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The Gift of Love

"1 If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate. 2 If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing. 3 If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don't love, I've gotten nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love. 4 Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, Doesn't have a swelled head, 5 Doesn't force itself on others, Isn't always "me first," Doesn't fly off the handle, Doesn't keep score of the sins of others, 6 Doesn't revel when others grovel, Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, 7 Puts up with anything, Trusts God always, Always looks for the best, Never looks back, But keeps going to the end. 8 Love never dies. Inspired speech will be over some day; praying in tongues will end; understanding will reach its limit. 9 We know only a portion of the truth, and what we say about God is always incomplete. 10 But when the Complete arrives, our incompletes will be canceled. 11 When I was an infant at my mother's breast, I gurgled and cooed like any infant. When I grew up, I left those infant ways for good. 12 We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We'll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing him directly just as he knows us! 13 But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love. 1 Corinthians 13 (The Message Bible)

Much has been written about love, but we could make the case that nothing more powerful has been written about it than the words of the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 13. It helps to remember as we celebrate St. Valentine's Day and the feast of "romantic love," love as Paul describes it is not a human emotion, it is a Spiritual gift. To love like this is not to be driven by how I feel or don't feel, it is therefore not a part of my natural human emotion, but rather my Spirit filled heart. So if I desire to be more loving, the key is in growing in my relationship with Christ and yielding my life to His Spirit. The Bible says Christ is our model when it comes to love. But we can't love like Christ until we allow the Spirit of Christ's love through us. It is also important to remember this was Paul's message to the church. It describes how we are to love one another with in the "Body of Christ," for that is our witness to the world.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020 — 8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Fifth 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)

Helen Hoffman

Lighting of the Candles

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary (8:45)

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Introit (11:00)

Morning Has Broken

* **Hymn No. 158** Come, Christians, Join to Sing SPANISH HYMN

* **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)

Pearson Joy Hunt
daughter of Drew and J. D. Hunt

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Pearson 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.

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. 600** Wonderful Words of Life Philip Bliss

Offertory Prayer Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) arr. Mark Hayes
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Offertory Anthem (11:00) Spirituals

Yonder Come Day *with* Walk Together, Children
Yonder come day, Day is a break-in'.
Yonder come day O my soul.
Trees are green and the air is sweet.
The good earth is singin' underneath my feet.
I'll point my feet down freedom line.
Walkin' that road I'm feelin' fine.
Walk together children, don't you get weary,
There's a great camp-meetin' in the promised land.

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. 60) Luke 3:1-20

Sermon "Leading From the Second Chair" Ben Martin

* **Hymn No. 593** Here I Am, Lord HERE I AM, LORD

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

Judi and Tom Aldridge, Jr.
Megan and Bobby Haubein and daughters, Heather and Millie
Ryan Kelly and son, Grayson
Bren and Chet Kos
Wendy Laidlaw
Nicole and Kevin Pope
Lauren and Bryan Stuckey and children, Hudson and Penny

* **Benediction** Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) Rule of Life John Wesley

Closing Voluntary Morning Has Broken

* *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 Charles W. Holwell, Jr. from his daughter, Adria H. Wilkes and family.

Usher Roses

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

Just Born

Congratulations to Emily & Andrew Robinson on the birth of a daughter, Haley Jane Robinson, on January 30, 2020. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Haley.

Congratulations to Annie & Jeremy Hitt on the birth of daughters, Ella Mae Hitt & Emma Louise Hitt, on February 1, 2020. Granddaughters of Marilyn & Nick Hitt. Roses are by the altar today in honor of Ella & Emma.

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. Each Sunday School plans to take the Sundays between February 23rd and April 5th 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, in Oliver Hall Room 205, that will last for the duration of this study. 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.

Wesley Prayer Square Ministry

Wednesday, February 19 from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. in Oliver Hall Room 310. Come join us! Along with our emphasis on prayer this Lenten season, we have decided re-start our "Prayer Shawl Ministry" at Wesley. This time we will be making a smaller version of the prayer shawl called a "prayer square." These "prayer squares" will be given to those people in and out of our church who need prayer. They can be easily held in a doctor's office, put in the pocket of a hospital gown, carried in a purse or pants pocket, or just held during time of grief, pain, fear, or simply when spending time with God. They have been a comfort to many and a reminder of God's presence and that others are praying. Once you learn how to make the "prayer squares" they can be easily made in your own home at your own convenience. *If you don't know how to crochet or knit, come learn!* Please contact Toni Olds if you have questions (912-224-3249).

