



Celebrating 150 Years 1868 - 2018

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December 13, 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.

Sunday, December 13, 4:30 p.m.

Joyful Noise Christmas Program in the sanctuary

Monday, December 14, 11:00 a.m.

Merry Makers Christmas Program in the sanctuary
with lunch following in Oliver Hall Parlor

Wednesday, December 16, 6:00 p.m.

Elementary Children present the Nativity Pageant
Outdoors on Wayne Street

Tuesday, December 22, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Family Mission Project: Sack Groceries for Needy Families
Oliver Hall Lobby. All are welcome.
Please bring a nonperishable item.

Thursday, 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 by calling the Church Office or emailing jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020
10:00 A.M. Sanctuary
Third 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.*

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*

Opening Hymn

What Child Is This
Brass Quintet

arr. Jeff Smallman

* **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.

Lighting of the Joy Candle

Joe, Price, Lindly, Mae Keever, and Hatley Mingledorff

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	O Come, All Ye Faithful Ken Rimes, bass	arr. David Lanz
* Scripture		Luke 1:5-25, 57-80
Sermon	"Hope to Hold Onto"	Ben Martin
Closing Hymn	O Holy Night Brass Quintet	arr. David Marlatt
Benediction		Ben Martin

* *Please stand as you are able.
Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you.
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Thank you to Paul Lott, Jonathan Swygert, Mike Daly, Mark Spradley, and Joel Hayes for playing three Services this morning. Thank you to Ken Rimes for singing three Services this morning.

Paul Lott, trumpet
Jonathan Swygert, trumpet
Mike Daly, French horn
Mark Spradley, trombone
Joel Hayes, tuba

Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given by Alan Campbell to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sally M'Liss Williams, who through her walk of faith forever inspired all who knew her.

Usher Roses

The roses worn by the ushers today are given in loving memory of Bob Farrow by his children and grandchildren.

Poinsettias—Order Deadline is Today

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 today, 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.

Administrative Board Meeting

The Administrative Board will meet tomorrow, Monday, December 14 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom to approve the 2021 Budget. If you are a Board Member and did not receive the Zoom link, please email jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.

Messenger Brigade

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, December 17 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 310.

Stewardship Update

Thank you to everyone who has turned in your estimate of giving cards for 2021. So far we have received 113 cards totaling \$827,066 in estimated giving for 2021. That compares to 139 cards totaling \$959,258 in commitments for 2020. You can return the card to the office in person or by mail, or fill it out online on our website.

A Year-End Reminder

All 2020 contributions to the church must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2020 in order to comply with IRS regulations regarding charitable deductions. You can check your Pledge/Giving History online. Visit wesleymonumental.org, if viewing on your desktop, click on "Member Login" in the gold banner at the top. If viewing on your phone, visit wesleymonumental.org, click on "Member Directory" under the main menu. Forgot your ACS password or need help creating an account? Please call or email Jennifer Brookins in the Church Office, 912-232-0191 or jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington

Greeters: Lori Miller

Ushers: Peter Delvers, Todd Livingood, Jeff Miller, Jason Pedigo

Partners in Prayer: Ellie Tardif

11:00 Service

Acolyte: Mary Margaret Carroll

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington

Greeters: Barbara & Johnny Phelps

Ushers: Brian West, Matt Mobley, Bobo Mullens

Partners in Prayer: Mickey Rountree

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Christmas Mission Offering

This year our Christmas Mission Offering will go to help local people who have been affected by the pandemic. Below are two ways you can give.

- 1) Check (earmarked "Christmas Mission Offering" on the memo line.
 - Place in offering boxes located in the Sanctuary
 - Bring to the Church Office or mail to Wesley Monumental UMC, 429 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA 31401
- 2) Online
 - Visit <https://pushpay.com/g/wesleymonumental>Select "Give One Time" then "Christmas Mission Offering" as the fund.

Family Mission Project: Sack Groceries for Needy Families

Tuesday, December 22, 1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m., Oliver Hall lobby. All are welcome! Please bring a nonperishable item.

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!

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

Merry Makers Christmas Program

Senior adults, come join us for our Merry Makers Christmas program on Monday, December 14 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. A group of our very own choir members will delight us with a program of Christmas music! Afterwards, we will move to the parlor of Oliver Hall for a very special holiday meal. We will also be treated to a book signing by Abbie Sprunger. Abbie and her husband Micah are the caretakers at Wesley Gardens, and Abbie is the author of several books. She will be sharing her newest picture book "What is Beautiful?" written especially for little girls. It makes an excellent Christmas gift!

The cost for lunch is only \$7. PLEASE ENTER AND EXIT THE SANCTUARY FROM THE FRONT STEPS OR USE THE GORDON STREET DOOR TO ACCESS THE ELEVATOR. Eli's Place will be in session and, according to the ordinance in place due to COVID, we need to "skirt around" their area. Please wear your mask and honor our commitment to social distancing. It is going to be a great occasion! Please call the church office or email Jennifer Thompson at jennifert@wesleymonumental.org if you plan on attending.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

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 this afternoon, 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.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (12/6/20)	
8:45 AM Worship	73
11:00 AM Worship	132
Online Worship Views	144
Total Worship	349
Nursery (Both Svcs)	X
Children's Worship (All 3 Svcs)	XX
9:45 AM Sunday School	70

Finances: (12/06/20)

Total Budget for the Year.....	\$1,983,419.00
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,622,323.74
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,695,796.91

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

December 13, 2020

Sermon Extended

Monday	Luke 1:5-25	Is there anything I've given up hope for?
Tuesday	Luke 1:57-80	Where and how might I be called to be a bearer of hope?
Wednesday	Romans 8:24-25	What has hope given me patience to wait on?
Thursday	Luke 3:1-17	What is hopeful in John's "threatening" message?
Friday	2 Corinthians 4:7-18	Why is there always hope for the follower of Jesus?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

And during this Advent week of joy, we ask that you remind us that our joy is not dependent on our circumstances. We can have joy in the midst of tough times simply because you are good and you love us. Thank you, Jesus.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, December 13

- 8:45 AM Lessons & Carols, SNC
By Reservation Only—Full
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 11:00 AM Lessons & Carols, SNC
By Reservation Only—Full
- 4:30 PM Christmas Celebration
Program, SNC
- 5:00 PM Youth Group Christmas Party,
EB 4th Flr

Monday, December 14

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 11:00 AM Merry Makers Christmas Party,
SNC & OH Parlor
- 5:00 PM Nativity Pageant Dinner &
Dress Rehearsal
- 5:30 PM Administrative Board Mtg,
Zoom

Tuesday, December 15

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Zoom
- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study,
Zoom
- 11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 310
- 2:00 PM Care & Share
- 5:30 PM Eli's Place Teachers' Christmas
Event, FH

Wednesday, December 16

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben
- 4:30 PM Call to Prayer, OH Parlor
- 5:00 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
- 6:15 PM Nativity Pageant, Outside
on Wayne Street
- 7:15 PM Wesley Chamber Singers
Rehearsal, SNC

Thursday, December 17

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 10:00 AM Messenger Brigade, OH 310
- 12:00 PM Downtown Bible Study, Zoom

Friday, December 18

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin 912-547-1835

**Wednesday Night Supper:
12/16/20**

Menu: Pork Tenderloin,
Sweet Potato Casserole, and
Green Beans
Children: Pizza

In Sympathy....

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

In Our Prayers.....

The Family of Oscar and Donna Cook, Rodney Powers, Jack Coakley (infant son of Alice Ann and John Coakley), Jared Holt (son of Rusty Holt), Lucy Driscoll, Dean Muenckler, 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