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THE SEASON OF LENT

This week is Ash Wednesday and with it we begin the season of Lent. For forty days we will be moving towards the cross and ultimately Easter. Lent is a season of self-examination and repentance, therefore it is a season of prayer and fasting. Lent is also often associated with the practice of "giving up" something. Most of us choose things that we like but may not necessarily need. Giving up something for Lent is a form of fasting. The spiritual disciplines of self-examination and repentance go hand in hand and in fact are intended to complement or complete each other. What good is self-examination without repentance (confession and a commitment to change) based on what God shows me about myself and my sin? In the same way, what good is fasting (emptying or giving up) without refilling and giving. If I choose to fast from something that takes my time, how will I fill that time with something that draws me closer to God? If I choose to fast from something that cost me money, where can I give what I save to bless God?

Sometimes we choose to fast from things that are not good for us as a means to be healthier. Most of the time we are thinking about physical benefits, but what about fasting from things that harm me spiritually or emotionally. Above all Lent is a time to fast from sin, which often takes the form of attitudes as much as actions. What if I fast from criticism and complaint and with the emotional energy I save offer praise or thanksgiving to someone? What if I fast from bitterness or resentment and offer back forgiveness, patience, and understanding?

We may think, "It's only forty days," but forty days is long enough to form a habit. Forty days is long enough to change our lives. Remember Moses, Elijah, and Jesus were not the same men after their forty days on the mountain with God. It could be the same with us. Join us this Wednesday night as we take on ashes, the sign of our mortality and repentance.

Remember also that during Lent we are having a churchwide study on prayer using the book, *Draw the Circle* by Mark Batterson. Many of our Sunday School classes will use this forty day devotional book. If you are not in a Sunday School class but would like to use the book, they are available in the church office.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020 — 8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Transfiguration 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)

Marley Sigmon

Lighting of the Candles

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary (8:45)

Balm in Gilead

R. Steven Branyon

Opening Voluntary (11:00)

Clair de Lune

Claude Debussy

Angelina Stack, pianist

Introit (11:00)

John Rutter

I will worship the Lord all the days of my life;
I will tell of his glory and will show forth his praise;
I will sing and rejoice, for the Lord is my stronghold, Alleluia.

* **Hymn No. 61** Come, Thou Almighty King ITALIAN HYMN

* **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.

Minute for Mission: Tithe Your Time

Peter Roberts

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

Nelle Bordeaux

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. 75 All People That on Earth Do Dwell OLD 100th

Offertory Prayer

Jennifer Thompson

Offertory Voluntary (8:45)

Blessed Assurance

Newman Smith, baritone

Offertory Anthem (11:00)

This Is the Day

John Rutter

This is the day which the Lord hath made

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

O praise the Lord of heav'n: praise him in the height.

Praise him, all ye angels of his: praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars and light.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord.

For He shall give his angels charge over thee:

to keep thee in all thy ways.

The Lord himself is thy keeper.

The Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day

neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:

Yea, it is even He that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in:

From this time forth for evermore.

He shall defend thee under his wings.

Be strong, and He shall comfort thine heart,

Put thou thy trust in the Lord.

- Psalms 118, 148, 91, 121, 27

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. 61) Luke 4:1-13

Sermon

"Blind Spots and Weak Links"

Ben Martin

* **Hymn** Insert Jesus, Tempted in the Desert EBENEZER

* **Benediction** Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00)

Hal Hopson

May the Peace of God Go With You
Claire Watts and Skip Watts, handbell ringers

Closing Voluntary

Andante from Concerto No. 1, Mvt. 2

G. F. Handel

* *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 honor of Patsy Robinson's birthday (February 23) and daughter, Beth's birthday (February 21).

Ministry Council Meeting Today

The Ministry Council will meet today, Sunday, February 23 from 12:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Ash Wednesday Service

Join us this 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 - 3rd 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.

Lilies & Caladiums for Easter Sunday

Lilies and Caladiums will be placed around the altar to the glory of God on Easter Sunday, April 12. You may order plants in memory or in honor of loved ones for \$14 per plant. Orders must be received in the church office by Monday, March 30. Order forms may be found at all church entrances.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service:**Partners in Prayer:** Henry Whitfield**Docent:** Jeanne Poenicke**Offering Steward:** Jeff Miller**Ushers:** Johnny Smith, Jimmy Hill**Greeters:** Lori Miller, Phillip Carter**Children's Worship:** Melinda Sortor**11:00 Service:****Partners in Prayer:** Mickey Rountree**Docent:** Sandra McGowen**Acolytes:** Ella Barrow, Hannah Green**Greeters:** Dorie & David Gaskin, Camille O'Neill**Offering Steward:** John Beasley**Ushers:** Brian West, Chandler Brannen, J.D. Hunt, Bill Hunter,
Todd Livingood, Forrest Lott, Jason Pedigo, Justin Dunn**Children's Worship 3's & PreK:** Hattie Thomas, Katy Eichholz**Children's Worship K-3rd:** Allison Willis, Karen Washburn

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

The Choir's Anthem

Today's anthem, "This Is The Day," was written for the marriage of Prince William and Kate Middleton at Westminster Abbey in 2001. The words are taken from Psalms 118, 148, 91, 121 and 27.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Sign Up Now for the New Member Class--Beat the Last-Minute Rush!

