



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

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November 22, 2020

### **THE DISCIPLINE OF THANKSGIVING**

*"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances. For this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Thanksgiving may be largely an American holiday, but its roots go back much further. The people of Israel practiced "harvest" festivals to give thanks to God and the "thanksgiving offering" was the most often practiced sacrifice. The Bible teaches consistently from start to finish that we are the beneficiaries of God's grace and that the practice of thanksgiving is critical for our relationship to God. It is so easy in times of abundance and prosperity to forget how blessed we are and where it all comes from. In the book of Deuteronomy, Moses is warning the Israelites just before they enter the promise land that the prosperity of the land could be their downfall. In times of abundance, he warns they could too quickly forget who is the true source of their blessings. On the other hand, in times of adversity it is easy to overlook the blessings we have because they are easily lost in the face of trouble we face. Not surprisingly, Paul a man whose life had frequent adversity taught that we should *"give thanks in all circumstances."* For Paul, thanksgiving or gratitude is a spiritual discipline that is to be practiced whether we are experiencing blessings or adversity.

This is obviously a year in which many have faced unexpected adversity. This year Thanksgiving arrives as we continue in a time of pandemic where so many lives have been affected by grief and loss of all kinds. Thanksgiving may not look like it normally does with our family gatherings. But like the Pilgrims who gathered for the first Thanksgiving on the heels of a year in which half of them had died and not one family was left without loss, practicing thanksgiving was still important for their spiritual well-being. The same is true for us this year. I pray we all find some time to practice thanksgiving whether it is a time of blessing and prosperity or a time of adversity and scarcity. It will protect our hearts and our faith.

One way we practice thanksgiving is through generosity. As we bring our fall stewardship campaign to a close, we hope you will prayerfully consider how my giving can be an act of faith and gratitude for what God has done for me.

*Ben*

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020  
8:45 & 11:00 A.M. Sanctuary  
*Christ the King Sunday*

**Opening Voluntary**

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

March Triomphale: Now Thank We All Our God

**Welcome and Announcements**

Ben Martin

*Welcome to worship. Thank you for joining us. Please 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.*

**Nursery & Children's Worship:** *If needed, the nursery for infants to 3 years old is located on the first floor, and Children's Worship for ages 3 to 3rd Grade is located on the second floor.*

**Please register your attendance:** *If you are a Wesley member or regular attendee, text @wmumc316 to phone number 81010 to join the Worship Service Attendance thread. If you have already joined, you will receive a text message each Sunday morning reminding you to text the total number of household members worshiping and the service you are attending or if viewing online. If this is your first time using Remind, you may be asked to complete your name, phone number, and select "parent.") If you are visiting, please text your name and total number of attendees to Rev. Ben Martin, 912-547-1835.*

**Offering:** *To tithe, text wesleymumc to 77977 or place your offering in the offering/tithe box located at the main Sanctuary entrance. Online giving is also available on our website, wesleymonumental.org*

**Prayer Requests:** *Please email your prayer requests to Rev. Ben Martin, ben@wesleymonumental.org*

**Chiming of the Hour (11:00)**

Elizabeth Huff

**Lighting of the Candles (11:00)**

The Acolytes

**Opening Hymn**

NUN DANKET

*"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." Ephesians 5:19 (KJV)*

Heather Whitaker, soprano

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;  
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

- Martin Rinkhart (ca. 1636); Book of Sirach 50:22-24

\* **Affirmation of Faith**      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** (11:00)                      GREATOREX                      Parker Hunt  
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)

Remington James Dekle  
son of Monica and Andrew Dekle

*Congregational Response:*

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Remington 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.

**Pastoral 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.

**Anthem**                      The Lord's Prayer                      Matthew 6: 9-13  
Heather Whitaker, soprano

- \* **Scripture**                      Mark 12:38-13:2

**Sermon**                      "Faith You Can See Part 3: Unnoticed Faith"  
Ben Martin

**Closing Hymn**                      NUN DANKET  
Heather Whitaker, soprano

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

- Martin Rinkhart (ca. 1636)

**Benediction**                      Ben Martin

**Closing Voluntary**                      arr. Virgil Fox  
Now Thank We All Our God (from Bach Cantata No. 79)

- \* *Please stand as you are able.*  
*Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you.*  
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### **Church Office & Eli's Place Closed**

In observance of Thanksgiving, Eli's Place will be closed Monday (11/23) through Friday (11/27), and the Church Office will close starting at noon on Wednesday (11/25) through Friday (11/27).

### **Poinsettias**

Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary on Friday, December 18 and may be taken home following the last Christmas Eve service. Please place your orders for plants in memory or in honor of loved ones by Sunday, December 13. Checks should be made payable to Wesley Monumental in the amount of \$14 per plant, marked "Altar Guild Poinsettias," or visit <https://pushpay.com/g/wesleymonumental> to pay online. Select "Give one time" and "Poinsettias" as the fund. Once paid, email the poinsettia order form to [daphne@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:daphne@wesleymonumental.org) or deliver to the church office by Sunday, December 13. Order forms may be found at all church entrances and on our website.

