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THANK YOU CAROLYN HALE CUBBEDGE

Gratitude is always at the heart of worship. One of the primary purposes for worship is to call us to stop and pay attention to the many ways God blesses our lives. It is so easy for us to forget in our busy lives and take for granted the blessings of God that we experience on a regular basis. This morning as we gather for worship, we want to give thanks to God for the blessing we have received through the ministry of Carolyn Hale Cubbedge.

Looking back, I realize her coming to be a part of our staff five years ago was not just our good luck or some serendipitous accident, but a part of God's plan for her ministry and our church. Carolyn and I met 17 years ago on an ecumenical study trip to Greece. She was the pastor of Memorial Baptist Church here in Savannah, and I was the pastor at Springfield UMC. Little did we know then that 12 years later I would be at Wesley in need of help in our growing church and Carolyn would be God's answer to that prayer for help. Thinking I was still a District Superintendent and not knowing I was at Wesley, she sent me an email asking if I knew of any churches that might need staff help. Of course I did and it was we. So looking back I am sure God had a plan, as God put in Jeremiah, "Surely I know the plans I have for you, plans for your welfare and not for your harm, plans to give you a future with hope."

Today we aren't here to say goodbye to Carolyn and James. We are here to say thank you. And not just thank you for her ministry here, but on behalf of people, churches, and ministries all along the way who have experienced the love of God and the good news of the gospel through her. Being a woman in ministry and particularly a Baptist woman in ministry, Carolyn has had to walk by faith in the God of her calling and overcome many "man-made" obstacles in the fulfillment of that call. She walked by faith and not by sight, and she waited patiently upon the Lord to open doors and overcome walls and the Kingdom of Heaven has been brought near to many because she did.

At Wesley we are grateful that she has taught us to be more attentive to the most vulnerable and often overlooked among us. She has helped us share the love of Christ with our saints in times of joy and sorrow. She has enriched our fellowship and consoled our grieving. She has organized our church family's life together, and she has joyfully stepped up again and again to fill a ministry need and never once said "That's not my job." I can assure you, no one here is more grateful for her than I. She has been a valued partner in a ministry I could not carry alone. She is retiring from Wesley, but she will never retire from ministry, for long ago she heard a call, "Who will go for us and whom will I send? And she said, "Here I am Lord, send me!"

So thank you God, you sent her to us. And while I'm at it, I don't want to miss saying thank you to her husband James, who graciously supported her move from his longtime home church at First Baptist and has also come to be a valued part of our church family. May God richly bless your years of "retirement" together as you get to enjoy some well deserved time for yourselves and your families.

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2019 — 8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Third Sunday after Pentecost

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.

Lighting of the Candles

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary (8:45)

Imperial March

Edward Elgar

Opening Voluntary (11:00)

Canon in D

Johann Pachelbel

Julia Grabowski, pianist and Michael Grabowski, pianist

Introit (11:00)

Christopher Tye

O come, ye servants of the Lord and praise His holy name.
From early morn to setting sun His might on earth proclaim.
His laws are just and glad the heart; He makes His mercies known.
Ye princes come, and people, too, and bow before His throne.

* **Hymn No. 577** God of Grace and God of Glory CWM RHONDDA

* **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** GREATOREX

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 (11:00)

Ben Martin

Charlotte June DiVito
daughter of Rob and Leigh Anne DiVito

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Charlotte 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 her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love that she may grow into a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ who walks in the way that leads to life.

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Ben Martin

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.

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 205.

*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 205.
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.*

* **Hymn** No. 381 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us BRADBURY

Offertory Prayer

Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Voluntary (8:45)

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Joseph Martin

Offertory Anthem (11:00)

Gilbert Martin

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Ella Hayes, soprano

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.

