



Celebrating 150 Years 1868 - 2018

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A WEEK OF THANKSGIVING

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances. For this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Thanksgiving may be largely an American holiday, but its roots go back much further. The people of Israel practiced "harvest" festivals to give thanks to God and the "thanksgiving offering" was the most often practiced sacrifice. The Bible teaches consistently from start to finish that we are the beneficiaries of God's grace and that the practice of thanksgiving is critical for our relationship to God. It is so easy in times of abundance and prosperity to forget how blessed we are and where it all comes from. On the other hand, in times of adversity it is easy to overlook the blessings we have because they are easily lost in the face of trouble we face. Not surprisingly, Paul taught that we should "give thanks in all circumstances." I don't know whether this week finds you in a place of abundance or a place of adversity, but I do know that counting our blessings helps in either case. We have a number of things going on this week to help us give thanks.

Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m.- Community Thanksgiving Service
Christ Episcopal Church will host the service.

Thursday, Thanksgiving Day

Find time between family and fun to truly be thankful for God's blessings. (remember our offices are closed Thursday and Friday)

Sunday morning December 1 at 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 p.m.

Worship is always an act of thanksgiving and we will begin the season of Advent

Sunday, December 1 through 7 - we host Family Promise

Offer a gift of time to serve families who are struggling to find a place they can afford to live.

MAKE SURE AND PICK UP AN ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOK TODAY TO PREPARE FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT WHICH BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019 — 8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Christ the King Sunday

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)

Donovan Montgomery

Lighting of the Candles

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary

Fugue on a Trumpet Fanfare

William Thomas Best

Introit (11:00)

King of Kings

Ancient Hebrew Melody

* **Hymn No. 715** Rejoice, the Lord Is King DARWALL'S 148th

* **Affirmation of Faith No. 881** The Apostles' Creed

James P. Owens

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)

Kevin Gavin Finley, Jr.

son of Gavin and Jessica Finley

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Kevin 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

Haley Herrington

8:45 Children ages 3 - 3rd Grade line up at the door on the right side of the sanctuary to go to Children's Worship, held in Room 201.

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

Jennifer Thompson

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. 519** Lift Every Voice and Sing LIFT EVERY VOICE

Offertory Prayer

James P. Owens

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) Simple Gifts arr. Mark Hayes

Offertory Anthem (11:00)

George Frideric Handel

Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates from *Messiah*

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up,
ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory?

The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up,
ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

(*Psalm 24:7-10*)

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. 7) Matthew 7:24-29

Sermon

"Sermon on the Mount Part 23:
Did You Hear What I Said?"

Ben Martin

* **Hymn** No. 706 Soon and Very Soon VERY SOON

* **Benediction** Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) A Clare Benediction John Rutter

Closing Voluntary Toccata on "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"
Albert Travis

* *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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Monica Harper Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 8. 11:00 AM.

Choirs, Brass Quintet, Organ, and Timpani

Scripture readings on Christ's Nativity from the King James Version of the Bible, and carols sung by choir and congregation

Handel's *Messiah* with Choir and Orchestra

Saturday, December 14. 7:30 PM.

Tickets: \$35. Students with I. D.: \$15

MessiahSavannah.eventbrite.com, choir members, or church office

The text of *Messiah* was chosen by Charles Jennens, a literary scholar educated in Oxford, who crafted the entire libretto from the King James Bible. Jennens's prologues, from Virgil: "MAJORA CANAMUS (Let us sing of great things)," and from the letters of Paul: ". . . great is the Mystery of Godliness. . ." show the breadth of purpose that generated the text of this work. Jennens sent these texts to Handel with the stated hope that he would set them to music. Handel wrote to a friend, "I hope he will layout his whole genius and skill upon it, that the composition may excel all his former compositions, as the subject excels every other subject. The subject is *Messiah*." Handel composed the piece as a statement of faith in Christ's divinity in reaction to the increasing popularity of atheism.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Thank You

Thank you to all who served breakfast yesterday to homeless people (next breakfast will be December 21 at 7:45 a.m.) and who cooked and served Urban Hope children and families (over 100 people) a Thanksgiving feast Monday night.

Bible Buddies and Young Mothers' Bible Study

will meet this Tuesday, November 26.

Save the Dates, December 1-7

Family Promise Downtown.

Spark Joy! Picnic with a Purpose

Thursday, December 5, 3:30 p.m., Oliver Hall lobby, organize Mission closet. Children and adults welcome.

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

Merry Makers

Merry Christmas! Put on your red and green and join us at Wesley Gardens on Monday, December 9 from 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. for our annual Christmas party! Members of the barbershop chorus of Savannah, 13th Colony Sound, will be sharing their talent with us through a special presentation of Christmas Music. We will also enjoy a meal and hear the Christmas story in a special way. Cost is \$7.00.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Save the Dates!

Be sure to put these dates on your calendar:

- Elementary Children's Nativity Pageant, Wednesday, December 11 at 6:15 p.m.
- Early Childhood Christmas Celebration, Sunday, December 15 at 4:30 p.m.
- Early Childhood Christmas Fun Day, Saturday, December 14 from 9:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

Preteens (4th & 5th Grade)

Christmas Party!

We're having a Christmas party for all our 4th and 5th graders! On December 15 from 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m., we will gather at the Green family home for lots of Christmas fun. There will be lunch served, cookie decorating, games, and just maybe a special visit from you-know-who! See James P. Owens or Amy Green for details.