### **Lessons and Carols**

Due to limited seating because of COVID restrictions and the popularity of this service, both services are full, and we are no longer taking reservations. However, both services will be livestreamed and can be enjoyed online. Between the two Lessons and Carols services, we will have a standard Sunday morning service from 10:00 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. in the Sanctuary. This service will include the Brass Quintet and pipe organ from Lessons and Carols, Christmas vocal music, and a sermon. We will not take reservations for this service, but if you are interested in attending or have questions, please email [jennifer@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:jennifer@wesleymonumental.org).

### **Grief: Surviving the Holidays**

Grief is strange. Its effects sometime seem to flood us for no reason.....with no forewarning. Grief is different for everyone. No one experiences grief the same way. Grief has many different causes. We can grieve the death of a loved one.....or other things such as the loss of a job, a relationship, or our health. Grief is hard.....*and the holidays often make it harder.*

2020 has been a year of grief for so many. Isolation and not being able to gather with friends and family at our time of loss have compounded grief's impact on many of us. Come join us on Wednesday night, December 9 from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall or on Zoom as we talk about grief. Jennifer Thompson will share about such things as "normal" holiday grief, how to prepare for emotional ambushes, and where to find strength to make it through. Please remember to make a reservation for dinner if you would like to eat beforehand. *Or, come just for the program.* Also, please send Jennifer an email at [jennifert@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:jennifert@wesleymonumental.org) if you want a Zoom invite. For those who want to attend in person, we will wear masks and honor our commitment to social distancing.

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

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington

**Greeters:** Lori Miller

**Ushers:** Jeff Miller

**Partners in Prayer:** Henry Whitfield

### **11:00 Service**

**Acolyte:** Andrew Wilkes

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington

**Greeters:** TBD

**Ushers:** Mickey Rountree, Todd Livingood, Bates Lovett,  
Chandler Brannen

**Partners in Prayer:** Gaye Reese

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

#### **Now Thank We All Our God**

Martin Rinkart wrote today's opening hymn, Now Thank We All Our God, around the year 1636. He was a Lutheran Minister and accomplished musician. He was for a time a boy chorister at St. Thomas Church of Leipzig, Germany where J. S. Bach was later musical director.

At the beginning of the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648), Rev. Rinkart came to the city of Eilenburg, Saxony, which was a walled city. The city served as a place of refuge for political and military fugitives, but it became crowded and overcome with famine and disease. Rev. Rinkart and his wife opened their home as a refuge to those that were suffering. He was the only surviving pastor in Eilenburg during the severe plague of 1637. He is said to have conducted as many as fifty funerals a day during this time, including his own wife's funeral.

From great human hardship came this stately hymn that we still sing today, 357 years later.

### **Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life**

#### **Merry Makers Christmas Party**

Please don your holiday clothing and come celebrate Christmas at Wesley Gardens, Monday, December 14 from 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. We will be doubly treated to a festive meal of prime rib, potatoes au gratin, roasted asparagus, and individual molten lava cakes prepared by Suzanna and seasonal musical entertainment by an ensemble comprised of our own Wesley choir members! Please know that we will continue our commitment to social distancing, mask wearing, and safe meal service. RSVP to Jennifer Thompson by Thursday, December 11 at [jennifert@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:jennifert@wesleymonumental.org) or by texting her at 229-726-7735. Or, you can let Daphne know in the church office.

#### **Save the Date: Merry Makers - Cooking with the Stars!**

Monday, January 11, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Cost \$7.00. Our very own celebrity chef, Suzanna King, will be demonstrating her cooking prowess and allow us to TASTE her creations for our Merry Makers program! Would you like to know such things as: how to better cook for 1 or 2 people; how to prepare inexpensive, healthy meals; what substitutions can be made in recipes; or even how to cut an onion? Email Suzanna King or Jennifer Thompson and let them know about your cooking questions and curiosities! Please know that we will continue our commitment to social distancing, mask wearing, and safe meal service. RSVP to Jennifer Thompson by Thursday, December 11 at [jennifert@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:jennifert@wesleymonumental.org) or by texting her at 229-726-7735. Or, you can let Daphne know in the church office.

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

#### **Christmas Ornament Painting**

On Sunday, December 6, we'll be painting pottery ornaments in room 202 immediately following the 11:00 service. These ornaments can be hand-painted by your child and then they are glazed and fired by professionals. This year we have some new designs including a snow globe and an elf stocking. The ornaments make great Christmas presents for grandparents or other family members. Ornaments are \$13 each and come with a ribbon for hanging. No need to make a reservation, we'll have all the supplies ready for you, and the ornaments will be ready for pick up on December 20.

#### **Christmas Presentations**

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for our children's Christmas presentations. The Elementary children are working diligently to learn their lines and songs for the Nativity Pageant. This year the pageant will be presented outside on Wayne Street following Wednesday Night Supper on December 16 at 6:15 p.m. The Joyful Noise choir children will present their Christmas Celebration Program on Sunday, December 13 at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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

*Youth (6th-12th Grade)*

**Confirmation**

Our 2020-2021 Confirmation class has begun! The Confirmation class is meeting once a month. Classes cover the basics of the Christian faith and our Methodist heritage, leading up to students making a profession of faith in front of the church. Each month, we're offering a Sunday and a Wednesday option to attend Confirmation class. See James P. Owens for more information.

