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ST. PATRICK'S DAY

"Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good"
-Genesis 50:19

As we come once again to the celebration of St. Patrick's Day, I am always reminded of the experience of Joseph when sold into slavery by his brothers. As he looked back on his life, he realized that God was able to redeem the actions of his brothers by using it to put him in a place of influence that would in turn save his people. St. Patrick's story was much the same. Captured and sold into slavery in Ireland, he would later say that it was the years during his captivity that God used to convert him to Christianity and deepen his relationship to God. In fact, those years were so significant that after escaping, he would choose to return to the land of his captivity in order to share the gospel with the people of Ireland.

The question about the providence of God is always a tricky one. "Did God cause this?" or did "God use this?" can make all the difference in the world with how we view God. There are many things that happen to us in life that I do not believe are the will of God. Some are the result of our choices, some the result of the choices of others, and some for which there is no explanation. I do know that the Bible shows us a God who is always working to redeem every circumstance for good. The old saying is "hindsight is 20/20" and that is usually the way it works when it comes to what God is doing in a situation. One of the main goals of growth in the spiritual life is shorten the time between God being at work and my being aware of it, particularly in difficult circumstances. In the interim, the question becomes can I trust God when I can't see how He could possibly bring good from a bad situation. St. Patrick becomes for us an example of a man who was willing to embrace a time of difficulty and let God use it for good in his life. Have a happy St. Patrick's Day and be careful to not make any choices that God has to redeem for good!

REMEMBER TO JOIN OUR YOUTH FOR THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST FROM 7:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M. IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. THE COST IS \$5 FOR ADULTS AND \$3 FOR CHILDREN (CASH OR CHECKS ONLY) AND THE PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT YOUTH MINISTRY TRIPS AND MISSION PROJECTS.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020 — 8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Third Sunday in Lent

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)

Lighting of the Candles

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary (8:45)

Be Thou My Vision

Dale Wood

Opening Voluntary (11:00)

Amazing Grace

String Octet

Introit (11:00)

St. Patrick's Hymn

arr. Dan Forrest

String Octet and Chancel Choir

* **Hymn No. 145**

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

* **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.

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 Ben Martin

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. 285** To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord KINGSFOLD

Offertory Prayer James P. Owens

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) There is a Fountain Filled with Blood
arr. Larson

Offertory Anthem (11:00) Agnus Dei
(set to Adagio for Strings by Samuel Barber)
String Octet and Chancel Choir

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. 616, 4) Ecclesiastes 4:7-12, Matthew 5:21-24

Sermon "Set Your House in Order Part 3—Who Not What Matters" Ben Martin

* **Hymn No. 451** Be Thou My Vision SLANE

* **Benediction** Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) LONDONDERRY AIR

Amazing Grace Shall Always Be My Song of Praise
Chancel Choir and Congregation

Amazing grace shall always be my song of praise.
For it was grace that brought me liberty.
I do not know just why He came to love me so.
He looked beyond my fault and saw my need.
I shall forever lift mine eyes to Calvary
to view the cross where Jesus died for me.
How marvelous His grace that caught my falling soul.
He looked beyond my fault and saw my need.

Closing Voluntary Variation on "Slane" arr. Eggert

* *Please stand as you are able.
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Thank You to our String Octet!

Sinisa Ciric, violin; Ricardo Ochoa, violin; Marina Volynets, violin;
Lizhou Liu, viola; Marsha Krantz, viola; Dominique Geer, cello;
Esther Holliday, cello; Vadim Volynets, double bass

Thank You

To Shirley Roberts, organ; Rodney Powers, piano; Raymond Patricio, choir conductor for filling in last Sunday and this morning while Monica is out.

Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Alfred Black, father of Wayne Black.

Messenger Brigade

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, March 19 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205.

UMM March Dinner Meeting

The Wesley United Methodist Men will meet this Thursday, March 19 in the Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m.

