



Celebrating 150 Years 1868 - 2018

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December 6, 2020

SPECIAL EVENTS IN DECEMBER

The Advent-Christmas season is always filled with special events that celebrate the birth of Jesus. This year we are continuing to offer all those events but have had to make adjustments due to COVID-19. We hope you will find each event meaningful and be understanding of the limitations we must make to keep everyone safe. Please remember to make reservations for the Christmas Eve services and to wear a mask and practice social distancing at all events.

December 9, 6:00 p.m. - Grief: Surviving the Holidays

A special Wednesday evening program on how to navigate grief during the particularly difficult season of Christmas. Jennifer Thompson teaching.

December 13, 8:45 & 11:00 a.m.- Lessons and Carols

Both services are full, but please let us know if you have a reservation and if your plans have changed and you will not be attending.

10:00 a.m.- Worship with Brass Quintet and sermon

4:30 p.m.- Joyful Noise (younger children) **Christmas program** in the sanctuary

December 16, 6:00 p.m.- Elementary Children present the Nativity Pageant - outdoors on Wayne Street

December 20, 4:00 p.m. - Christmas Carols on the Church Steps

All are welcome. Please wear a mask.

December 24, Christmas Eve Services

10:00 a.m.- Christmas Eve Communion

Featuring music from Hannah Dasher

11:30 a.m.- Christmas Eve Communion

Child-friendly service (nativity story and short devotion)

4:00 p.m.- Christmas Eve Communion

Child-friendly service (nativity story and short devotion)

5:30 p.m.- Christmas Eve Communion

Featuring Chamber Choir (this service is now full)

7:00 p.m.- Christmas Eve Communion

Featuring Chamber Choir

All Christmas Eve services will have communion and candlelight singing of Silent Night in Calhoun Square. Please make a reservation for the service you want to attend. If necessary we will add another afternoon service to accommodate everyone.

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020
8:45 & 11:00 A.M. Sanctuary
Second Sunday of Advent

Opening Voluntary Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming arr. Diane Bish

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*

Chiming of the Hour (11:00) Hannah Conger

Lighting of the Candles The Acolytes

Opening Hymn arr. John Rutter

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

Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand saints attending Swell the triumph of His train:
Alleluia! God appears, on earth to reign.

- Charles Wesley (1758)

Kara Mobley, soprano Kim Grimmett, alto
Katherine Grimmett, soprano Harry Leaf, tenor
Ash Grimmett, bass

* **Affirmation of Faith** 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** (8:45) GREATOREX Hannah MacGregor
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.

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Pat and Sharlene Monahan (8:45)
Clay, Ginny, Ansley, and Catherine Cheshire (11:00)

Baptismal Covenant (8:45)

Emerson Ray Cradduck
son of Cynthia and Aaron Cradduck

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Emerson 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

Jennifer Thompson

Anthem

arr. Charles Kennedy

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free!
From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child, and yet a king:
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

- Charles Wesley (1744)

Kara Mobley, soprano Kim Grimmett, alto
Katherine Grimmett, soprano Harry Leaf, tenor
Ash Grimmett, bass

- * **Scripture** Matthew 3:1-15, John 3:22-30

Sermon

"A COVID Christmas Part 2:
A Time of Transition"

Ben Martin

Holy Communion

Invitation and Confession

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him,
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in
peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our
sin before God and one another.

All: Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done Your will,
we have broken Your law,
we have rebelled against Your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
All pray in silence.

Pastor: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
That proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Congregation: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to our Lord and God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every
where to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, creator of heaven
and earth...

And so, with Your people on earth, and all the company of heaven
we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ...

On the night in which He gave himself up for us, He took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples,
and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over He took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
That we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by His blood.

By Your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at His heavenly banquet.

Through Your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in Your holy church,
All honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

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 that 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.

Breaking the Bread and Cup

We will all take communion in our pew. If you did not receive a cup on your way in, please raise your hand and an usher or staff member will bring one to you. Following the service, please place your cup in the trash receptacle located in the Narthex.

Today's communion offering is designated for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. If you would like to give a donation, please place in the communion baskets located in the sanctuary.

Prayer After Receiving

All: Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery
in which You have given Yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of Your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Closing Hymn

arr. John Rutter

Ev'ry eye shall now behold Him Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold Him,
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing Shall the true Messiah see.

Yea, amen! let all adore Thee, High on Thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the pow'r and glory:
Claim the kingdom for Thine own:
O come quickly! Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!

