



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

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**A CONGREGATIONAL REAFFIRMATION  
OF OUR BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

Today as we look at the story of Jesus' naming, circumcision, and dedication to God, we will talk about the shaping of his identity. As followers of Jesus, baptism is a symbol of our identity, in it we affirm God's claim upon our lives and acknowledge who we are as children of God. As a part of God's family, we reflect the image of God in which we are created. The question we ask today is what does it mean for us to be baptized children of God? How does that shape my own view of myself? How does it shape my view of others? How does it affect the values I hold and way I live in the world? How does it affect my commitment to serve the church or "body of Christ"? At the beginning of each year during the season of Epiphany, we take time to reaffirm our baptismal covenant.

In our church tradition we baptize infants, children, youth, and adults. While we traditionally baptize by "sprinkling" at the altar of the church, we do not believe the method of baptism is as important as the symbol and the covenant that is made in it. So we also are willing to immerse youth or adults who haven't been baptized. Some of you have been present at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center when we conducted such baptisms. Today we are reaffirming our own baptismal covenant, but if you are here and have never been baptized and feel God's call and claim upon your life and desire to make a commitment to Christ and be baptized, please come up and ask this morning and we would be overjoyed to baptize you today.

Baptism also represents God's call upon our lives to serve through His Church. The beginning of the year is also when we put in place our new Church Leadership Team for 2020. Our leadership team consists of over 200 people who serve on the various committees that give leadership to all the ministry areas in our church. This morning we are going to briefly recognize and consecrate the new Leadership Team. The Team can be found on our website ([wesleymonumental.org](http://wesleymonumental.org), under Get Involved, Adults) if you would like to see who is serving in what area. I would also remind you that you don't have to be on the Leadership Team to serve. In fact, the Leadership Team only plans and organizes the ministries in which we all together give our time, talent, gifts, and service. If you haven't yet found a place to use your time and talent to serve God at Wesley, please see one of our staff members and let us help you find the place for you.

*Ben*

## MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020 — 8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

*First Sunday after the Epiphany*

### **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) Andrew Wilkes

### **Lighting of the Candles** The Acolytes

### **Opening Voluntary** Prelude in A Minor, BWV 551 Johann Sebastian Bach

### **Introit** (11:00) Warren Angell

Glorious is thy Church, o Lord--greatly to be praised.  
We come to Thee in adoration for the Church's one foundation.

### \* **Hymn** No. 116 The God of Abraham Praise LEONI

### \* **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.

### **Children's Sermon** Charli Weeks

*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. 399** Take My Life, and Let It Be MESSIAH

**Consecration of 2020 Leadership Team**

**Offertory Prayer** Ben Martin

**Offertory Voluntary** (8:45) His Eye Is On the Sparrow  
arr. Mark Hayes

**Offertory Anthem** (11:00) arr. Karen Buckwalter

O Jesus, I Have Promised

O Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me, My Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle If Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway If Thou wilt be my Guide.

- John E. Bode, 1866 (Luke 9:57)

**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. 59) Luke 2:21-24

**Sermon** "Named and Claimed" Ben Martin

**Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant** Hymnal pg. 50

\* **Hymn** No. 383 This Is a Day of New Beginnings BEGINNINGS  
(stanzas 1-4)

**Reception into Church Membership** (11:00) Hymnal pg. 38

Carolyn and Ched Hultman  
Grace Huseth and Sam Wilson  
Sara Pitts and Steve Napier

\* **Benediction** Ben Martin

**Closing Response** (11:00) A Gaelic Blessing John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you.  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.  
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.  
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.  
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you.  
Deep peace of Christ to you.

**Closing Voluntary** Fugue in A Minor, BWV 551  
Johann Sebastian Bach

\* *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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### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Billy Reese by Gaye Reese.

### **Usher Roses**

The roses worn by the ushers today are given in loving memory of Bob Farrow by his children and grandchildren.

### **Congratulations**

Wesley Monumental congratulates Rodney Powers and Vicki Thomas on their marriage, which took place January 4, 2020 at Wesley Monumental.

### **2020 Altar Flowers**

If you would like to give Sunday altar flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please email [jennifer@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:jennifer@wesleymonumental.org). Request forms are also located at all Sanctuary entrances. The cost is \$85, and the Altar Guild will purchase and arrange the flowers for you. The following dates in January and February are available: January 19 and 26 and February 16 and 23.

