BENEDICTION** Charlie Dittmar

CLOSING "Joy Overflowing" Jean Rowe

**MODERN WORSHIP
APRIL 12, 2026 | 11:00 AM**

GATHERING MUSIC

OPENING SONG "God So Loved" Faniel Pradel

OPENING PRAYER

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

OFFERING "It is Well"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rochelle Mock

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 118:14-29

***SONG OF INVITATION** "Living Hope"

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 20:19-31

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CLOSING SONG

BENEDICTION Charlie Dittmar

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