- Charles Wesley (1758)

Kara Mobley, soprano Kim Grimmett, alto
Katherine Grimmett, soprano Harry Leaf, tenor
Ash Grimmett, bass

Benediction

Ben Martin

Closing Voluntary

Pyotr Tchaikovsky

Overture (from Nutcracker Suite)

* *Please stand as you are able.*

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

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Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our son, David H. Butler, Jr., by David H. and Linda Butler.

Just Born

Congratulations to Alice Anne and John Coakley on the birth of a son, John Aloysius Coakley V, on November 25, 2020. Grandson of Anne and Jake Coakley. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Jack.

New Member Class

Sundays, December 6 and 20 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205. The class will join on December 20.

Grief: Surviving the Holidays

Join us this 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.* If you want a Zoom invite, email jennifert@wesleymonumental.org. For those who want to attend in person, we will wear masks and honor our commitment to social distancing.

Poinsettia Orders

See insert in today's bulletin for details. Deadline to order is next Sunday, December 13.

Lessons and Carols

Due to limited seating, both services next Sunday, December 13 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. Reservations are not needed for this service. Email jennifer@wesleymonumental.org if you have any questions.

Christmas Eve Services

If you have questions or need help registering for a Christmas Eve service, please email jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (11/29/20)	
8:45 AM Worship	67
11:00 AM Worship	114
Online Worship Views	109
Total Worship	290
Nursery (All 3 Svcs)	X
Children's Worship (All 3 Svcs)	XX
Sunday School	55

Finances: (11-29-20)

Total Budget for the Year	\$1,983,419.00
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date.....	\$1,581,116.46
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,650,507.43

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service
Children's Worship: Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington
Greeter: Lori Miller
Ushers: Jeff Miller
Partners in Prayer: Carmine Cowart
11:00 Service
Acolyte: Julianna Jones
Children's Worship: Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington
Greeters: Jan Harman
Ushers: Jim Willis, Ryan McKenzie, Clark McKinney, Franklin McKinney
Partners in Prayer: Gail Brannen

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church

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Sermon Extended

Monday	Matthew 3:1-6	How can I “prepare the way of the Lord” in my own life? In our world?
Tuesday	Matthew 3:7-12	What am I counting on for my “righteousness” before God?
Wednesday	Luke 3:7-14	What could be the fruit of repentance in my own life?
Thursday	John 3:22-30	If Christ must increase, how must I decrease?
Friday	Luke 15:11-32	What do I learn about myself and repentance in this story?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We pray for those who are cold and homeless. Help these folks to find warmth and protection on cold nights. As we learn to be more like you, help us to have your heart for “the least and the lost.”

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, December 6

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM New Member Class, OH 205
- 11:00 AM Worship Service SNC/Online
- 12:00 PM Ornament Painting, EB 202
- 12:15 PM Nativity Pageant Rehearsal
and Lunch
- 3:30 PM Youth Group, FH/EB 4th Flr
- 5:00 PM Youth Choir

Monday, December 7

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

Tuesday, December 8

- 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
- 2:00 PM Prayer Partners
- 5:30 PM Mission Comm. Mtg
- 5:30 PM Finance Comm. Mtg, Zoom

Wednesday, December 9

- 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 Managing Grief, FH
Led by Jennifer Thompson
- 7:15 PM Wesley Chamber Singers
Rehearsal, SNC

Thursday, December 10

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

Friday, December 11

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 4:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal, SNC

Saturday, December 12

- 9:00 AM Children's Christmas Fun Day
- 11:00 AM Jane Shirah Event, OH
- 4:30 PM Wedding, SNC

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin912-547-1835

**Wednesday Night Supper:
12/9/20**

Menu: Chicken Alfredo,
Broccoli, and Garlic Bread
Children: Spaghetti & Meatballs

In Sympathy....

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

In Our Prayers.....

Jack Coakley (infant son of Alice Ann and John Coakley), Jared Holt (son of Rusty Holt), Lucy Driscoll, Dean Muenckler, Bekki Johnson (daughter of Lynn and Dan Kurtz), 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



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 this form to daphne@wesleymonumental.org or deliver to the church office by Sunday, December 13.

_____ plants x \$14 = \$ _____

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PRINT Clearly - Thank you!

Please check one:

- I plan to pick up my plants following the last evening Christmas Eve service or within a few days after Christmas.
- I do not plan to pick up my plants; Memorial Only.