* **Doxology** No. 95 OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* **Scripture** (Pew Bible, pg. 12, 107) Genesis 16:1-8, John 13:1-5;12-15

Sermon

"Coming, and Going, and in the Meantime "

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

* **Hymn No. 593** Here I Am, Lord Dan Schutte

* **Benediction** Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

Closing Response (11:00) John Rutter

May the Lord show His mercy upon you;
may the light of His presence be your guide:
May He guard you and uphold you;
may His spirit be ever by your side.

When you sleep, may His angels watch over you;
when you wake, may He fill you with His grace.
May you love Him and serve Him all your days,
then in heaven may you see His face.

Closing Voluntary Paul Manz

Fugue on "O God Our Help in Ages Past"

* *Please stand as you are able.
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Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Carolyn Hale Cubbedge.

Wesley Community Center—Bags of Hope

The United Methodist Women will be collecting the WCC Bags of Hope item lists and contribution envelopes today, Sunday, June 30. As always, your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Church Office & Eli's Place Closed

The Church Office and Eli's Place will be closed Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day.

Next New Member Course

Sundays, July 7 and 14 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall room 205. The class will join on July 14. Please sign up by calling the church office, 912-232-0191.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service:

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

Offering Steward: Britt Griffin

Ushers: David Butler, Bill Tedder

Greeters: Susan Griffin, Linda Butler

Children's Worship: Holly McCormick

11:00 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Sandra McGowen **Docent:** Gretchen Patricio

Acolytes: Julianna Jones, Taylor Mason

Greeters: Janet Wist, Linda Sapp

Offering Steward: Brian West

Ushers: Brian West, Tom Bordeaux, Fred Bozeman, Dan Bradley,
Chandler Brannen, Doug Carroll, Walton Carroll, Steven Cass, Jake Coakley

Nursery: Infant: Donessa Gattis Toddlers: Cameron Schmitz

Children's Worship 3's & PreK: Ellen O'Connor, Emily Cay

Children's Worship K-3rd: Laura Harris, Neilie Dunn

Monica Harper Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Saturday, December 14. 7:30 PM, Wesley Monumental Sanctuary

Wesley Monumental choirs present Handel's magnificent oratorio, *Messiah*, with orchestra.

Part I: Prophecy of the Coming of a Messiah and Christ's Nativity

Part II: Christ's Suffering, Death, and Resurrection

Part III: Affirmation of Christian Faith and Glimpses of Revelation

Tina Williams, soprano. Claire Watts, mezzo-soprano. Timothy Miller, tenor. Robert Cantrell, bass.

Tickets: \$35 tax-deductible donation. \$15 students with I. D. Available at MessiahSavannah.eventbrite.com, from the church office, or from any choir member.

Thank you for supporting the tradition of beautiful, sacred music in our historic church.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Thank You!

Thank you to all who gave school uniforms for 56 refugee children on Friday and who served breakfast to the homeless yesterday.

Y'All Haul—Trucks, Trailers, & Strong Backs Needed!

Saturday, July 6 at 9:00 a.m. See Nelle for details.

Serve Children in a Mexican Orphanage

Please join Wesley's mission trip to Tapachula, Mexico, October 3-10, 2019. Questions, please contact international missions leader, Sharlene Monahan, 912-220-9617.

Servanthood Sign-Up

Want to receive a weekly Bible verse and encouragement? Will you try to do one daily act of servanthood? Please sign up with Nelle, 912-234-9245 or tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Congregational Care

Wedding Picture Display

You may pick up your wedding photos which were on display from Daphne Burrows in the church office.

Merry Makers July Outing

Merry Makers will travel to the Effingham Camp Meeting on Monday, July 22. This year's preacher is Rev. Jay Tucker, pastor of Richmond Hill UMC. The group will stop for dinner at Sweet Tea's in Port Wentworth prior to the service, eating time TBD. (Sweet Tea's is located at the intersection of I-95 and 21.) Please sign up through your Sunday School class or call the church office. Questions? See Jennifer Thompson.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Summer Sunday School

This summer, join us for Children's Sunday School as we explore Life in Bible Times. Sunday School starts at 10:00 a.m. See you there!

