



Celebrating 150 Years 1868 - 2018

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Confirmation

Confirmation is a special time in the life of a young person. During Confirmation, our youth claim for themselves the promises proclaimed over them in Baptism. Our Confirmation class has learned about the basis of the Christian faith, as well as what it means to be a United Methodist and an active member of the church.

Over the past school year, a wonderful group of students has embarked on this journey of Confirmation.

Ella Boothe
Mary Margaret Carroll
Louisa Coley
Julia Grabowski
Hannah Green
Emily Hart
Evan Hart
Annalee Huff
John Martin, Jr.
Feriby McCorkle
James Rhodes
Peter Thompson
Mary Mobley Varnedoe

Today we celebrate with them, confirm their faith, and renew our promise together with them to serve God in the church through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. When they were baptized, we as a church promised to witness to them. Now they witness to us, as they profess their faith in Jesus Christ. My hope for these students is that this would be only the beginning of a long journey of maturing in faith. Personally, I have enjoyed getting to know these students and look forward to being a part of their lives through the Youth Group here at Wesley Monumental.

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019 — 8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Third Sunday of Easter

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)

Sarah Cate Green

Lighting of the Candles

The Acolytes

Introit (11:00)

Lord of the Dance

Ava Herndon and Lyla Wilcox

* Hymn No. 77

How Great Thou Art

Stuart Hine

* Affirmation of Faith No. 881

The Apostles' Creed

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

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

GREATOREX

(Dismissal for Children's Worship)

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.

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.

Service of Confirmation (11:00)

Hymnal pg. 33

* Scripture Lesson (Pew Bible, pg. 38)

Mark 4:1-20

Sermon

"Seeds and Soil Part 1"

Ben Martin

Holy Communion

Invitation and Confession

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

All: Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Pastor: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
That proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Congregation: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Solo (8:45)

All Things Bright and Beautiful
Haden Yost

Offertory Anthem (11:00)

George Frideric Handel

Worthy Is the Lamb That Was Slain

From *Messiah*

Youth Choir and Chancel Choir

Ray McClain, timpanist

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,
and hath redeemed us to God by his blood,
to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength,
and honour, and glory, and blessing. Blessing and honour,
glory and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne,
and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever.
(Revelation 5:12-14)

Offering

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.

* Doxology No. 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

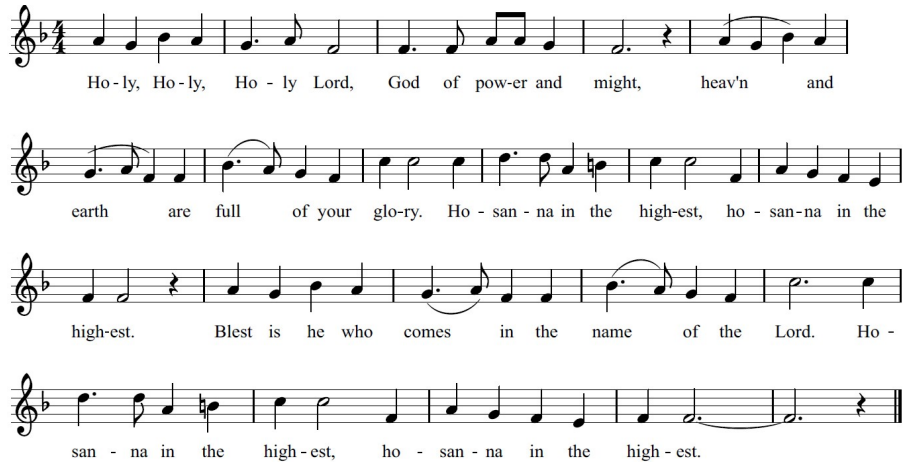
Congregation: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to our Lord and God.

Congregation: **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth...

And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the
high-est. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

On the night in which He gave himself up for us, He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over He took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died; Christ is ri - sen; Christ will come a - gain.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
That we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by His blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
 one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
 until Christ comes in final victory,
 and we feast at His heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
 All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.



The Lord's Prayer

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 that 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.

Breaking the Bread

(Gluten free bread is available. Please indicate your preference by raising your hand.)