*If you want to knit, please bring a size 7 or 8 knitting needles, one skein of worsted weight yarn of any color (except black), scissors and a row counter. If you want to crochet, please bring a size F crochet hook, one skein of worsted weight yarn of any color (except black), and scissors.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Ellie Tardif **Docent:** Shirley & Peter Roberts

Offering Steward: Jerry Benson

Ushers: David Butler, Phillip Carter

Greeters: Donna Benson, Linda Butler

Children's Worship: Holly McCormick

11:00 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Grace & Art Greene **Docent:** Gretchen Patricio

Acolytes: Palmer Thomas, Charlie Glidewell

Greeters: Barbara & Johnny Phelps, Jerolyn & Walt Carroll

Offering Steward: Art McGowen

Ushers: Steve Cass, Doug Carroll, Walton Carroll, Jake Coakley, Bob Cole, Bobby Lee, Sam Daniel, Peter Delters, Greg Dotson

Children's Worship 3's & PreK: Ellen O'Connor, Katy Eichholz

Children's Worship K-3rd: Adeline Glidewell, Susannah Pedigo

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist
Singing in Worship this Morning

The combined Joyful Noise (3 year-old - Kindergarten) and Royal School of Church Music (1st - 5th grade) choristers lead 11:00 worship this morning. Thank you to their parents for bringing them to choir week after week. Thank you to their teachers who lovingly, faithfully, and patiently teach the children every week: Diane Davis, Grace Gattis, Ash Grimmett, Kim Grimmett, Craig Hanson, Ella Hayes, JoAnna Hayes, Anna Ivey, Karen Kilhefner, Susan Martin, Raymond Patricio, Ken Rimes, Deborah Roberds, Shirley Roberts, Carolyn Roth, Carrie Stack, Lauren Wallick, and Skip Watts

In choir, children learn Scripture, theology, and Bible stories through music, and they also learn how to be leaders in worship. Additionally, they learn how to read music, play chimes, and sing better. New children are always welcome!

Closing Hymn

Sometimes we give children a chance to choose a hymn for worship since they love hymns and have their favorites. Andrew Wilkes chose today's closing hymn. It's a favorite of many of the children.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Thank You to Beautiful Cutting Crew & Y'All Haul

Lori Miller, Janet Wist, Melissa Krawitz, Susan Herring, Dr. Ellen Williams, Grace Gattis, and youth, Sara Livingood, Jessica Rushing, Savannah and Sarah Jean Yost for helping Nelle cut out the latest set of Bible memory verses for children. Also a **Y'All Haul Thank You** to Nick Hitt and Edmond Anderson.

Tithe Your Time

Please tell Nelle if you want to serve the Lord with at least ten percent of your time during 2020. All are welcome, including children!

Share the Love with Urban Hope Children

Remember those new pens on the first day of school way back in August? By now they are out of ink. Please bring school supplies for Urban Hope children to the Eli's Place Valentine program on Valentine's Day at 11:30 a.m. or to boxes inside the church doors by Valentine's Day. Especially needed are: white 8-1/2 by 11 copier paper, ink pens (red, black, and blue), Sharpie markers, highlighters, Clorox wipes, hand sanitizer (small and large), dictionaries (needed are 10, either hardbound or paperback), poster board (white or any color tri-fold display board), dry erase markers and cleaning solution, paper clips, Scotch tape, staples, 2 yard sticks, rulers, first-and second-grade writing tablets, composition books.

