



***Celebrating 150 Years 1868 - 2018***

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December 16, 2018

*"Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful." Psalm 149*

Singing has always been a central part of the worship of God. Music engages our souls, fill our hearts with joy, and rises from us to God. From the first Christmas until now, song has highlighted the celebration of Jesus' birth. Mary sang the beautiful "Magnificat" in response to the angel's announcement that she would give birth to the Messiah, and an angelic choir praised God on the night of his birth. At Wesley, we continue that tradition of musical praise in celebration of the gift of Jesus. Last Sunday our choir, musicians, and readers blessed us with "Lessons and Carols." On Wednesday night, our children celebrated the Nativity with songs of praise. After church, our choir will be caroling for some of our homebound members, and this afternoon at 4:30, our youngest children in the "Joyful Noise" choir will share this joyous praise. On Christmas Eve, the choir will lead us in an a half hour of "Carols by Candlelight" before the communion service.

At Thanksgiving we sing the song, "Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices." There is nothing we are more thankful for than the good news that "God so loved the world that He gave his only Son." With our voices, we praise God for what He has done for us. With our hearts, we commit ourselves to love God as He has loved us. With our hands, we give and serve God with our time, talent, and gifts. We hope all these will be a part of your Christmas worship. To sing songs of praise, to offer God our hearts, and to give out of the abundance of God.

I've been preaching a sermon series entitled, "What If Jesus Never Came?" One thing that would mean is that there would be no church. And if there was no church, think of the impact (I'll talk about that next week). Along those lines, I would remind you that the end of the year is always an important time for giving in our church. We have historically given 18% of our annual budget during December alone. Please remember the impact of Wesley Monumental as you consider your giving at the end of this year.

**Where There Is No Vision the People Perish  
Proverbs 29:11**

The writer of Proverbs tells us that "where there is no vision, the people perish." (Proverbs 29:11) The vision in play is not some wild imagination of our own dreams and desires, but it is, instead, a picture of what it is like to follow our God. Advent provides us with a dedicated opportunity to focus our own visioning on those things that are essential to our living of the Faith we have in Jesus Christ. As we prepare for His coming again, we will focus on Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

A special thank you is extended to Sara Livingood whose calligraphy helps us envision our weekly themes as we light the candles of the Advent Wreath.

## MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018 — 8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

*Third Sunday of Advent*

### Gathering and Announcements

Ben Martin

*Welcome to worship this morning. Thank you for joining us. If needed, the nursery for infants to 3 years old is located on the first floor. Hearing assistance devices, several seat cushions, large print bulletins, and large print hymnals are available in the narthex, and an usher will be happy to help you with them. Please fill out the attendance registration pad found in the pew, and remember to silence your cell phones and refrain from flash photography during the service. We pray this hour will be a meaningful and grace-filled encounter with God through music, word, and fellowship.*

### Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Ava Montjoy

### Lighting of the Candles

The Acolytes

### Opening Voluntary

Johann Sebastian Bach

Prelude and Fugue in F Major, BWV 556

Annie Lillian Bordeaux, organist

### Introit (8:45)

Away in a Manger

Lorelei Murray, pianist

### Introit (11:00)

The First Noel

Charlie Glidewell, pianist

### Lighting of the Joy Candle

Michael, Rachel, Lucy Mac, Walker and Holden Hasselle (8:45)

Justin, Neilie, Cullen and Ryves Dunn (11:00)

### Congregational Response

"Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."

\* **Hymn No. 238**      Angels We Have Heard on High      GLORIA

\* **Affirmation of Faith No. 881**      The Apostles' Creed  
Nelle Bordeaux

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

\* **Gloria Patri No. 71**      GREATORIX

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen. Amen.