Course will be March 1 and 8 at 10:00 a.m., with the class joining on March 8. Please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.

Aren't Those Pencils Worn to Nubs, the Ones that Were Sharp Back in August?

Please bring school supplies for Urban Hope children. Especially needed are poster board and tri-fold display boards (any colors); 3 yard sticks; 10 dictionaries (hard or softcover); white copier paper (8 1/2 by 11); dry erase board cleaner; large hand sanitizer; and Clorox or Lysol wipes. Boxes by all doors.

Help a Homeless Family by Sleeping at Wesley Gardens

Overnight hosts especially needed March 8-14, 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. (except to 8 a.m. Saturday). Please tell Nelle or use Sign Up Genius.

Thank You

Thank you to all who served breakfast to homeless people yesterday.

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)

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 Group Tonight

Join us tonight from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. for youth group! Youth choir begins at 4:00 p.m.

St. Patrick's Day

Our annual St. Patrick's Day Pancake Breakfast (to raise money for youth trips and missions) is coming up soon! You can help by donating pancake mix, bacon, or a number of other items. Everyone is invited to join us for Breakfast from 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. on St. Patrick's Day.

Summer Mission Trip

If you've been on one of our Youthworks Mission Trips over the past three years, you know how fun and meaningful these weeks of service are! This summer we will be serving in the Eastern Shore area of Virginia, partnering with local organizations to do kids ministry, work with local non-profits, and/or serve immigrant communities. The dates are July 19-24

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: (2/16/20)

8:45 A.M. Worship 99

11:00 A.M. Worship 419

Total Worship 518

9:45 A.M. Sunday School XXX

Nursery (8:45 & 11:00) XX

Finances: (2/16/20)

Total Budget for the Year..... \$1,983,419.00

Actual Revenues Year-to-Date \$338,849.23

Actual Expenses Year-to-Date \$253,768.89

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Ben Martin.....Senior Pastor
Rev. Nelle Bordeaux.....Outreach and New Members
Rev. Jennifer Thompson.....Congregational Life
Dr. Monica Dekle.....Director of Music and Organist
Skip Watts.....Music Assistant
James P. Owens.....Director of Student Ministries
Charli Weeks.....Director of Children's Ministry
Haley Herrington.....Children's Ministry Assistant
Jimmy Flowers.....Church Administrator

Tom Anderson.....Financial Manager
Daphne Burrows.....Administrative Assistant, Reception
Jennifer Brookins.....Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
Suzanna King.....Director of Hospitality
Nathaniel Legree.....Custodian
Betty Dudley.....Housekeeper
Micah Sprunger.....Wesley Gardens Property Manager
Kenneth Hayes.....Wesley Gardens Groundskeeper/Maintenance



Follow us on social media @wesleymonumental and use our hashtag #wesleymonumental when sharing your Wesley moments!

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

February 23, 2020

Sermon Extended

Monday	Matthew 12:43-45	What does this tell us about an opportune time for temptation?
Tuesday	Matthew 26:36-46	How was this an opportune time for Jesus and how does it apply to us?
Wednesday	I Corinthians 10:9-13	What does this teach us about being prepared for temptation?
Thursday	Luke 4:1-13	What are the opportune times for temptation in my life?
Friday	Ephesians 6:10-18	What does this teach us about protecting ourselves from temptation?

As a Praying Church...

We ask that you, Lord Jesus, direct us as we enter the season of Lent on Wednesday. Reveal to us what sacrifices we need to make in order to draw closer to you. Speak to us as we participate in the Ash Wednesday service and as we, as a church, pray together these 40 days. Please use these practices to prepare our hearts for Easter.