4th-5th Grade Bible Study

All 4th-5th Graders are invited to join us for Bible Study on Wednesday afternoons from 5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. at Wesley Monumental, right before church supper. Through skits, games, and drills, your kids will learn how to read their Bibles and learn skills like locating passages by book, chapter, and verse, and distinguishing different types of books of the Bible.

Youth (6th-12th Grade)

Youth Christmas Party, December 1

Mark your calendars for our annual Youth Group Christmas Party for all 6th-12th graders! It's December 1, from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at Wesley Monumental. Students are asked to bring a white elephant gift for our infamous white elephant gift exchange. You are also encouraged to dress in your best tacky Christmas sweater or outfit! There will be prizes for the best dressed.

Ski Retreat

Our annual ski retreat is February 6-9, 2020. We're going to Snowshoe, WV. The cost is \$350 per person and that includes ski rentals, lift tickets, meals at Snowshoe, and lodging. Sign-ups will begin soon!

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (11/17/19)	
8:45 A.M. Worship	94
11:00 A.M. Worship	484
Total Worship	578
9:45 A.M. Sunday School	140
Nursery (8:45 & 11:00)	XX

Finances: (11/17/19)

Total Budget for the Year	\$1,931,779.07
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date.....	\$1,651,455.08
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,682,827.90
Construction Loan Balance.....	\$383,474.07

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Ben Martin.....Senior Pastor	Tom Anderson.....Financial Manager
Rev. Nelle Bordeaux.....Outreach and New Members	Daphne Burrows.....Administrative Assistant, Reception
Rev. Jennifer Thompson.....Congregational Life	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 Groundskeeper/Maintenance
Jimmy Flowers.....Church Administrator	



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To assist with our website, publications and social media; please email your Wesley photos to wesleymonumentalphotos@gmail.com. All photos are appreciated and do not need to be recent, "throwback" pictures encouraged!"

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church
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Sermon Extended

Monday	Matthew 7:26-27	Are there things I know I should be doing but aren't?
Tuesday	Psalm 40	What does David teach us about the security found in hearing and doing?
Wednesday	Matthew 7:24-25	How does following Jesus' teachings prepare us for life's storms?
Thursday	James 1:22-25	What might cause me to deceive myself about my discipleship?
Friday	Matthew 7:28-29	Does Jesus truly have authority in my life? What is the proof?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We ask you, God, to bless those who need jobs - and those who need to find meaning in the jobs they already have. We especially pray for the refugees who need jobs to support their families. We also pray for college students and all others who are unemployed. Help them to find jobs this holiday season.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, November 24

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee and Donuts, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 4:00 PM Youth Choir, 4th Flr
- 5:00 PM Youth Group, FH/4th Flr

Monday, November 25

Eli's Place Closed this Week

- 5:30 PM Missions Comm. Mtg, OH 205
- 6:00 PM Mark Spradley Trombone Choir, SNC

Tuesday, November 26

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Holland Hse
- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, FH
- 9:00 AM Bible Buddies, FH
- 11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 205
- 6:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Svc, Christ Episcopal Church

Wednesday, November 27

No Wednesday Night Supper/Programs

Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving—Church Office Closed

Friday, November 29

Church Office Closed

Pastor on Call This Week

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

Wednesday Night Supper (11/27)

No Wednesday Night Supper this week. Enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends and join us again on December 4.

***Make reservations NOW for Supper and the Children's Nativity Pageant on December 11.

In Our Prayers.....

Ashley Ball (Linda Sapp's step-grandson's wife), Mark Case, Katie Bennett (cousin of Meb Ryan), Ann Lott, Bill Taylor, Ryan Davis, Wesley Hudson (nephew of Leigh Connor), Betty Collins (mother of Becky Ike), Andrew Brown (great nephew of Gaye Reese), Leigh Conner, Sandi Dixon, Debby Warner, Chad Ebel, Gene Herrington (mother of Will Herrington), Joe Stubbs (father of Joe T Stubbs), Danny Wright (son of Betty Dudley), Norma Day (mother of Dorie Gaskin), Louise Page, Hendrick Smock (grandson of Judy Smock), Mary Williams, Patty Ronning, Bob Franz, Harriet and Bill Bland, David Burke, Abby (granddaughter of Toni Olds), 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), Les Wilkes, Patsy Robinson, Rita Gietzen (sister of Joyce Cole), Kathy Delaigle, Betty Roberts (aunt of Anna Ivey), Earl Goodwin (brother of Beth Aldrich), Alison White (niece of Linda Sapp), George Vail, Carla Thomas, Rev. John Martin, Sr., Spencer Davis, Caroline Moore, George LeMay, Martha and Erv Sloan, Fenton McEvoy (son of Kate and Brian and grandson of Ron and Judy Freeman), 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, Mark Thomas, Sammy Reesman, Vivian Wilson, Richard Bartels, Mandy Hawkins and Family, Debra Chapman (daughter-in-law of Ruth and Elton Stuenckel), Cheryl Richardson and Family

At Home/Extended Care

Carolyn White (mother of Jennifer Thompson), 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

Jason Childers, Austin New, Jerred Pyles, Justin Geen, Matt and Melinda Allen, Yates Holleman, Daniel Ealy, Dan Barton, Joshua Laws, Shea Murray, Charles Smock, Chris Watson, Clint Guild

In Sympathy....

The Gemelli Family
on the death of Michael's mother,
Paula R. Gemelli