**Baptismal Covenant (8:45)**

Gavin Pike Schwartzburt      Fable Jean Schwartzburt  
Piper Joan Schwartzburt  
children of Joe and Carey Schwartzburt

*Congregational Response:*

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Gavin, Fable and Piper as members of God's family and Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church. By God's grace we will do all in our power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love that they may grow into a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ who walks in the way that leads to life.

**Baptismal Covenant (11:00)**

Willard Heidt Marshall  
son of Jim and Kate Marshall

*Congregational Response:*

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Heidt as a member of God's family and Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church. By God's grace we will do all in our power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love that he may grow into a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ who walks in the way that leads to life.

**Children's Sermon**

Nelle Bordeaux

*8:45 Children ages 3 - 2nd Grade line up at the door on the right side of the sanctuary to go to Children's Worship, held in Room 103.  
11:00 Children ages 3 - PreK leave through the door on the right side of the sanctuary to go to Preschool Children's Worship in Room 201. Children in grades K - 3rd leave through the door on the left side of the sanctuary to go to Elementary Children's Worship in Room 303.*

**Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

James P. Owens

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory;  
For ever. Amen.

\* **Hymn No. 219**      What Child Is This      GREENSLEEVES

**Offertory Prayer**

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

**Offertory Voluntary (8:45)**

Deck the Halls  
Anna Livingood, pianist

**Offertory Anthem (11:00)**

Unto Us Is Born a Son  
arr. David Willcocks

Unto us is born a son, King of choirs supernal:  
See on earth his life begun, Of lords the Lord eternal.  
Christ, from heav'n descending low, Comes on earth a stranger;  
Ox and ass their Owner know Be cradled in a manger.  
This did Herod sore affray, And grievously bewilder,  
So he gave the word to slay, And slew the little childer.  
Of his love and mercy mild This the Christmas story:  
And O that Mary's gentle Child Might lead us up to glory!  
O and A and A and O, Cum cantibus in choro,  
Let our merry organ go, Benedicamus Domino!  
*Piae Cantiones (1582)*

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*During the 11:00 a.m. service, please remove the attendance sheets from the book and give to the acolytes as a symbolic offering of our presence in worship.*

- \* **Hymn of Response** DIX  
As they offered gifts most rare; At that manger rude and bare;  
So may we, with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ! to Thee our heavenly King.

- \* **Scripture** (Pew Bible, pgs. 614-615, 91, 103)  
Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:17, John 1:1-5, 10:9-10

**Sermon** "What If Jesus Never Came? Part 2 - An Unfulfilled Life"  
Ben Martin

- \* **Hymn No. 234** O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES  
(Stanzas 1-3, 6)

**Reception into Church Membership** (11:00) Hymnal pg. 38  
Mel and Brian Allen and sons, Beckett and Barrett Allen  
Amy and Rob Martin, IV  
Cindy and Aaron Pederson and children,  
Byron, Waylon, and Edie Pederson

- \* **Benediction** Ben Martin

**Closing Response** (11:00) Be Near Me, Lord Jesus  
arr. David Willcocks

**Closing Voluntary** Ding Dong! Merrily on High Clay Christiansen

- \* *Please stand as you are able.*  
*Immediately following each service a docent is available by the grand piano to share with you a brief history of this sanctuary and congregation.*  
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## Just Born

Congratulations to Jerry and Lauren Cohn on the birth of a daughter, Olivia Gray Cohn on November 30, 2018. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Olivia.

## UMM December Meeting

The last United Methodist Men's dinner meeting of 2018 will be held on this Thursday, December 20, at 6:00 p.m. (SHARP) in the Fellowship Hall. This will be an open meeting, without any speaker, to enjoy a "wrap-up" of 2018, and the company of fellow members, guests, and friends. Come and enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Suzanna King; cost is \$6. We welcome all to enjoy this great evening together.

