



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

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### **THE 40 DAY PRAYER CHALLENGE**

The season of Lent begins on February 26 with Ash Wednesday. Lent is a forty day season of preparation and leads us to Holy Week and Easter. It is historically a season of self-examination, prayer, fasting, and penitence. This year we are inviting our church family to study and pray together using a book entitled, *"Drawing the Circle: The 40 Day Prayer Challenge"* by Mark Batterson. The book is a forty day devotional and is the follow up to his book, *"The Circle Maker."* Most of our adult Sunday School Classes will be using this book and a corresponding video lesson for the Sundays during Lent.

Jennifer Thompson will also be starting a new group for those who might not yet be in a Sunday School class. The class will begin meeting on February 23 in room 205 of Oliver Hall. If you can't join us for one of the classes, you can always get a copy of the book and read along during Lent. Each day's reading is only two or three pages long. The book calls us to a more consistent and confident prayer life. If there is anything that is critical to our faith and the effectiveness of our church that is too often undervalued and underused, it is prayer.

I would also remind you that we meet to pray every Wednesday before Wednesday Night Dinner (4:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.) in our sanctuary. We have a Wednesday night prayer theme on the tables. We print a lengthy prayer list in our bulletin each week. And, we ask every person who joins our church to "faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers.....". We hope you will join our church family in praying our way through Lent together using "The 40 Day Prayer Challenge." Books are available in the office.

*Ben*

## MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020 — 8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

*Sixth 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)

Madelyn Williams

### Lighting of the Candles

The Acolytes

### Opening Voluntary

Liebesträume

Franz Liszt/trans. Nigel Potts

### Introit (11:00)

How Great Thou Art

Lilly Marler and Madelyn Williams, treble choristers

- \* **Hymn** No. 126 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

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

Jennifer Thompson

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)

Pierce Thrasher Hamilton

son of Dustin and Reanna Hamilton

### *Congregational Response:*

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Pierce 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

Nelle Bordeaux

*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** James P. Owens

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. 252** When Jesus Came to Jordan COMPLAINER

**Offertory Prayer** Jennifer Thompson

**Offertory Voluntary (8:45)** Andante Sostenuto Felix Mendelssohn

**Offertory Anthem (11:00)** John Gardner

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day  
Raymond Patricio, tambourine

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day:  
I would my true love did so chance  
to see the legend of my play, to call my true love to my dance:  
Sing, O my love, O my love, my love, my love;  
this have I done for my true love.

Then was I born of a virgin pure, of her I took fleshly substance;  
thus was I knit to man's nature, to call my true love to my dance:

In a manger laid and wrapped I was,  
so very poor this was my chance,  
betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass, to call my true love to my dance:

Then afterwards baptized I was; the Holy Ghost on me did glance,  
my Father's voice heard from above,  
to call my true love to my dance.

**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 3:21-38

**Sermon** "Divinely Human" Ben Martin

- \* **Hymn No. 203** Hail to the Lord's Anointed ELLACOMBE

- \* **Benediction** Ben Martin

**Closing Response (11:00)** God Be In My Head John Rutter

God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in mine heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at my end, and in my departing.

**Closing Voluntary** Toccata Théodore Dubois

- \* *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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### **Just Born**

Congratulations to Caroline and John Freeman on the birth of a daughter, Harriet McArthur Freeman, on February 16, 2020. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Hattie.

### **Wesley Prayer Square Ministry**

This 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.

### **Messenger Brigade**

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, February 20 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205.

### **Ash Wednesday Service**

Join us Wednesday, February 26 at 6:15 p.m. in the sanctuary. A special program for children (three years old through third grade) will begin at 6:10 p.m. Children (three years old through Pre-K) will go to room 205 on the second floor for their lesson and activities, and children (K - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) will go to room 303 on the third floor for their lesson and activities. Both groups will finish at 7:00 p.m. We will be serving supper in the nursery for children younger than first grade beginning at 5:30 p.m. The nursery will be open for children younger than three from 5:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

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

**Partners in Prayer:** Britt Griffin

**Docent:** Lori Miller

**Offering Steward:** Ed Poenicke

**Ushers:** Bill Tedder, David Butler

**Greeters:** Jeanne Poenicke, Marion Thomas

**Children's Worship:** Anna Hayes

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

**Partners in Prayer:** Sandra McGowen

**Docent:** Bebe Cole

**Acolytes:** Sara Livingood, Taylor Mason

**Greeters:** Florence & Frank Anderson, Mildred Walker

**Offering Steward:** Chris Donegan

**Ushers:** Brian West, Justin Dunn, David Gaskin, Mark Glidewell, Ken Griner, Cory Hall, Randy Blessett, Michael Hasselle

**Children's Worship 3's & PreK:** Leslie Shore, JJ Haire

**Children's Worship K-3rd:** Shazi Edmonds, Lindsay Thomas

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

**Today's Anthem**

"Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day" is an English carol which first appeared in *Christmas Carols Ancient and Modern* of 1833, although scholars suspect from the use of archaic language that it originated in medieval times. The stanzas of the hymn are the story of Jesus as told in his own voice. An unusual feature of the text is that Jesus' life is repeatedly characterized as a dance. A modern hymn that uses this device is "Lord of the Dance."

**Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members**

**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](mailto:community@urbanhopesavannah.org)

**Bring a Hot Breakfast to Homeless People**

This Saturday, February 22, please sign up in advance with what breakfast items you want to bring. Dark socks and bus tickets also needed. Sign up on Perfect Potluck, coordinator Wesley Monumental, password 7385, or simply tell Nelle. Please meet Nelle, 7:45 a.m., East Gordon Street entrance to drive to the homeless camp.

**Y'All Haul**

Thank you to Nancy and John Birkheimer, Edmond Anderson, and Nick Hitt for our most recent Y'All Haul. Right now we don't need furniture, but Kroger gift cards (any amount) are needed.

**Tithe Your Time**

Be watching the bulletin to sign up to give one-tenth of your time to serve the Lord within and beyond the church.

**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.

**Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life**

**Merry Makers March Program**

Monday, March 9, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall, Lunch \$7. If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would it be? Jim and Melissa Emery chose the small country of Bhutan in Asia. This fascinating place is nestled between Nepal, India, and China. It is a rural, Buddhist nation of peaceful, impoverished people.....but, interestingly enough, it also rates very high on the happiness index. Come and hear why!

**Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry**

**Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:**

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)*

**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)*

**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: (2/9/20)

8:45 A.M. Worship	499
11:00 A.M. Worship	87
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>586</b>
9:45 A.M. Sunday School	250
Nursery (8:45 & 11:00)	25

**Finances: (2/9/20)**

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$1,983,419.00
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$313,746.64
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date .....	\$234,388.82

**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**

**February 16, 2020**

**Sermon Extended**

Monday	Luke 3:21, Matthew 3:13-15	Why would Jesus want to be baptized?
Tuesday	Philippians 2:1-11	Why did Jesus become human?
Wednesday	Luke 3:21-22	How do I feel an infilling and empower of the Holy Spirit?
Thursday	Luke 3:22	Why was the Father "pleased" with Jesus? Is He "pleased" with me?
Friday	Luke 3:23-38	Where do I see my own humanity and my divine "image"?

**Sermon Notes**

**As a Praying Church...**

We ask that you bless the many, many people at Wesley who volunteer behind the scenes to keep our church and its ministries running. We ask that you remind them that when they give of themselves it is an offering to You and contributes to the greater mission of building Your Kingdom.

**This Week at Wesley**

**Sunday, February 16**

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

**Monday, February 17**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 2:00 PM Courtney Gaines Circle,  
Home of Madge Edwards
- 6:00 PM Mark Spradley Trmb. Choir, SNC

**Tuesday, February 18**

- 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 Pacesetters, FH

**Wednesday, February 19**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310
- 3:00 PM Prayer Square Ministry, 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 Missions Comm. Mtg, OH 205
- 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 20**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 10:00 AM Messenger Brigade, OH 205
- 12:00 PM Downtown Bible Study, Ruth's Chris

**Friday, February 21**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 10:00 AM Docent Tours
- 7:00 PM Urban Hope, Chefs & Chocolates

**Pastor on Call This Week**

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

**Wednesday Night Supper:  
2/19/20**

Menu: Shepherd's Pie and  
Green Bean Casserole  
Children: Hamburgers and  
Chicken Nuggets

*In Sympathy....*

The Chow Family  
on the death of Miang's mother,  
*Kian Koon Koh*

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

Rosemary Beasley, Pat Beasley, Ella Mae Hitt and Emma Louise Hitt (daughters of Annie and Jeremy Hitt and granddaughters of Marilyn and Nick Hitt), Sara Pitts, Ellie Tardif, Linda McKibben, Claire Hayes, Carolyn White (mother of Jennifer Thompson), Vera Mobley (mother of Christina Varnedoe), Ash Grimmett, Bryan Bost, Roz Evans, Sherree Luke (cousin of Dan Kurtz), Dionne McAfee, Mark Case, Karen Nickles, 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 Duley), 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 Cubreath), 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 Adrich), 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, Cheryl Richardson and Family, Debra Chapman (daughter-in-law of Ruth and Elton Stuenckel)

**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