Spring Work Day at Wesley Gardens

This Saturday, March 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Come enjoy the incredible outdoors as we tidy up the grounds! Projects will include: weeding newly redesigned Memory Garden, cleaning playground mulch, removing Spanish moss, chopping wood, cleaning Main House kitchen cabinets. Snacks & beverages will be provided followed by lunch. Bring gloves, a long sleeve shirt, and insect repellent! Please contact micah@wesleygardensretreat.com with any questions.

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 located at all church entrances.

Together We Pray

In a focused effort to prepare for the 2020 General Conference session, the South Georgia Conference is launching a Conference-wide prayer and fasting initiative, "Together We Pray." It will begin the day after Easter and run through the General Conference session. A 24-hour day of prayer and fasting will be held May 4-5 at The Chapel in Brunswick. It will include hourly prayer experiences from 1:00 p.m. May 4 until 1:00 p.m. May 5. A celebration lunch will end the fast. For more information visit, sgaumc.org/togetherwepay.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Britt Griffin

Docent: Jeanne Poenicke

Offering Steward: Ed Poenicke

Ushers: Bill Tedder, Jeff Miller

Greeters: Jeanne Poenicke, Marion Thomas

Children's Worship: Holly McCormick

11:00 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Sue Ellis

Docent: Linda Sapp

Acolytes: Gretta Stubbs, TBD

Greeters: Linda Sapp, Jan Harman, Janet Wist

Offering Steward: John Beasley

Ushers: Brian West, Pratt Matthews, Bill Mattocks, Dustin Hamilton, Jake Maxwell, Robert, McCorkle, Ryan McKenzie, Clark McKinney, Franklin McKinney, Matt Merritt

Children's Worship 3's & PreK: Mandy Roberts, Shazi Edmonds

Children's Worship K-3rd: Sarah Lientz, Phillip Green

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Thank You for Family Promise Service to Homeless Mothers and Children

Thank you to the 36 Wesley members who served 3 mothers and 10 children all this past week. Please pray for permanent housing for all three families.

Tithe Your Time

Please tell Nelle if you want to tithe your time and receive a weekly servanthood email of Bible encouragement.

Homeless Breakfast, Saturday, March 28

Please meet Nelle, 7:45 a.m., East Gordon Street church door. Flashlights with batteries needed. Please sign up in advance with Nelle to bring breakfast items.

Spring Tea for Shepherds and New Members

Saturday, March 28, from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Grace and Curtis Grund's home, 526 East 41st Street. Please sign up in advance with Nelle. Don't miss the scones and tea sandwiches!

Pew Hosts Welcome You

Pew Hosts are here to welcome guests. If you want to be a Pew Host, please tell Nelle.

Shepherd to King: the Life of David in Young Mothers' Bible Study

Learn about the only Bible character called one "after God's own heart"! Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall. Nelle teaches the mothers; fabulous team of Miang Chow, Carmine Cowart, and Charli Weeks teaches the children. All are welcome.

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

Day Trip to Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation—Thursday, March 26, 2020

The Merry Makers will leave from the Lowe's parking lot on Pooler Parkway at 9:00 a.m. to go to the Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation in Brunswick. This beautiful plantation represents the history and culture of Georgia's rice coast. There we will visit the museum, watch a film, and tour the buildings on the plantation property. When we are finished, we will eat a yummy, fresh seafood lunch at Mudcat Charlie's right on the Altamaha River in Darien, GA. (If you don't eat seafood, no worries, there are plenty of options!). The cost of the trip is \$20 (for plantation entrance and transportation) *plus* lunch. Please sign up for the trip by Wednesday, March 18th.

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



An Evening of Excellence

On Saturday, May 9 from 6:00 p.m.— 8:00 p.m., Jimmy Flowers and his daughter, Julia Flowers, are planning an event where you will be fed well and entertained with songs and music from Savannah Arts Academy students and others. The event will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Wesley Monumental, and the meal will be buffet style and include medallions of beef (filet mignon), scalloped potatoes, green bean almandine, rolls, a salad, and dessert. Beverages will be tea, coffee, lemonade, and water. The Savannah Arts Academy students will sing popular songs acapella and with piano accompaniment. The price is \$50 per ticket and take out plates will be available for \$35 per ticket (tax deductible). ALL of the money raised will go to Wesley Community Center and to support the refugee ministry at Wesley Monumental. Tickets will be available at the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Jimmy Flowers at 828-243-4386.

