



Celebrating 150 Years 1868 - 2018

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O HOLY NIGHT

In the life of the Church, there are few events as significant and meaningful to us as Christmas Eve. It is a night of great celebration in which we remember that "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son," and "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us full of grace and truth." However, the very fact that we gather at the communion table brings to the night a certain somber realization that he was given the name Jesus "for he would save his people from their sins," and that inevitably meant he was born to die for us. Much like Easter Sunday morning, there is something powerful in the story of salvation that draws us to worship on this night. It is more than family gatherings that fill our sanctuaries, though the opportunity to be in worship with people we love enhances the event. It is the message that we are not alone, "Emmanuel, God with us" has come.

Tomorrow we will have three Christmas Eve Candlelight services. There will be a morning service of Word and Table at 10:30 a.m. Then at 3:30 p.m. we will have our "child-friendly" service with a focus on our children, and a short message leading us to the communion table. Finally, at 6:00 p.m. our choir will lead us in 30 minutes of carol singing and special music that is the prelude to our 6:30 p.m. service of Word and Table. We hope you will find time to be a part of worship on this Holy night. If you are traveling to be with family, find a service of worship in which to participate in celebrating God's greatest gift to the world.

Also, please remember in this season of giving the opportunities we have to bless someone in the name of Jesus. We will be delivering toys to children in the hospital Christmas morning and if you would like to go, see Rev. Nelle Bordeaux. Our monthly breakfast for the Homeless camp is next Saturday, December 29, we can use food and people to deliver. Sign up online. Our Christmas Missions offering is going to the Tiny House project for homeless veterans, and we will be building the medical clinic for the project.

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.

Closing Response (11:00)

He Is Born

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Closing Voluntary

arr. Clay Christiansen

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

* *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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Additional Christmas Eve Parking

Additional parking will be available tomorrow evening in the gravel parking lot next to the SCAD Administration Building (was Savannah Law School). From Abercorn Street, turn on E. Huntingdon Street beside the Chatham Tower Apartments. Entrance to the gravel lot is in the alley (on your left) behind Chatham Apartments.

Wesley Community Center—Bags of Hope

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

Church Office Closed

The church office will close at 2:00 p.m. tomorrow, Monday, December 24 and will reopen Thursday morning, December 27.

Feeding the Homeless

Help Wanted – We need your help in feeding the homeless. This Saturday, December 29, there is a mission to feed the homeless on Rothwell Street. Please visit 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.

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.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Henry Whitfield

Docent: Lori Miller

Offering Steward: Paul Cleveland

Ushers: Henry Whitfield, Jerry Benson

Greeters: Judy Cleveland, Marion Thomas

Children's Church: Melinda Sortor

11:00 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Sue Ellis

Docent: Ellene Anderson

Acolytes: Sara Livingood, Anna Livingood

Greeters: Linda Sapp, Janet Wist, Mildred Walker

Offering Steward: John Beasley

Ushers: Brian West, Corey Jones, Todd Livingood, Forrest Lott, Bates Lovett, Bill Lovett, Bill Mattocks, Jake Maxwell

Nursery: Infants: Stephanie Hoey Toddlers: Allison Willis

Children's Worship 3's & PreK: Kelly Hagan, Ginna Carroll

Children's Worship K-3rd: Karen Washburn, Angel Herndon

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Cabaret for Craig

Date: Saturday, January 12, 2019 Time: 6:30 P.M.

Location: St. Paul's Lutheran Church. 10 W. 31st Street, Savannah

Wesley member Craig Hanson had a life-saving liver transplant on October 15. For 18 years Craig 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.

Grab your flapper dresses and fedoras and join the Wesley Choir for a Roaring 20s Dinner Cabaret benefiting Craig. Dine on a three-course meal with wine, and 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!

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: \$100 donation. 100% of your donation will go directly to Craig's bank account. Tickets available: Craig.eventbrite.com, from Choir Members or Church Office

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Congregational Care

Epiphany Angel Display

Last call for angels to display in the Parlor of Oliver Hall on December 30 and January 6. If you have an angel you would like to share, please bring it to the church office or give it to Carolyn Hale Cubbedge.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Toy Delivery for Hospitalized Children

Please sign up with Nelle, 912-234-9245, ages over 12. Christmas morning from 6:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Next New Member Course

Sundays, January 20 and 27 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall room 205. The class will join on Sunday, January 27. Please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191. Nursery provided.

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

Preteens (4th & 5th Grade)

Mission & Fellowship Event, January 13

All 4th and 5th 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 4th and 5th 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 4th and 5th graders are invited. Bring your Bible!



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (12/16/18)

8:45 A.M. Worship	144
11:00 A.M. Worship	467
Total Worship	611
9:45 A.M. Sunday School	186
Nursery (8:45 & 11:00)	42

Finances: (12/16/18)

Total Budget for the Year	\$1,868,620.10
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,681,903.72
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,774,013.37
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 Sprünger.....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	Ephesians 1:15-23	How is our church functioning as the "Body of Christ"?
Tuesday	John 16:13-19	How does the Church tear down the "gates of hell"?
Wednesday	Acts 1:6-11	Why does the church exist?
Thursday	I Corinthians 12:12-31	Why does the church need me?
Friday	Hebrews 10:19-31	Why do I need the church?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

This week we focus our attention on Love--especially the Love made known to us in Jesus. May we truly seek to be people of Love.



150th Anniversary Historical Fact

Our congregation has had five names in the last 150 years. In 1866 we were City Mission and one year later growth warranted a change to Second Methodist Church and City Mission. In 1868 Wesley Chapel received its first appointed minister. In 1875 we became Wesley Monumental Methodist and in 1968 United Methodist was added.

This Week at Wesley
Sunday, December 23

8:45 A.M. **Worship Service, SNC**
9:30 A.M. **Coffee & Donuts, FH**
9:45 A.M. **Sunday School**
11:00 A.M. **Worship Service, SNC**

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve

Church Office will Close at 2:00 p.m.

10:30 A.M. **Communion Service, SNC**
3:30 P.M. **Communion Service, SNC**
6:00 P.M. **Carols by Candlelight, SNC**
6:30 P.M. **Communion Service, SNC**

Tuesday, December 25

Christmas Day - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 29

8:00 A.M. **Feed the Homeless, Rothwell St.**

Pastors on Call This Week

Sunday, 12/23—Tuesday, 12/25
Ben Martin..... 912-547-1835

Wednesday, 12/26—Saturday, 12/29
Carolyn Cubbedge... 912-308-3385

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.....

Rita Gietzen (sister of Joyce Cole), 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), 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, Sherry Ingram, Vickie Coley (aunt of Will Coley), Jim Gietzen, Randy Warner, Denise LeMay, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), 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 Stuenkel), 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....

The Livingood Family
on the death of
Todd's father,
Dale Livingood

Family of Patti King

The Hagan Family
on the death of
Kelly's father,
George Wickham

The Finley Family
on the death of
Gavin's mother,
Nancy Finley