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### Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service:

**Partners in Prayer:** Britt Griffin **Docent:** Jeanne Poenicke

**Offering Steward:** Ed Poenicke

**Ushers:** Jeff Miller, Bill Tedder

**Greeters:** Jeanne Poenicke, Harriet Johnson

**Children's Church:** Charli Weeks

### 11:00 Service:

**Partners in Prayer:** Annelle McDuffee **Docent:** Linda Sapp

**Acolytes:** Julia Grabowski, Christine Kraueter

**Greeters:** Kim Ergul, Jerolyn & Walt Carroll

**Offering Steward:** John Beasley

**Ushers:** Brian West, Joe Edwards, Tim Edwards, Will Faulk, David Gaskin,  
Mark Glidewell, Ken Griner, JD Hunt, Bill Hunter

**Nursery:** Infants: Nikki Parks Toddlers: Amy Daniel

**Children's Worship 3's & PreK:** Ellen O'Connor, Ginny Cheshire

**Children's Worship K-3rd:** Melanie Maxwell, Ellen Harvey Williams

**Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist**

**Cabaret for Craig**

**Date: Saturday, January 12, 2019. 6:30 PM. Tickets: \$100 donation.**

**Location: St. Paul's Lutheran Church. 10 W. 31<sup>st</sup> St. Savannah, GA**

Grab your flapper dresses and fedoras and join the Wesley Choir for a roaring 20s Dinner Cabaret benefiting Wesley member Craig Hanson. While dining, feast your ears upon music from choir members including songs by Ella Fitzgerald and Nina Simone, as well as music from Carmen, Cabaret, and more!

Craig had a life-saving liver transplant on October 15 and has yet to return home. For 18 years he has taught 5th grade science at Isle of Hope Elementary where he has been teacher-of-the-year 3 times. For 11 years he has sung with the Wesley Choir.

Menu: Steak House Chopped Salad. Roast Filet of Beef with Marchand Sauce, Escalloped Potatoes, Haricots Verts, and Broiled Tomato. Home-made Chocolate Mousse with Cake Slice. Red and White Wine.

Tickets available at [Craig.eventbrite.com](http://Craig.eventbrite.com), from Choir Members, or the Church Office.

**Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Congregational Care**

**Epiphany Display of Angels**

An Epiphany Display of Angels is planned for December 30, 2018 and January 6, 2019. If you have an angel you would like to share, please bring it to Carolyn Hale Cubbedge by December 23.

**Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members**

**Children in Hospital**

Please bring a new or gently used stuffed animal to boxes near entrances. Please help deliver to children on Christmas morning, 6:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (volunteer over age 12). Sign up with Nelle, 912-234-9245.

**Bible Buddies on Tour (Just Kidding!)**

Friday, December 21 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Bible Buddies children will play the piano for nursing home residents. All welcome. Questions, see Nelle, 912-234-9245.

**Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry**

**Christmas Celebration Program**

The Joyful Noise choir will present their Christmas Celebration program this afternoon, Sunday, December 16 at 4:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!



**Wesley Community Center**

The United Methodist Women will be distributing the WCC Bags of Hope item lists and contribution envelopes on Sunday, December 23. Please return your contributions or items in your bag of choice to the church on Sunday, December 30. (Please place the bags on the Gordon Street side.) As always, your contributions are greatly appreciated.

**Feeding the Homeless**

Help Wanted – We need your help in feeding the homeless. On Saturday, December 29, there is a mission to feed the homeless on Rothwell Street. Please visit [perfectpotluck.com](http://perfectpotluck.com) and sign in with Wesley Monumental (as the Coordinator Last Name) and password 7385 to sign up for breakfast. Jerry Benson will meet anyone on the Gordon Street side of the church at 7:45 a.m. to pack the foods or meet at Rothwell Street at 8:00 a.m. Warm clothing (socks, woolen hats, etc.) is also needed.

**James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries**

***Preteens (4th & 5th Grade)***

**Mission & Fellowship Event, January 13**

All 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us for a Mission & Fellowship gathering on January 13, following the 11:00 service. We will be making Valentines for our church's shut-ins.