**Youth Sunday School In-person or via Zoom**

Join us each Sunday morning for youth Sunday school in person or via Zoom. Email james@wesleymonumental.org for the Zoom details.

**Youth Group & Youth Choir**

There will be no Youth Group or Youth Choir tonight.

**Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members**

**Please Pray for and Give Ideas: Job Search**

Young honor student set to graduate from Savannah State University next month needs full-time job. Law firm receptionist or education work is her hope. Ideas, Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

**Read the Bible in 2021!**

Sign up with Nelle to read the entire Bible chronologically in 2021. Children, youth, and adults are welcome. Read the Bible as a family!



**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Attendance: (11/15/20)	
8:45 AM Worship	61
11:00 AM Worship	124
Online Worship Views	125
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>310</b>
Nursery (All 3 Svcs)	XX
Children's Worship (All 3 Svcs)	XX
9:45 AM Sunday School	XXX

**Finances: (11/15/20)**

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$1,983,419.00
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$1,528,991.57
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date .....	\$1,616,779.34

**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**

**November 22, 2020**

**Sermon Extended**

Monday	Mark 12:38-40	Am I vulnerable in any way to pride, power, and greed?
Tuesday	Mark 12:41-42	What am I called to give to God?
Wednesday	Matthew 6:19-21, 24	Why do we give to God?
Thursday	2 Corinthians 9:6-12	How do we give to God? What is my attitude towards giving?
Friday	Mark 13:1-2	What material things am I enamored with that will not last?

**Sermon Notes**

**As a Praying Church...**

We come to you, Lord, with grateful hearts. We are grateful for family, for friends, for our church, for our daily provisions, and for all of the ways you take care of us. Most of all, we are thankful for your son Jesus who died on the cross and rose again so that we might live in fellowship with you. Make us especially mindful this week of all of those who are in need – mentally, physically, and spiritually. Use us to answer their prayers and point them to you.

**This Week at Wesley**

**Sunday, November 22**

8:45 AM   Worship Service, SNC  
9:45 AM   Sunday School  
11:00 AM   Worship Service SNC/Online

**Monday, November 23**

Eli's Place Closed This Week  
6:00 PM   Trombone Choir

**Tuesday, November 24**

7:00 AM   Men's Bible Study,  
            Holland House  
9:00 AM   Young Mothers' Bible Study,  
            Zoom  
11:00 AM   Staff Mtg, OH 310

**Wednesday, November 25**

No Wednesday Night Supper or Programs

**Thursday, November 26**

Thanksgiving  
Church Office Closed

**Friday, November 27**

Church Office Closed

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

**Pastor on Call This Week**

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

**Wednesday Night Supper:  
11/25/20**

No Wednesday Night Supper this week. We hope you enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving and join us again on December 2.

*In Sympathy....*

Melissa Vaughn  
on the death of her father,  
*Art McConnell*

The Howard Family  
on the death of *Lonnie Morgan*,  
Father of Cindy  
Grandfather of Jason

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

Dean Muenckler, Bekki Johnson (daughter of Lynn and Dan Kurtz), Lucy Driscoll, Barbara Burnett, Ken McDuffee (son of Annelle McDuffee), Wesley Woods, Joe Cain, Joel Williams, Carol Ebel, Dallas Hunter, George Durden (brother-in-law of Gary Kornegay), Will Hamilton, Ceil Waters, Bill Gardner, Richard Wallace (son of Susan and Dick Wallace), Dave Fleiner (father of Derek Fleiner), Becky West, Virginia Davis, Kim Rahn, Bob Harman, Beth Aldrich, Liane Willard, Craig Hanson, Theresa Fields, Grace Bockes, Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Carla Thomas, The Family of Meaghan Wylie, Ellen Atkins, Stephen Oden (nephew of Cameron Schmitz), Rosemary Beasley, Claire Hayes, Vera Mobley (mother of Christina Varnedoe), Bryan Bost, Katie Bennett (cousin of Meb Ryan), Ryan Davis, Andrew Brown (great nephew of Gaye Reese), Debby Warner, Norma Day (mother of Dorie Gaskin), Louise Page, Bob Franz, David Burke, Adam Corey, Jan Nyborg, Bourke Cannon, Diane Wells, Rev. Matt Hearn, Patsy Robinson, Rita Gietzen (sister of Joyce Cole), Kathy Delaigle, Earl Goodwin (brother of Beth Adrich), Alison White (niece of Linda Sapp), George Vail, 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, Randy Warner, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Chuck Brown (brother of Gail Rountree), Grace Crosby Utomo (friend of Jean Remley), Sammy Reesman, Vivian Wilson, Richard Bartels, Mandy Hawkins and Family, Cheryl Richardson and Family

**At Home/Extended Care**

Peggy Murphy, Roz Evans, Harriet Bland, Ann Lott, Bill Taylor, Ann Ernst, Bella Grace Bartels, Georgia Dickerson, Lois Wooten, Michael Mamalakis

**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