### **Audio Team**

Our church is in need of people to serve in the role of audio engineer. Each person on this team would serve during one morning worship service per month. Prior experience with audio electronics and sound reinforcement is most helpful; in addition, training will be available. For more information, please speak with Rev. Martin. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

### **Monumental Messenger Deadline**

The deadline to submit announcements for the February Messenger is tomorrow, Monday, January 13. Please email items to [jennifer@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:jennifer@wesleymonumental.org).

### **UMM Dinner Meeting**

Wesley's United Methodist Men will meet this Thursday, January 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

### **The 40 Day Prayer Challenge—Let's Do This Together!**

During Lent, Wesley will be doing a churchwide study using the book *Draw the Circle: The 40 Day Prayer Challenge*. This book is an inspiring 40 day devotional teaching us to pray boldly. We are asking each Sunday School class to take the Sundays between February 23rd (the Sunday before Ash Wednesday) and April 5th (Palm Sunday) to study and discuss this book. If you are not currently a part of a Sunday School class, Jennifer Thompson will be leading a class during the Sunday School hour that will last for the duration of this study. Watch out for details and plan to join! It is a great opportunity to get to know others from Wesley, and even more importantly, it is a great opportunity to prepare for the Easter season. If you cannot join us for one of the Sunday School studies, please prayerfully consider getting a book and reading along with everyone else. The books will be available on Wednesday nights and in the church office. It is powerful—and will be a blessing!

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

**Partners in Prayer:** Ellie Tardif

**Docent:** Jeanne Poenicke

**Offering Steward:** Ed Poenicke

**Ushers:** Jimmy Hill, Johnny Smith

**Greeters:** Jeanne Poenicke, Marion Thomas

**Children's Worship:** Price Mingleddorf

### **11:00 Service:**

**Partners in Prayer:** Harriet Bland

**Docent:** TBD

**Acolytes:** James Pannell, Harris Glidewell

**Greeters:** Joanne Faulk, Jan Harman

**Offering Steward:** Art McGowen

**Ushers:** Jim Willis, Bart Rhodes, Don Riddle, Mickey Rountree,  
Jacob Sigmon, Mac Sims, Riley Smith, Travis, Drew Wilkes

**Children's Worship 3's & PreK:** Sarah Lientz, TBD

**Children's Worship K-3rd:** Jen Mobley, Melanie Maxwell

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

**Youth Choir**

Youth Choir for students grades 6-12 begins again today (January 12) at 4:00 p.m. in the choir room with youth group following. All are welcome!

**Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members**

**Guests, Please Wear a Gold-Foil Badge**

Please wear a badge (available on the narthex dresser) if you are a guest.

**Homeless Breakfast, Saturday, January 25, 7:45 a.m**

Please meet at East Gordon Street church door with Dr. Jerry Benson. Please sign up in advance for breakfast items you'll bring, Perfect Potluck, coordinator last name Wesley Monumental, password 7385, or simply tell Nelle.

**Pew Hosts--All We Need Are Your Friendly Faces**

Evangelism Committee seeks buoyant, outgoing Wesley members to welcome guests who sit near your pew. Talk with Nelle or Evangelism Chairman Chris Donegan if you want to help.

**Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life**

**Wednesday Night Bible Study – Winter 2020**

**Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God** by Francis Chan

What if.....what if there were more to God than we ever thought? What if our view of God has been incomplete somehow – narrower or smaller than He ever intended? Chan's book will lead us toward a life of "more God" in a world that claims to have "enough God." It is a ten week, discussion based, "no guilt" study (come if you read the book or not!) led by Rev. Jennifer Thompson. The group will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Oliver Hall in room #308 immediately following Wednesday night supper.

**Merry Makers January Program**

Tomorrow, Monday, January 13 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Cost of lunch is \$7.00. How many of us have lost someone close to us and not known how to take care of his/her affairs? Or, how many of us have thought about taking care of our own affairs ahead of time as a gift to those we love? Come meet Marilyn Athey, a Personal Affairs Manager, as she shares her wisdom and leads us through the tool "Five Wishes." Planning is important - and it can even be enjoyable – when we are able to make preemptive decisions based on our own individual desires for the future. Please let Jennifer know today if you plan to attend.