**Wednesday Night Bible Study Resumes January 9**

Our Bible Study for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will resume meeting on January 9, the first Wednesday night supper of the New Year. We have Bible Study from 5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. prior to church supper and choir. All 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited. Bring your Bible!

***Youth (6th—12th Grade)***

**Ice Skating**

All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us for Ice Skating on December 19. We'll meet at the church at 5:00 p.m., eat a quick dinner, and then head over to the Civic Center for the 6:00 p.m. ice skating time slot.

**Ski Retreat**

Our annual ski retreat is February 7-10. We're going to Snowshoe, WV. The cost is \$350 per person and that includes ski rentals, lift tickets, meals at Snowshoe, and lodging. You can still sign up, but I need your \$50 deposit ASAP.



**A Year-End Reminder**

All 2018 contributions to the church must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2018 in order to comply with IRS regulations regarding charitable deductions.

**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

**Attendance: (12/9/18)**

8:45 A.M. Worship	54
11:00 A.M. Worship	583
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>637</b>
9:45 A.M. Sunday School	XXX
Nursery (8:45 & 11:00)	XX

**Finances: (12/9/18)**

Total Budget for the Year.....	\$1,868,620.10
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date.....	\$1,641,766.93
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$1,737,341.39
Construction Loan Balance.....	\$491,066.53

**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Ben Martin.....Senior Pastor	Daphne Burrows.....Administrative Assistant, Reception
Rev. Nelle Bordeaux.....Outreach and New Members	Jennifer Brookins.....Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
Rev. Carolyn Hale Cubbedge.....Congregational Care	Suzanna King.....Director of Hospitality
Monica Dekle.....Director of Music and Organist	Nathaniel Legree.....Custodian
James P. Owens.....Director of Student Ministries	Betty Dudley..... Housekeeper
Charli Weeks.....Director of Children's Ministry	Micah Sprunger.....Wesley Gardens Property Manager
Jimmy Flowers.....Church Administrator	Kenneth Hayes.....Wesley Gardens Groundskeeper/Maintenance
Tom Anderson.....Financial Manager	

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**The Sermon Extended:**

Monday	Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26	What have I futilely pursued to give me "life"?
Tuesday	Matthew 6:19-34	What lesser things are distracting me in life?
Wednesday	Luke 12:16-19	Am I pursuing happiness as my highest goal?
Thursday	John 10:7-10	What makes an abundant life?
Friday	John 1:1-5	How did Jesus bring light and life to me?

**Sermon Notes**

**As a Praying Church...**

We focus our prayers on Joy. Especially we are grateful for the joy expressed by our children as they sing of the love of Jesus.

**150th Anniversary Historical Fact**

Wesley Monumental has been served by 38 elders as Senior (or only) ministers since 1868. In 1940 we received our first of 23 associate pastors appointed by the Bishop. Church records are filled with praise for "vigorous and God-filled messages" from our pulpit.

**This Week at Wesley**

**Sunday, December 16**

- 8:45 A.M. **Worship Service, SNC**
- 9:30 A.M. **Coffee & Donuts, FH**
- 9:45 A.M. **Sunday School**
- 10:00 A.M. **New Member Class, OH 205**
- 11:00 A.M. **Worship Service, SNC**
- 12:00 P.M. **Carolers' Lunch, FH**
- 12:30 P.M. **Choir Caroling**
- 4:30 P.M. **Joyful Noise Choir,  
Christmas Celebration, SNC**

**Monday, December 17**

- 9:00 A.M. **Eli's Place**

**Tuesday, December 18**

- 7:00 A.M. **Men's Bible Study, Holland Hse**
- 9:00 A.M. **Eli's Place**
- 9:00 A.M. **Young Mothers' Bible Study, FH**
- 11:00 A.M. **Staff Mtg, OH 205**
- 6:00 P.M. **Scout Troop Pack 77, EB 3rd Flr**

