



***Celebrating 153 Years 1868 - 2021***

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April 4, 2021

**CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!**

As the Apostle Paul wrote long ago, *"If Christ is not risen, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those who have hoped in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died."* (1 Corinthians 15:17-20)

Welcome to Wesley Monumental on the Holiest day of the year. We are so glad you are in worship with us this morning. It may be after a year of pandemic isolation, we are more excited about worshipping on Easter than ever before. Hope compels us to be here. This is what our faith is based upon: that Christ is risen and we are delivered; that Christ is risen and we are not alone; that Christ is risen and we have hope in the darkest of days; that Christ is risen from the grave and through Him, we will rise too. This is the ground of our hope and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

It is our prayer that today you experience the presence of the risen Christ through worship. Through inspiring music and sacred scripture, through joyous children and aging saints, through an ancient creed and newly blooming lilies, may the risen Christ speak to our minds, encourage our hearts, inspire our bodies, and bring peace to our souls. As we prepare to worship today, hear these words of hymn writer Brian Wren, in his hymn "Christ is Risen":

*Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days.  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed.  
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.*

*Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend;  
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.*

*Christ is risen! Earth and heaven never more shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing hosanna every one!*

HAPPY EASTER! CHRIST IS RISEN.  
THE TOMB IS EMPTY, BUT OUR HEARTS ARE FULL.

## MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021

8:30 A.M. & 12:30 P.M.

*Easter Sunday*

**Prelude**      Finale from Symphony No. 6      Charles-Marie Widor

**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 drop off children at the Wayne Street door for temperature checks.*

**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 Voluntary**      Hallelujah Chorus      arr. Virgil Fox

**Lighting of the Candles**      The Acolytes

\* **Call to Worship**

Christ is Risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed!**

Glory and honor, dominion and power,  
be to God for ever and ever.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

\* **Opening Hymn**      EASTER HYMN

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

- Charles Wesley (1739)

\* **Affirmation of Faith**      The Apostles' Creed      James P. Owens (8:30)  
Jennifer Thompson (12:30)

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** GREATOREX  
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.

**Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer** James P. Owens (8:30)  
Jennifer Thompson (12:30)

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.

- \* **Hymn** CHRIST AROSE  
Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior,  
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!
- Refrain:*  
Up from the grave He arose; with a mighty triumph o'er His foes;  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
and He lives forever, with His saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!
- Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Savior;  
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! *Refrain*
- Death cannot keep its pretty, Jesus my Savior;  
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! *Refrain*  
- Robert Lowry (1874)

**Solo**

When my last day has ended here on earth  
and my body is lowered in the dirt,  
I'll have no fear though death now has me bound,  
'cause I will rise up from my grave to meet the Lamb.

Father, mother, sister, brother I will see.  
They'll be coming, for they've won the victory.  
Now, at last sweet peace we have found.  
We have risen from the grave to meet the Lamb.

I will rise up to meet Him in the sky  
on that homecoming morning by and by.  
When the trumpet of God begins to sound,  
We will rise up from the grave to meet the Lamb.

(8:30) Ken Rimes, bass      (12:30) Jerome Elder, tenor

- \* **Scripture** Matthew 27:62-28:15
- Sermon** "A Dead End or A Point of Departure?"      Ben Martin

\* **Closing Hymn** DIADEMATA

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne,  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for Thee,  
and hail Him as Thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His and side,  
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

- Matthew Bridges (1851)

**Benediction**

Ben Martin

**Closing Voluntary**

Charles-Marie Widor

Finale from Symphony No. 5

- \* *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 lilies and caladiums around the altar today are given to the glory of God and in memory and honor of loved ones. Please see the insert in your Order of Worship for a complete listing.

The flowers in the Narthex today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Hughes Farrow by Camille O'Neill.

**Next New Member Course**

April 18 and 25 at 10:00 a.m. both Sundays; class will join as a group on April 25. Please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.

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**Assisting in Worship Today - 8:30 Service**

**Acolyte:** Caroline Kraeuter, Lincoln Kraeuter

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

**Greeters:** Lori Miller

**Ushers:** Chris Donegan, Ken Griner, Dustin Hamilton, Jeff Miller

**Partners in Prayer:** Carmine Cowart

**12:30 Service**

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

**Greeters:** Courtney Davidson

**Ushers:** Jake Coakley, Chad Barrow, Guy Davidson, Corey McDermott

**Partners in Prayer:** Sandra McGowen

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

These are the hymns the children are learning on Wednesday evenings at choir:

Thine Be the Glory	Christ the Lord is Risen Today
He Lives	All Things Bright and Beautiful
Crown Him with Many Crowns	Easter People, Raise Your Voices
Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands	What Wondrous Love Is This
My Jesus, I Love Thee	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

The children's favorite hymn is a tie between "Thine Be the Glory" and "Christ the Lord is Risen Today." They know that Charles Wesley wrote the words for "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," and he is the man on the left in the "Wesley Window" at the back of the church.