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

*Preteens (4th & 5th Grade)*

**Mission Fellowship, January 26**

All 4th and 5th Graders are invited to join us for a mission fellowship event, immediately following 11:00 worship on January 26. We will be making Valentine's Day cards for our church's home bound members.

**4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Study**

All 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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 Group Tonight**

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for dinner, games, and Bible study at Youth Group tonight, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday Night Youth Bible Studies**

Our Youth Bible Studies meet every Wednesday night from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. following church supper.



**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Attendance: (01/05/20)	
8:45 A.M. Worship	116
11:00 A.M. Worship	377
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>493</b>
9:45 A.M. Sunday School	145
Nursery (8:45 & 11:00)	XX

**Finances: (12/31/19)**

Total Budget for the Year.....	\$1,931,779.07
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$1,998,766.03
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date .....	\$1,907,225.26
Construction Loan Balance .....	\$379,359.56

**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
Dr. 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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**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church**

**January 12, 2020**

**Sermon Extended**

Monday	Luke 2:21	When I hear the name of Jesus what do I think of?
Tuesday	Proverbs 22:1	How has my life created an identity for my name?
Wednesday	Luke 2:21, 3:21-22	What does my baptism mean to me?
Thursday	Luke 2:22-23, I Corinthians 6:19	Do I feel like I belong to God? Why or why not?
Friday	Luke 15:11-32	Be reminded today that God claims you as His no matter what we've done.

**Sermon Notes**

**As a Praying Church...**

We ask you, God, to be with those who are suffering from mental, emotional, and/or physical illnesses. Please make your presence known to these people right now. Allow them to know that you will NEVER leave or forsake them. Wash over them with your love.....and do the same for their loved ones who watch them suffer. Thank you, Jesus.

**This Week at Wesley**

**Sunday, January 12**

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee and Donuts, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM New Member Class, OH 205
- 10:00 AM Confirmation Class, EB 406
- 11:00 AM Worship, SNC
- 4:00 PM Youth Choir, EB 4th Flr
- 5:00 PM Youth Group, FH/EB 4th Flr

**Monday, January 13**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 11:00 AM Merry Makers, FH
- 6:00 PM Mark Spradley Trmb. Choir, SNC

**Tuesday, January 14**

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Holland Hse
- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, FH
- 9:00 AM Bible Buddies, FH
- 11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 205

**Wednesday, January 15**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310
- 4:45 PM Call to Prayer, SNC
- 5:00 PM 4th/5th Grade Bible Study, EB 304
- 5:30 PM Supper, FH
- 6:00 PM Bible Study, FH
- 6:00 PM Crazy Love Book Study, OH 308
- 6:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir, EB 202/203/205
- 6:00 PM Children's Choirs, EB 303/304/305
- 6:00 PM Youth Girls Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
- 6:00 PM Youth Guys Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
- 6:00 PM Confirmation Class, OH 205
- 6:00 PM Susanna Wesley Circle, OH 207
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir, EB 4th Flr

**Thursday, January 16**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 12:00 PM Downtown Bible Study, Ruth's Chris
- 6:00 PM UMM Dinner Mtg, FH

**Friday, January 17**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 10:00 AM Docent Tours, SNC

OH = Oliver Hall	EB = Education Building
SNC = Sanctuary	FH = Fellowship Hall
WG = Wesley Gardens Retreat Center	

**Pastor on Call This Week**

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

<b>Wednesday Night Supper: 01/15/20</b>
Menu: Beef Stroganoff, Buttered Noodles, Mixed Veggies Children: Pizza

*In Sympathy...*

The Family of *Bobbie Mattox*

The Grund Family  
on the death of Curtis' mother,  
*JoAnn King*

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

Roz Evans, Sherree Luke (cousin of Dan Kurtz), Dionne McAfee, Sylvia Boone (sister of Susan Wallace), Karen Nickles, Dean Muenckler (son of Jim and Libby Muenckler), 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 (grand-daughter 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, Georgia Dickerson, Betty Weeks, Michael Mamalakis, Linda McKibben, Lois Wooten

**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