Giving the Bread and Cup

Today's communion offering is for the Magnolia Manor Good Samaritan Fund (assists older adults who can not afford to live there). If you would like to give a donation, please leave your offering in the chancel rail when you come to be served.

Music During Communion (11:00)

Italian Concerto J. S. Bach
 Rodney Powers, pianist

Even When He Is Silent Kim Andre Arnesen
 Maureen Culbreath, Diane Davis, Katherine Grimmett,
 Anna Ivey, Stephanie Mitchell, Kara Mobley, Camille Russo,
 Malinda Smith

*I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.
 I believe in love even when I feel it not.
 I believe in God even when He is silent.*

Nocturne in C Minor Chopin
 Ständchen Schubert
 Rodney Powers, pianist

Prayer After Receiving

All: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
 in which you have given yourself to us.
 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** No. 593 Here I Am, Lord (stanza one) Dan Schutte
- Closing Response** (11:00) Jubilate Deo Youth Choir
- Closing Voluntary** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
 Michael Burkhardt

* 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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Children's Church/Worship Participation in Communion

Today, and each first Sunday, the children in Children's Worship will take communion together in the sanctuary.

Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 2019 Confirmation Class by Carl & Christina Varnedoe.

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the wedding of Suzanne Sparks & Jake Marbach.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Monica Dekle on receiving the 2019 Young Alumna Award from Wesleyan College for her professional achievements and her service to church and community!

New Member Class Starts Today

Sundays, May 5 and 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205. The class will join May 12.

Senior Trombone Recital

Thomas Schandolph, nephew of Charli and Will Weeks, will perform his senior trombone recital at Wesley Monumental on Saturday, May 11 at 1:00 p.m. The recital is free and all are welcome.

UMM Business Meeting - May 15

The United Methodist Men will meet Wednesday, May 15 with supper at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, and the meeting will follow at 6:00 p.m. in Oliver Hall room 310.

Merry Makers

Merry Makers, our senior adult fellowship group, will meet on Monday, May 13, at 11:00 a.m. at the church. Ray McLain, percussionist, will present the program. The program will be in the sanctuary with lunch following in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$7.00. Please make a reservation through your Sunday School class or by calling the church office.

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (04/28/19)	
8:45 A.M. Worship	124
11:00 A.M. Worship	328
Total Worship	452
9:45 A.M. Sunday School	133
Nursery (8:45 & 11:00)	XX

Finances: (04-28-19)

Total Budget for the Year.....	\$1,931,779.07
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date.....	\$720,535.48
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$598,764.48
Construction Loan Balance.....	\$403,295.63

<u>Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service:</u>	
Partners in Prayer: Carmine Cowart	Docent: TBD
Offering Steward: Jeff Miller	Children's Church: Ellen Williams
Greeter: Lori Miller, Pat Killewald	
Ushers: Paul Cleveland, Phillip Carter	
Communion Stewards: Peggy Jolley, Pat Killewald, Madge & Joe Edwards	
Acolytes: Yost, Yost	
<u>11:00 Service:</u>	
Partners in Prayer: Annelle McDuffee	Docent: TBD
Acolytes: Jed Thompson, TBD	
Greeters: Jerolyn & Walt Carroll, Kim & Mehmet Ergul	
Offering Steward: Randal Robinson	
Ushers: Steve Cass, John Beasley, Andrew Dekle, Mehmet Ergul, Charles Holley, Art McGowen, Willie Roberds, Kenneth Spriggs	
Communion Stewards: Peggy Jolley, Pat Killewald, Madge & Joe Edwards	
Nursery: Volunteers Needed	
Children's Worship 3's & PreK: Neilie Dunn, Marvee McKenzie	
Children's Worship K-3rd: Kristy Valdez, Adeline Glidewell	

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church

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The Sermon Extended:

Monday	Mark 4:1-20	What keeps me from being open to the Word?
Tuesday	Psalms 119:9-16	Am I hiding His Word in my heart?
Wednesday	Genesis 3:1-5	How does Satan "snatch the Word away"?
Thursday	1 Chronicles 29:17-19	How am I preparing my heart?
Friday	2 Timothy 3:14-17	Do I use the Word to train me for a righteous life?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

This week we focus our prayers on the 2019 Confirmation Class. May we as their church family support them with our prayers and presence as they grow in their faith and live into God's calling on their lives.