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

Preteens (4th & 5th Grade)

4th-5th Grade Bible Study

The 4th-5th Grade Bible Study will not meet this Wednesday, March 18 but will resume Wednesday, March 25.

Youth (6th-12th Grade)

No Youth Choir or Youth Group This Evening

Wednesday Night Youth Bible Studies

Our Youth Bible Studies will not meet this Wednesday, March 18 but will resume Wednesday, March 25.

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



Offering Counter Needed

The worship offering counters for 2020 are in need of one volunteer to assist in counting **one** Sunday of each month; counts usually last about an hour. If you are interested in assisting as a counter, please contact Riley Smith at 912-200-1450 or jrsmith119@gmail.com.

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (3/8/20)	
8:45 A.M. Worship	91
11:00 A.M. Worship	362
Total Worship	453
9:45 A.M. Sunday School	145
Nursery (8:45 & 11:00)	XX

Finances: (3/8/20)

Total Budget for the Year	\$1,983,419.00
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$451,660.97
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$375,788.39

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 Sprunger.....Wesley Gardens Property Manager
Haley Herrington.....Children's Ministry Assistant	Kenneth Hayes.....Wesley Gardens Groundskeeper/Maintenance
Jimmy Flowers.....Church Administrator	

Thank you to Nancy Goodman, Raymond Patricio, Rodney Powers, Shirley Roberts, Carolyn Roth, and Angelina Stack for filling in while Monica is out.



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

March 15, 2020

Sermon Extended

Monday	Genesis 2:18-25	What does this story tell us about our human nature?
Tuesday	Ecclesiastes 4:7-12	What does the wisdom of Solomon tell us about what matters in life?
Wednesday	I Corinthians 13	What does Paul teach us about love?
Thursday	Matthew 5:21-24, Matthew 6:12-15	Is there a relationship I need to repair?
Friday	Matthew 22:37, I John 4:16-21	In the end what is most important to God? Is it most important to me?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We pray, Lord, for all who have been affected by the coronavirus. Please bring healing to those who are suffering now, comfort to those who are grieving the loss of loved ones, peace to those who live in fear of the disease, safety to those who have not been exposed, provision for those in quarantine, and wisdom and knowledge to those who are seeking to control and cure this disease. In the powerful name of Jesus, amen.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, March 15

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee and Donuts, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship, SNC

Monday, March 16

Eli's Place Out for Spring Break This Week

- 2:00 PM Courtney Gaines Circle
- Youth Lock-In, FH/EB 4th Flr

Tuesday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day - Church Office Closed

- 7:00 AM Youth Pancake Fundraiser, FH

Wednesday, March 18

- 11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310
- 4:45 PM Call to Prayer, SNC
- 5:30 PM Supper, FH
- 6:00 PM Methodist Beliefs Study, FH
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, March 19

- 10:00 AM Messenger Brigade, OH 205
- 12:00 PM Downtown Bible Study, Ruth's Chris
- 6:00 PM UMM Dinner Mtg, FH

Friday, March 20

- 10:00 AM Docent Tours

Saturday, March 21

- 8:30 AM Wesley Gardens Work Day, WG

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin 912-547-1835

<p>Wednesday Night Supper: 3/18/20 Menu: Mexican Lasagna, Cheesy Rice/Beans, Mixed Veggies Children: Taquitos/Chicken Nuggets</p>

In Our Prayers.....

Monica Dekle, 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, Claire Hayes, Vera Mobley (mother of Christina Varnedoe), Bryan Bost, Roz Evans, Sherree Luke (cousin of Dan Kurtz), 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, Debby Warner, 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, 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

Linda McKibben, 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