Sermon Notes

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, February 23

8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
9:30 AM Coffee and Donuts, FH
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship, SNC
12:15 PM Ministry Council Mtg, FH
4:00 PM Youth Choir, EB 4th Flr
5:00 PM Youth Group, FH/EB 4th Flr

Monday, February 24

9:00 AM Eli's Place
2:00 PM Joy Circle Mtg, OH 310
6:00 PM Mark Spradley Trmb. Choir, SNC

Tuesday, February 25

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, February 26

Ash Wednesday

9:00 AM Eli's Place
10:30 AM Jane Shirah Circle,
Hm of Camille O'Neill
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
6:10 PM Children's Ash Wednesday Svc,
3 Yrs Old-PreK, EB 205
K-3rd, EB 303
6:15 PM Ash Wednesday Service, SNC
7:15 PM Chancel Choir, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, February 27

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

Friday, February 28

9:00 AM Eli's Place
10:00 AM Docent Tours

Pastor on Call This Week

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

Wednesday Night Supper: 2/26/20

Menu: Lemon Chicken, Orzo Pasta,
Mixed Vegetables
Children: Pizza

In Sympathy....

The Jones Family
on the death of Barbara's mother,
Mary Radford

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

In Our Prayers.....

Harper Blake, 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

Get Involved!

"Tithe Your Time" for Wesley Monumental UMC

John Wesley considered the world to be his parish. Wesley Monumental strives to be the hands of Christ, as disciples in a hurting world. We promise to support the church through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Each year, we formally tithe our financial support for Wesley programs, while we also need to pledge our skills, service and time. All are welcome, including children, youth, and adults.

The Mission Committee is sponsoring a new initiative. "Tithe Your Time" provides each of us a chance to review the Wesley sponsored missions, consider prayerfully how we wish to serve, and commit ourselves by filling out the "Tithe Your Time" form and placing it in the offering plate. To which program(s) are you committed to tithing your time?

If you would like to learn more about each program, please visit wesleymonumental.org/get-involved-2/missions/



Pledge Card

I pledge to tithe my time during 2020 to serve Jesus Christ through His church and beyond its walls by helping others in need, as He guides me to serve Him.

Name(s) _____

Mission Programs Funded by Wesley

- ☐ Family Promise of Greater Savannah - Provides emergency shelter, meals, school/job placement, & inclusive support to assist temporarily displaced families.
- ☐ Urban Hope - After-school program & summer camp for at-risk youth in Savannah's inner city, annually ministering to over 180 children.
- ☐ Wesley Community Centers of Savannah - Serving women & children in the Savannah community by providing pre-school & day care for disadvantaged children. The Family Life Center supplies food, clothing, education opportunities & more. Sponsored by the UMW & the UMC.
- ☐ The Living Vine Christian Maternity Home - Provides housing, meals, protection, preparation & spiritual support to pregnant women in crisis situations.
- ☐ The Fresh Air Home - Tybee Island summer camp for at-risk children/youth. Serving 350 children, the camp builds character & encourages spiritual growth.
- ☐ Mission on the Move (M.O.M.) - International Ministry - Providing spiritual, educational & medical aid to over 150 children in Mexico, Honduras & Kenya.
- ☐ Refugee Ministry - Resettlement support to refugee families in Savannah from Syria, Iraq, Burma, Democratic Republic of Congo, & Afghanistan. Volunteer opportunities include furniture donations, home set up, transportation, & English lessons.
- ☐ Homeless Outreach - Providing a monthly breakfast for homeless individuals.
- ☐ Backpack Buddies - A ministry that supplies food for the weekend to children in the free lunch program.
- ☐ Construction Ministry - Building Tiny Houses for homeless veterans; a Family Promise house, & Habitat houses.
- ☐ _____ - write in a ministry of your choice.

2105 Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

1. Je - sus, tempt - ed in the des - ert,
 2. Je - sus, tempt - ed at the tem - ple,
 3. Je - sus, tempt - ed on the moun - tain
 4. When we face temp - ta - tion's pow - er,

lone - ly, hun - gry, filled with dread: "Use your power," the
 high a - bove its an - cient wall: "Throw your - self from
 by the lure of vast do - main: "Fall be - fore me!
 lone - ly, strug - gling, filled with dread, Christ, who knew the

tempt - er tells him; "Turn these bar - ren
 loft - y tur - ret; an - gels wait to
 Be my ser - vant! Glo - ry, fame, you're
 tempt - er's ho - ur, come and be our

rocks to bread!" "Not a - lone by bread," he an - swers,
 break your fall!" Je - sus shuns such emp - ty mar - vels,
 sure to gain!" Je - sus sees the daz - zling vi - sion,
 liv - ing bread. By your grace, pro - tect, pre - serve us

"Can the hu - man heart be filled. On - ly by the
 feats that fick - le crowds re - quest: "God, whose grace pro -
 turns his eyes an - oth - er way: "God a - lone de -
 lest we fall your trust be - tray. Yours, a - bove all

Word that calls us is our deep - est hun - ger stilled!"
 tects, pre - serves us, we must nev - er vain - ly test."
 serves our hom - age! God a - lone will I o - bey!"
 oth - er voic - es, be the Word we hear, o - bey.