



Celebrating 150 Years 1868 - 2018

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November 29, 2020

Christmas Eve Services

On Thursday, December 24, we will offer five Christmas Eve Services instead of our normal three. Communion will be served during all Services and each Service will conclude with singing Silent Night in Calhoun Square.

Due to social-distancing guidelines, only 175 seats will be available per Service. Reservations are required in advance to keep the Sanctuary uncrowded, and if reservations are not made, we may not have room to accommodate everyone. (Early reservations are recommended). Please note, if these five Services fill, additional Services will be offered.

We will begin taking reservations tomorrow, Monday, November 30 at 10:00 a.m. An email with the registration link will be sent to everyone at that time. (If you do not receive our weekly Wednesday email (the Wesley Weekly), please email jennifer@wesleymonumental.org to be added to the email list.) Reservations will be made through our ACS Technologies software system. To register, you will be prompted to enter your email address, and then sign in with your username and password, or have the option to sign in as a guest. (This will be the same username and password you use to login to the Online Directory and ChurchLife App. If you do not remember your username or password, please email jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.) You can also register by calling the church office beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 30.

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

(Pipe organ with vocal music by Hannah Dasher, Singer/Songwriter from Nashville, Tennessee). Sermon with Communion.

11:30 a.m. – Child-Friendly Service (enjoyed by all ages).

Nativity and Devotion with Communion.

4:00 p.m. – Child-Friendly Service (enjoyed by all ages).

Nativity and Devotion with Communion.

5:30 p.m. – Worship Service

With Chamber Choir and Pipe Organ. Sermon with Communion.

7:00 p.m. – Worship Service

With Chamber Choir and Pipe Organ. Sermon with Communion.

Several services will be livestreamed for those who are more comfortable viewing from home.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020
8:45 & 11:00 A.M. Sanctuary
First Sunday of Advent

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 worshipping 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*

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

Opening Hymn O Magnum Mysterium Tómas Luis de Victoria

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

Savannah Trombone Choir

O great mystery,
and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the newborn Lord,
lying in a manger!
Blessed is the virgin whose womb
was worthy to bear
the Lord, Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

* **Affirmation of Faith** 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 (11:00)

Charlotte Williams

Lighting of the Hope Candle

Clint, Rachel, Emmy, and Whitaker Guild (8:45)

Bill Thomasson, Jennifer Baker, and Michael Cooler (11:00)

Pastoral 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.

Anthem

A Prayer for Peace
Savannah Trombone Choir

Michael John Trotta

* **Scripture**

Psalm 13, 2 Peter 3:8-18

Sermon

"A COVID Christmas Part 1:
How Long O Lord?"

Ben Martin

Closing Hymn

Franz Joseph Hayden

Achieved is the Glorious Work
Savannah Trombone Choir

Achieved is the glorious work; the Lord beholds it and is pleas'd.

In lofty strains let us rejoice!

Our song let be the praise of God.

Glory to his name forever;

He sole on high exalted reigns, alleluia.

Benediction

Ben Martin

Closing Voluntary

Toccata on Veni Emmanuel

arr. Andrew Carter

* *Please stand as you are able.*

Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you.

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Just Born

Congratulations to Sarah and Ben Witcher on the birth of a daughter, Anna Wright Witcher, on November 19, 2020. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Anna.

Congratulations to Lesley and Rad McDaniel on the birth of a daughter, Brinley Dean McDaniel, on November 23, 2020. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Brinley.

Christmas Greenery Pick Up

Orders will be available for pickup in the Oliver Hall courtyard on Friday, December 4 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Saturday, December 5 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., and the following week during the Church's normal business hours. Thank you for your orders!

Urban Hope Children's Christmas Toy Drive

Want to "adopt" an Urban Hope child for 2 Christmas presents? Please tell Nelle, 912-234-9245.

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 or deliver to the church office by Sunday, December 13. Order forms may be found at all church entrances and on our website.

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 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.

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.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington

Greeters: Lori Miller

Ushers: Jeff Miller

Partners in Prayer: Britt Griffin

11:00 Service

Acolyte: Ansley Cheshire

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington

Greeters: Barbara & Johnny Phelps

Ushers: Brian West, Bill Mattocks, Jake Maxwell, Robert McCorkle

Partners in Prayer: Annelle McDuffee

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Welcome to the Savannah Trombone Choir

Founded in 2017 by Savannah native Mark Spradley, the Savannah Trombone Choir is comprised of local high school students. This ensemble serves as an excellent opportunity for a younger generation to perform in a chamber music setting, and it brings the excitement of trombone choir music to the Savannah region. This ensemble meets weekly on Monday evenings and performs two annual concerts in the fall and spring.

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 or by texting her at 229-726-7735. Or, you can let Daphne know in the church office. Cost \$7.00.

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 Friday, January 8 at 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

Next 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

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for Youth Group Sunday afternoons from 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. and Youth Choir from 5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Christmas Carols on the Church Steps

Sunday, December 20, 4:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m. Please wear a mask. All are welcome.

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: (11/22/20)	
8:45 AM Worship	51
11:00 AM Worship	150
Online Worship Views	130
Total Worship	331
Nursery (All 3 Svcs)	5
Children's Worship (All 3 Svcs)	15
9:45 AM Sunday School	17

Finances: (11/22/20)

Total Budget for the Year	\$1,983,419.00
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,559,038.64
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,649,604.64

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	



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

November 29, 2020

Sermon Extended

Monday	Psalm 13	Do I feel like the Psalmist waiting on God?
Tuesday	Psalm 13	How does the Psalmist teach us to keep the faith while we wait?
Wednesday	2 Peter 3:8-10	What do we make of the fact it has been 2000 years and Jesus has not returned?
Thursday	2 Peter 3:11-14	How does what I expect in Jesus's return affect how I live now?
Friday	2 Peter 3:15-18	What do I do with the confusing, even conflicting parts of the Bible?

Sermon Notes

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As a Praying Church...

Prepare us as we enter this Advent season. Help us to see you as the Lord of Hope.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, November 29

8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service SNC/Online
3:30 PM Youth Group, EB 4th Flr
5:00 PM Youth Choir

Monday, November 30

9:00 AM Eli's Place
6:00 PM Trombone Choir, SNC

Tuesday, December 1

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
9:00 AM Eli's Place
9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study,
Zoom
11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 310
5:30 PM Evangelism Comm. Mtg, Zoom

Wednesday, December 2

9:00 AM Eli's Place
11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben
4:30 PM Call to Prayer, OH Parlor
5:15 PM WNS To-Go Meals,
Pick up at Wayne Street Door
5:30 PM WNS Take-Out Meals, Pick up
at Wayne Street Door or
window in Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir
6:00 PM Children's Choir
6:00 PM Youth Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
6:00 PM "Spiritual Formation" Study,
Led by Ben Martin
6:00 PM "The Book of Isaiah" Study,
Led by Jennifer Thompson
7:15 PM Wesley Chamber Singers
Rehearsal, SNC

Thursday, December 3

9:00 AM Eli's Place
12:00 PM Downtown Bible Study, Zoom

Friday, December 4

9:00 AM Eli's Place
2:00 PM Greenery Pick Up, OH

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin 912-547-1835

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

Menu: Zesty Lime Chicken with
Rice & Bean, & Fresh Pico de Gallo
Children: Taquitos

In Sympathy...

Malinda Smith
on the death of her father,
James E. Davis

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.....

Sandra McGowen, Jared Holt (son of Rusty Holt), 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