



Celebrating 150 Years 1868 - 2018

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December 27, 2020

THANK YOU

Today is the last Sunday of 2020. As I'll talk about Sunday, most of us are saying "Good-bye and Good riddance!" It has undoubtedly been a most challenging year. Who could have ever dreamed for three and half months the front doors of Wesley would be locked on Sunday morning? Or that we would have to take reservations for worship on Christmas Eve? However, in spite of all the challenges, we have continued to be the church here on Calhoun Square, and in all the places we are reaching online, and through our generosity to ministries around the city and around the world. None of that would have been possible without you, our congregation, and our staff. You have been faithful, creative, generous, and patient. On behalf of all our staff, THANK YOU! It is an honor to serve such a wonderful, caring congregation. And though we still have a long way to go before we return to church life, and life in general as we knew it before, we will be a better church for having met the challenges.

While we bring Christmas to a close today, it is good to remember that for Mary, Joseph, and Jesus it was just the beginning of a long journey that would have many more challenges and blessings before their purpose was fulfilled. Such is certainly the case with us here at Wesley. There is much left to be done to keep bringing the Kingdom to earth as it is in heaven. I look forward to traveling that road with you in 2021. May the peace of Christ be with you.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020

8:45 & 11:00 A.M. Sanctuary

First Sunday after Christmas Day

Welcome and Announcements

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)

Opening Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

Sinisa Ciric, violin

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

* **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) GREATOR EX Madelyn Williams, chorister

Glorify 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.

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer Jennifer Thompson

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.

Voluntary Drummer Boy/Pat-a-Pan arr. Diane Bish

* **Scripture** Micah 4:3-5

Sermon "Hindsight Is 2020" Nelle Bordeaux

Closing Hymn Joy to the World Sinisa Ciric, violin

Benediction Nelle Bordeaux

Closing Voluntary Sleigh Ride arr. Thomas Trotter

* *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 Caroline and Corey McDermott on the birth of a daughter, Margaret Graham McDermott, on December 17, 2020. Granddaughter of Anne and Jake Coakley. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Maggie.

Congratulations to Aida and Whit Watts on the birth of a son, Maël Elias Watts on December 17, 2020. Grandson of Claire and John Watts. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Maël.

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed Monday, December 28, 2020, and Friday, January 1, 2021.

Stock Question

Wesley Monumental received 112 shares of AFLAC stock. Please notify Tom Anderson, tom@wesleymonumental.org or 912-232-0191, if you donated these stocks so that proper credit may be given.

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: Jeff Miller

Partners in Prayer: Henry Whitfield

11:00 Service

Acolyte:

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington

Greeters:

Ushers: Chris Donegan, Jon Pannell, Aaron Pederson, Johnny Phelps

Partners in Prayer: Gaye Reese

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

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! She will be preparing a meal in front of us while sharing with us her "tricks of the trade." She is also interested in what you would like to know about the culinary world. 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 ahead of time with 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. Cost \$7.00

*Please look forward to entry and exit instructions for that day as we will have to "skirt around" the Eli's Place kids per COVID ordinance.

2021 Wednesday Night Bible Studies for Adults

Come join us for a great start to the new year! Wednesday night adult Bible studies will return on January 13 with two classes. The Rev. Ben Martin will offer a class called *Answers to the Big Questions: A study of Genesis 1-3, Job 1-3, Ecclesiastes 1-3, Matthew 5-7*. The Rev. Jennifer Thompson will lead her class through a 12-week study called *The Epic of Eden: Understanding the Old Testament*. Be on the lookout for more information!

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Young Mothers' Bible Study

Will meet this Tuesday, December 29 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom
"Chronological Bible" overview

Downtown (Well, Actually, Zoom from Anywhere!) Bible Study

Will resume Thursday, January 7
"First and Second Corinthians"

Chronological Bible Sunday School Class

Starts next Sunday, January 3, at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome, even if you are not yet sure whether you want to read the entire Bible. Nelle will teach.

New Member Course

January 10 and 24 at 10:00 a.m.; class will join January 24. Call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.

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.

No Youth Group Today

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for Youth Group Sunday afternoons beginning January 10 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: (12/20/20)	
8:45 AM Worship	60
11:00 AM Worship	141
Online Worship Views	160
Total Worship	361
Nursery (All 3 Svcs)	5
Children's Worship (All 3 Svcs)	13
9:45 AM Sunday School	58

Finances: (12/20/20)

Total Budget for the Year	\$1,983,419.00
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,702,204.24
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$1,806,914.58

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 Sprüngrer.....	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 27, 2020

Sermon Extended

Monday	Micah 4:5	What blessings has God given this year?
Tuesday	Proverbs 25:28	What regrets for my sins do I have this year?
Wednesday	Proverbs 31:9	What New Year's resolutions will He help me keep?
Thursday	Judges 6:23,24	Looking back, where do I see God at work in 2020?
Friday	Acts 12:24	In the New Year, how does He want me to serve Him?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We ask you, Lord, to prepare us to walk into a new year desiring to draw closer to you. Thank you for never leaving us.



Daily Chronological Bible Readings for 2021

Please sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net, to read the entire Bible; all are welcome.

Friday, January 1
Saturday, January 2
Sunday, January 3

Genesis 1,2
Psalms 8 and 104; John 1:1-3
Genesis 3-5

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, December 27

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

Monday, December 28

**Eli's Place Out for Christmas Break
Church Office Closed**

Tuesday, December 29

9:00 AM **Young Mothers' Bible Study,
Zoom**
11:00 AM **Staff Mtg, OH 310**

Wednesday, December 30

No WNS or Programs

Thursday, December 31

New Year's Eve

Friday, January 1

**New Year's Eve
Church Office Closed**

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin912-547-1835

In Our Prayers.....

Joyce Cole, Janice Johnson (sister of Patricia Jacobs), Lamar Allen, Jennifer Hodges, The Family of Oscar and Donna Cook, Rodney Powers, Jack Coakley (infant son of Alice Ann and John Coakley and grandson of Anne and Jake Coakley), Jared Holt (son of Rusty Holt), Lucy Driscoll, Wesley Woods, Dean Muenckler, Barbara Burnett, Ken McDuffee (son of An-nelle McDuffee), Joe Cain, Joel Wil-liams, 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), 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

Wednesday Night Supper

Our Wednesday Night Suppers and programming have ended for 2020.

We will resume January 13, 2021.

If you have a "permanent" reser-
vation, you will not need to renew for
the Winter-Spring session. If you
wish to cancel the permanent
reservation, please notify the
church office, 912-232-0191.

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, Jerrred Pyles, Matt and Melinda Allen, Yates Holleman, Daniel Ealy, Dan Barton, Joshua Laws, Shea Murray, Charles

In Sympathy....

The Bradley Family
on the death of
Dan and Waldo's sister,
Jane Bradley Wheeler

Rusty Holt
on the death of his father,
Hoyt Holt

Alison Clay
on the death of her father,
Dan Talbot