**Wednesday, December 19**

- 9:00 A.M. **Eli's Place**
- 7:15 P.M. **Chancel Choir, EB 4th Flr**

**Thursday, December 20**

- 12:15 P.M. **Staff Christmas Luncheon**
- 6:00 P.M. **UMM Dinner Mtg, FH**

**Friday, December 21**

- 10:00 A.M. **Docent Tours**

**Pastors on Call This Week**

Ben Martin ..... 912-547-1835

**Wednesday Night Supper**

Our Wednesday Night Suppers and programming have ended for 2018.

We will resume January 9, 2019.

If you have a "permanent" reservation, you will not need to renew for the Winter-Spring session. If you wish to cancel the permanent reservation, please notify the church office, 912-232-0191. Most of all, if you are not going to attend a particular night, please advise the office so we can plan for the appropriate number.



**Communion Services**

- 10:30 a.m. **Worship Service**
- 3:30 p.m. **Worship Service**
- (Child-Friendly Service Enjoyed by All Ages)
- 6:00 p.m. **Carols by Candlelight**
- 6:30 p.m. **Worship Service**



**In Our Prayers.....**

Dale Livingood (father of Todd Livingood), Stephanie Painter (daughter -in-law of Judi Painter), Jane Weldy, Ana Molero-Pullin, Anne Thompson, Betty Roberts (aunt of Anna Ivey), Sara Ryan (sister of Becky Pullin), Diane Wells, Earl Goodwin (brother of Beth Aldrich), Kathy Delaigle, Lily Marler, Nicole Geen, Joel Williams, Harriet Bland, Mary Burnsed (mother of Marilyn Hitt), Craig Hanson, Les Wilkes, Cindy Murphy (daughter-in-law of Peggy Murphy), Alison White (niece of Linda Sapp), Jim Davis, George Vail, Carla Thomas, Spencer Davis, John Martin, Sr., Sid Boone, Caroline Moore, John McKissick (grandfather of Richard Call), Scott Hunter (son-in-law of Art and Sandra McGowen), Fenton McEvoy (son of Kate and Brian and grandson of Ron and Judy Freeman), Melissa Krawitz, George LeMay, Martha and Erv Sloan, Todd and Lauren Martin, Chad Jacobs Family, George Wickham (father of Kelly Hagan), Sherry Ingram, Vickie Coley (aunt of Will Coley), Jim Gietzen, Randy Warner, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Denise LeMay, Chuck Brown (brother of Gail Rountree), Ann Lott, Grace Crosby Utomo (friend of Jean Remley), Patty James, Melinda Lanier, Toni Olds, Mark Thomas, Dick Wallace, Will Ronning, Debra Chapman (daughter-in-law of Ruth and Elton Stuenckel), Vivian Wilson, Cheryl Richardson and Family, Richard Bartels, Nancy Beckmann, Mandy Hawkins and Family, Susan Clingman (cousin of Deanne Rimes), Sammy Reesman

**At Home/Extended Care**

Ann Ernst, Peggy Murphy, Bella Grace Bartels, Betty Murray, Anne Chase, Georgia Dickerson, Grace Bockes, Becky Heckard, Hal Griner, Michael Mamalakis, Bobbie Mattox, Linda McKibben, Ryan Sailors, Betty Weeks, Lillian O'Donovan, Lois Wooten

**Military Serving Abroad/Stateside**

Jerred Pyles, Max Jackson, Ryan Davis, Matt Hepinstall, Justin Geen, Matthew Allen, Matt and Melinda Allen, Evan Townsend, Yates Holleman, Daniel Ealy, Dan Barton, Justin Koenig, Joshua Laws, Rob Harless, Shea Murray, Charles Smock, Chris Watson, Whit Watts

**In Sympathy....**

Family of *Patti King*

*Wick Searcy,*  
husband of Camille Searcy