We also give thanks for the children who are being recognized for another year of hard work in the Royal School of Church Music program and the Joyful Noise music program. We appreciate all of the volunteer leaders who work with Monica Dekle and Charli Weeks.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, May 5

Confirmation Sunday

- 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
- 5:00 P.M. Youth Mystery Dinner Theatre, FH

Monday, May 6

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

Tuesday, May 7

- 7:00 A.M. Men's Bible Study, Sunny Side Up
- 9:00 A.M. Eli's Place
- 9:00 A.M. Young Mothers' Bible Study, FH
- 11:00 A.M. Staff Mtg, OH 205
- 1:30 P.M. Eli's Place Staff Mtg, FH

Wednesday, May 8

- 9:00 A.M. Eli's Place
- 4:45 P.M. Call to Prayer, SNC
- 5:00 P.M. 4th/5th Grade Bible Study, EB 304
- 5:30 P.M. Supper, FH
- 6:00 P.M. Music Awards Program, SNC
- 7:15 P.M. Chancel Choir, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, May 9

- 9:00 A.M. Eli's Place
- 12:00 P.M. Bible Study at Ruth's Chris

Friday, May 10

- 9:00 A.M. Eli's Place & Drop In Care
- 10:00 A.M. Docent Tours, SNC

Saturday, May 11

- 1:00 P.M. Thomas Schandolph Trombone Recital, SNC

Pastors on Call This Week

Ben Martin 912-547-1835

Wednesday Night Supper: 5/8/19

Program: Music Awards
Menu: Lemon Chicken
Rice Pilaf, Mixed Vegetables
Children: Corn Dogs



In Our Prayers.....

Hendrick Smock (grandson of Judy Smock), Mary Williams, Jim Davis, Connie Kurtz (mother of Dan Kurtz), Linda Tedder, Gloria Eitel, Wayne Black, Patty Ronning, Richard Zehl, Trish Arredondo (cousin of Marion Thomas), Abby (granddaughter of Bob and Toni Olds), Susan Owens (mother of Kim Keaton), Avis Holt (mother of Rusty Holt), Chad Ebel, Shirley Vaughn, Bill Bland, Bob Franz, David Burke, Joe Clark (father of Maureen Culbreath), Adam Corey, Joe Gold, Jan Nyborg, Bourke Cannon, Diane Wells, Rev. Matt Hearn, Lauren and Yates Parker (daughter and son-in-law of Susan and Tom Colgrove), Lily Marler, Patsy Robinson, Rita Gietzen (sister of Joyce Cole), Kathy Delaigle, Betty Roberts (aunt of Anna Ivey), Sara Ryan (sister of Becky Pullin), Harriet Bland, Earl Goodwin (brother of Beth Aldrich), Les Wilkes, Alison White (niece of Linda Sapp), George Vail, Carla Thomas, John Martin, Sr., Sid Boone, Spencer Davis, Caroline Moore, George LeMay, Fenton McEvoy (son of Kate and Brian and grandson of Ron and Judy Freeman), Martha and Erv Sloan, Todd and Lauren Martin, Chad Jacobs Family, Vickie Coley (aunt of Will Coley), Jim Gietzen, Denise LeMay, Randy Warner, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Ann Lott, Dick Wallace, Chuck Brown (brother of Gail Rountree), Toni Olds, Grace Crosby Utomo (friend of Jean Remley), Patty James, Vivian Wilson, Mark Thomas, Will Ronning, Debra Chapman (daughter-in-law of Ruth and Elton Stuenckel), Richard Bartels, Cheryl Richardson and Family, Mandy Hawkins and Family, Sammy Reesman

At Home/Extended Care

Melinda Lanier, Ann Ernst, Bella Grace Bartels, Peggy Murphy, Betty Murray, Anne Chase, Grace Bockes, Georgia Dickerson, Becky Heckard, Betty Weeks, Michael Mamalakis, Linda McKibben, Bobbie Mattox, Lois Wooten

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

Austin New, 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, Clint Guild