Urban Hope's 10th Annual Chefs & Chocolates

Friday, February 21, 7:00 p.m., Guest Speaker Bruce Main, President and Founder of Urban Promise, For more information email: community@urbanhopesavannah.org

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

Game Day at Wesley Gardens, Tomorrow, Monday, February 10

10:00 a.m. - until, Brunch \$7. This year we are going to combine our Valentine's celebration with game day! Don your red clothing and come eat a yummy brunch prepared by Suzanna. Then, plan to stay and play games or enjoy time just visiting with others. This will be a laid back time of fun and fellowship! Bring your favorite games or cards. (We will eat brunch first so that those who want to stay and "hang out" at the Gardens can do so without time limits). Please let Jennifer know today if you plan to attend.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

February 14 - Eli's Place Valentine Program

April 5 - Easter Egg Hunt at Wesley Gardens

April 15 - Easter Play

May 10 - Infant Recognition Sunday

June 8 - 12 - Vacation Bible School at Wesley Gardens

July 20 - 24 - Summer Fun Daze at Wesley Gardens

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

Preteens (4th & 5th Grade)

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)

No Youth Group Tonight

There will be no regularly scheduled youth group or youth choir tonight, because many of us are on the Ski Retreat. Pray for a safe trip home today! We will be back to our normal Sunday night schedule next week, February 16.

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.



Messenger Deadline

The deadline to submit items for the March Monumental Messenger is tomorrow, Monday, February 10. Please send to jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.

Next New Member Course

Sundays, March 1 and 8 at 10:00 a.m., please sign up by calling the church office, 912-232-0191. Class will join March 8.

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (2/2/20)	
8:45 A.M. Worship	112
11:00 A.M. Worship	376
Total Worship	488
9:45 A.M. Sunday School	183
Nursery (8:45 & 11:00)	23

Finances: (2/2/20)

Total Budget for the Year	\$1,983,419.00
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$259,636.92
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$187,235.28

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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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!"

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Sermon Extended

Monday	Luke 1:13-17, 76-80	How do I understand my purpose in relation to Jesus?
Tuesday	Luke 3:1-17	How do we help prepare the way for Jesus?
Wednesday	John 3:22-30	How can I/we decrease so Jesus can increase?
Thursday	Ephesians 1:15-23	How can we let Jesus be the head of our church?
Friday	Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22	What would Jesus warn our church about?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

Lord, we ask that You help us to remember this Valentine's Day the words from 1 John 4:19, "We love because he first loved us." YOU loved us *first*. Now, help US return that love to You.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, February 9

- 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
- 11:00 AM Worship, SNC

Monday, February 10

March Messenger Deadline

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 10:00 AM Game Day at Wesley Gardens
- 6:00 PM Mark Spradley Trmb. Choir, SNC

Tuesday, February 11

- 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
- 2:00 PM Prayer Comm., OH
- 2:00 PM Care & Share, OH 310

Wednesday, February 12

- 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 Confirmation Class, OH 205
- 6:00 PM Susanna Wesley Circle, OH 310
- 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
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, February 13

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:30 AM Sewing Class, OH 310
- 12:00 PM Downtown Bible Study, Ruth's Chris

Friday, February 14

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 10:00 AM Docent Tours
- 11:30 AM Eli's Place Valentine's Program

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin 912-547-1835

**Wednesday Night Supper:
2/12/20**

Menu: Apricot Chicken, Lo Mein
Noodles, Stir Fry Vegetables
Children: Fish Sticks

In Sympathy....

The Wallace Family,
on the death of Susan's sister,
Sylvia Boone

The Smith Family
on the death of Malinda's mother,
Sandy Davis

In Our Prayers.....

Linda McKibben, Carolyn White (mother of Jennifer Thompson), Vera Mobley (mother of Christina Varnedoe), Sara Pitts, Ellie Tardif, Claire Hayes, Ash Grimmett, Bryan Bost, Roz Evans, Sherree Luke (cousin of Dan Kurtz), Dionne McAfee, Karen Nickles, Mark Case, Dean Muenckler (son of Jim and Libby Muenckler), 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, 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, Martha and Erv Sloan, Fenton McEvoy (son of Kate and Brian and grandson of Ron and Judy Freeman), Jim Gietzen, Toni Olds, Randy Warner, 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

Ann Ernst, Bella Grace Bartels, Peggy Murphy, Grace Bockes, Georgia Dickerson, Betty Weeks, Michael Mamalakis, Lois Wooten

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

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