June 30—Home & Family Life

July 7—Food & Fun

July 14—Clothing

July 21—Occupations

July 28—Music

August 4—Fun & Games

August 11—Summer Art Show

August 18—Promotion Sunday

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

Preteens (4th & 5th Grade)

Summer Sunday School Teachers Needed

All throughout this year, our 4th and 5th grade Sunday school teachers have been hard at work teaching. We'd love to give them the summer off so that they will return refreshed and ready-to-go in the fall. We will need two volunteers each week for this class. If you would like to teach one or more weeks out of the summer, please contact James P. Owens, james@wesleymonumental.org.

KidzQuest Retreat at Epworth by the Sea

Mark your calendars for September 20-22 for the annual KidzQuest Retreat at Epworth by the Sea! We will be taking 4th and 5th graders again this year. More information and registration details will be available soon.

Youth (6th - 12th Grade)

Youth Group Today at Wesley Gardens

Join us this afternoon for youth group at 3:00 p.m. at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center, followed by youth choir, worship, and dinner.

Fall Retreat at Wesley Gardens, August 23-25

We're having a Fall Retreat! All 6th-12th graders are invited to the 3rd Annual Fall Retreat at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center. We'll start Friday afternoon, stay overnight Friday and Saturday, and be done Sunday afternoon. There will be tubing, swimming, games, and lots of time enjoying the Gardens!



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (6/23/19)

8:45 A.M. Worship	101
11:00 A.M. Worship	304
Total Worship	405
9:45 A.M. Sunday School	159
Nursery (8:45 & 11:00)	24

Finances: (06/23/19)

Total Budget for the Year.....	\$1,931,779.07
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date.....	\$953,636.82
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$927,013.77
Construction Loan Balance.....	\$403,295.63

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Ben Martin.....Senior Pastor	Tom Anderson.....Financial Manager
Rev. Nelle Bordeaux.....Outreach and New Members	Daphne Burrows.....Administrative Assistant, Reception
Rev. Carolyn Hale Cubbedge.....Congregational Care	Jennifer Brookins.....Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
Monica Dekle.....Director of Music and Organist	Suzanna King.....Director of Hospitality
Skip Watts.....Music Assistant	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
Haley Herrington.....Children's Ministry Assistant	Kenneth Hayes.....Wesley Gardens
Jimmy Flowers.....Church Administrator	Groundskeeper/Maintenance

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church
June 30, 2019**

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

This week we focus our prayers on our nation as we celebrate the Fourth of July. May our leaders seek the will of God for all people.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, June 30

- 8:45 A.M. Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 A.M. Coffee & Donuts, FH
- 9:45 A.M. Children's Sunday School
- 9:45 A.M. Reception for Carolyn, FH
- 11:00 A.M. Worship Service, SNC
- 3:00 P.M. Youth Group, WG
- 5:00 P.M. Youth Choir, WG Chapel
- 5:30 P.M. Worship Service, WG Chapel
- 6:15 P.M. Dinner, WG Main House

Monday, July 1

No Eli's Place Summer Camp This Week

Tuesday, July 2

- 7:00 A.M. Men's Bible Study, Sunny Side Up
- 9:00 A.M. Young Mothers' Bible Study, FH
- 11:00 A.M. Staff Meeting, OH 205

Wednesday, July 3

No Scheduled Activities

Thursday, July 4

Church Office & Eli's Place Closed

Friday, July 5

Church Office & Eli's Place Closed

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin912-547-1835

Sunday Night Supper & Worship
at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center

June 30, 2019

Preaching: James P. Owens
Side Dish: Journey Class

July 7, 2019

Preaching: Ben Martin
Side Dish: Harbor Class

In Our Prayers.....

Debby Warner, Norma Day (mother of Dorie Gaskin), Caroline Odom, Hurley Ryan, III, Louise Page, Brooke Ann Childers, Chad Ebel, Tucker Robertson (grand-son of Pam Robertson), Susan Owens (mother of Kim Keaton), Hendrick Smock (grandson of Judy Smock), Mary Williams, Patty Ronning, Shirley Vaughn, Bob Franz, Trish Arredondo (cousin of Marion Thomas), Abby (granddaughter of Bob and Toni Olds), Harriet and Bill Bland, 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, Les Wilkes, Rita Gietzen (sister of Joyce Cole), Kathy Delaigle, Betty Roberts (aunt of Anna Ivey), Sara Ryan (sister of Becky Pullin), Earl Goodwin (brother of Beth Aldrich), Alison White (niece of Linda Sapp), George Vail, Carla Thomas, Rev. John Martin, Sr., Sid Boone, Spencer Davis, Caroline Moore, George LeMay, Martha and Erv Sloan, Fenton McEvoy (son of Kate and Brian and grandson of Ron and Judy Freeman), Todd and Lauren Martin, Chad Jacobs Family, Vickie Coley (aunt of Will Coley), Ann Lott, Jim Gietzen, Denise LeMay, Randy Warner, Toni Olds, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Dick Wallace, Chuck Brown (brother of Gail Rountree), Grace Crosby Utomo (friend of Jean Remley), Patty James, Sammy Reesman, Vivian Wilson, Mark Thomas, Will Ronning, Mandy Hawkins and Family, Richard Bartels, Debra Chapman (daughter -in-law of Ruth & Elton Stuenckel), Cheryl Richardson and Family

At Home/Extended Care

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

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

Austin New, Jerred Pyles (Candidate Ranger Assessment Selection Program), Max Jackson, Ryan Davis, Justin Geen, Matt Hepinstall, 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, Clint Guild

In Sympathy....

The family of *Anne Chase*

Grace to You

It would take volumes to fully express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve as the Minister of Congregational Care at Wesley Monumental for the last five years. Little did I know that when I sent Ben Martin an email asking if he knew of a church that might be looking for a part time minister, that his reply would be that Wesley was, indeed, looking for not only one—but three! Thus began the process of a very short interview and a call to come work beside all of you.

There is so much that I learned to love about this place—not the least of which has been the opportunity to work alongside my friend, Ben Martin. There is little I can tell you about him that you do not know. He has a servant's heart. He is an encourager. He models what it means to be a team player. He trusts and affirms the gifts and graces of those on the staff. His stated goal for Nelle Bordeaux, Steve Tisinger and me when we began was that he wanted the church to see US as their pastors. That affirmation was a great gift for associate ministers to receive from the senior pastor. I trust that I have fulfilled that role.

To be a Kentucky Wildcat in a Georgia Bull Dawg world and a Baptist in a Methodist church has been a unique experience. Some of you even joined me in rooting for the Cats, and many of you have tried your best to make a Methodist out of me. Instead, you have claimed me as YOUR Baptist. The reality is that we have found glorious ways to be Christians together in a place where all are welcome, God is glorified, and Jesus is honored as our Lord and Savior. Thank you for allowing me to serve with you.

My decision to retire at this point in my life is the right decision. I do not second guess it. As the days have passed and retirement day has drawn near, I am, however, experiencing much grief as I face the separation that is coming. I have said that if I did not care so much for all of you, it would be easy to leave. But I do care, and I do feel the deep love that you have given to James and me as we have served here. Thank you. We will be eternally grateful.

At this point we do not know where we will worship and serve in the days ahead. We ask your prayers for us as we listen to where God will lead. We do know that we will not be at Wesley for a while. I want you to have plenty of time and space to welcome Jennifer Thompson as your new Pastor for Congregational Care. You are going to love her, and what's not to love about you?

Pastors and people come and go, but the God we serve stays the same. Be steadfast in your love and faithful in your service. Grace to you.

~ Carolyn and James