Thank God for our parents who prioritize bringing their children to church. Thank God for our children who love to praise the Lord. Thank God for our volunteer teachers who show up every Wednesday to teach the children.

### **Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members**

#### **Groceries for Wesley Community Center**

Most needed this week--pasta. Boxes by all doors.

#### **Grace Monkeys Automotive Repair**

Enjoy working on cars? A new ministry led by Joel Hayes repairs vehicles for Urban Hope and Family Promise families. Sign up to help, Nelle, [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net).

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

#### **Grief Share - New Details**

Sometimes we grieve the death of someone we love. Sometimes we grieve the death of someone with whom we wished we had a relationship. Sometimes we grieve the loss of a child we never met.....or with whom we had far too little time. Sometimes we grieve for someone who lived a long, full life, but whose death leaves a hole in our hearts. Grief comes in many packages. This summer we will host a Grief Share group on Zoom. It will be held for an hour and a half one evening each week for 13 weeks beginning in June. Please let Jennifer Thompson know if you are interested in joining. You can email her at [jennifert@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:jennifert@wesleymonumental.org).

#### **Merry Makers - Monday, April 12 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

We are in for a treat! Polly Stramm, Savannah author, will be our speaker and we will have a superb lunch prepared by Suzanna! The whole program will be in our beautiful Parlor on the second floor of Oliver Hall. Lunch is \$7. Please make reservations with Jennifer Thompson ([jennifert@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:jennifert@wesleymonumental.org)) or Daphne ([daphne@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:daphne@wesleymonumental.org)) - or call the church office at 912-232-0191) by Friday, April 9 if you plan to attend.

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

#### **Thank You!**

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt last Sunday. Over 150 children and their families enjoyed being together again and everything went smoothly. Watch for pictures in the Wesley Weekly and in the Monumental Messenger.

#### **Important dates for your calendar:**

Wednesday, April 21 at 6:15	Easter Play
Wednesday, May 5	Music Awards
Sunday, May 9	Infant Recognition Sunday
Friday, May 21	Eli's Place Graduation
Monday-Friday, June 14 - 18	Vacation Bible School at Wesley Gardens
Monday-Friday, July 26 - 30	Summer Fun Daze at Wesley Gardens

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

*Preteens (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)*

### **Camp Connect this Summer**

Camp Connect, a summer camp ministry of our denomination, will be back for Summer 2021! They will be holding camps at Camp Jekyll on Jekyll Island this year instead of Epworth by the Sea. For students entering 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades, the two options are July 5-9 and July 12-16. You must register through their website, [campconnectumc.org](http://campconnectumc.org), where you can also find information on cost, etc.

*Youth (Grades 6th-12th)*

### **Local Mission Week, June 21-25**

Join us this June 21-25 for a week of mission projects, fun with the youth group, and time at Wesley Gardens! Our days will run from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and I'm working on some potential late afternoon/evening plans such as a cookout and swimming at the Gardens. Email James P. Owens, [james@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:james@wesleymonumental.org) for more information.

### **Camp Connect this Summer**

Camp Connect, a summer camp ministry of our denomination, will be back for Summer 2021! They will be holding camps at Camp Jekyll on Jekyll Island this year instead of Epworth by the Sea. For students entering 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades, the dates are June 28-July 2. And for students entering 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades, the dates are June 14-18. You must register through their website, [campconnectumc.org](http://campconnectumc.org), where you can also find information on cost, etc.

### **Youthworks Mission Trip to Birmingham, AL, July 18-23**

We are planning a mission trip with Youthworks, July 18-23, to Birmingham, AL, where we will work with needy children and families. If you have been on one of our Youthworks trips in the past, you now how great they are! Email James P. Owens, [james@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:james@wesleymonumental.org) for more information.

### **A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Attendance: (3/28/21)

8:45 AM Worship	84
11:00 AM Worship	205
Online Worship Views	182
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>471</b>
Nursery	8
Children's Worship	34
9:45 AM Sunday School	54

### **Finances: (3/28/21)**

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$1,983,419.00
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$542,389.78
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date .....	\$442,344.71

### **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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To assist with our website, publications and social media; please email your Wesley photos to [wesleymonumentalphotos@gmail.com](mailto:wesleymonumentalphotos@gmail.com). All photos are appreciated and do not need to be recent, "throwback" pictures encouraged!"

## Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church

April 4, 2021

### Sermon Extended

Monday	Matthew 27:62-66	Have I ever been in a place or condition that felt like a "dead end"? Was it?
Tuesday	Matthew 28:1-6	Have I ever been delivered from a "dead end" situation? How?
Wednesday	Matthew 28:7-10	Does the resurrection of Jesus give me hope? Why do I believe it?
Thursday	2 Timothy 4:6-8	Do I see death as a dead end or a departure? Why?
Friday	Matthew 28:16-20	How did the death of Jesus become the disciple's point of departure?

### Sermon Notes

#### As a Praying Church...

We ask you, Lord, to bless those who are struggling with cancer. Bring wholeness to their bodies and your peace to their hearts and minds.

#### Daily Chronological Bible Readings for 2021

Please sign up with Nelle, [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net), to read the entire Bible; all are welcome.

Easter Sunday, April 4	1 Samuel 9-12
Monday, April 5	1 Samuel 13-16
Tuesday, April 6	1 Samuel 17-20; Psalm 59
Wednesday, April 7	1 Samuel 21-24; Psalm 91
Thursday, April 8	Catch-Up Day
Friday, April 9	Psalms 7; 27; 31; 34; 52
Saturday, April 10	Psalms 56; 120; 140-142
Sunday, April 11	1 Samuel 25-27; Psalms 17; 73

## **This Week at Wesley**

### **Sunday, April 4**

#### **Easter Sunday**

7:00 AM Sunrise Service, WG  
8:30 AM Worship Service, SNC  
Service is Full,  
No longer taking reservations  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
9:45 AM \*Worship Service SNC  
Service is Full,  
No longer taking reservations  
11:15 AM \*Worship Service, SNC  
Service is Full,  
No longer taking reservations  
12:30 PM Worship Service, SNC

### **Monday, April 5**

#### **No Eli's Place**

6:00 PM Trombone Choir, OH

### **Tuesday, April 6**

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, FH/Zoom  
9:00 AM Eli's Place  
9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study,  
Zoom  
10:00 AM Altar Guild Removes Easter  
Decorations, SNC  
11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 310  
5:30 PM Evangelism Comm. Mtg, Zoom

### **Wednesday, April 7**

9:00 AM Eli's Place  
11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310/Zoom  
4:30 PM Call to Prayer, OH Parlor  
5:00 PM WNS To-Go Meals,  
Drive Down Wayne Street  
5:15 PM Nursery Opens and  
Joyful Noise Drop Off Begins  
5:30 PM WNS Take-Out Meals, Pick Up  
at Wayne Street Door or  
Window in Fellowship Hall  
6:00 PM "Answers to the Big  
Questions" Study,  
Led by Ben Martin, FH/Zoom  
6:00 PM "The Epic of Eden" Study,  
Led by Jennifer Thompson,  
OH/Zoom  
6:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir  
6:00 PM Children's Choir  
6:00 PM Youth Bible Study, EB 4th Flr  
7:15 PM Wesley Chamber Singers  
Rehearsal, SNC

### **Thursday, April 8**

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

### **Friday, April 9**

9:00 AM Eli's Place

\*To Livestream our Services, visit  
[bit.ly/WMServicesOnYouTube](http://bit.ly/WMServicesOnYouTube)

### **Pastor on Call This Week**

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

### **Wednesday Night Supper**

April 7, 2021

Menu: TBD,  
TBD  
Children: TBD

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

Matthew Yost, Diane Coleman (friend of Carmine Cowart), Carole Chase, Shirley Roberts, George Vail, Adrienne Tietz, Carla Corn (mother of Sarah Shelby), Mary McGowen (mother of Art McGowen), Doug Stutzman, Brian Allen, Clif Cooper, Katherine Burton (niece of Cindy Burton), Sara Francis Thrasher (grandmother of Reanna Hamilton), Martha Mills (grand-mother of T.J. Hollis), Alyssa Jones (grand-daughter of Rusty Holt), Joe Gold, Jerry Comunate (brother-in-law of Cynthia Willett), Mario Delfiaco (brother of Cynthia Willett), Jennifer Hodges, Jared Holt (son of Rusty Holt), Barbara Burnett, Ken McDuffee (son of Annette McDuffee), Joe Cain, Kim Rahn, Bob Harman, Liane Willard, Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Carla Thomas, The family of Meaghan Wylie, Claire Hayes, Bryan Bost, Ryan Davis, Andrew Brown (great nephew of Gaye Reese), Debby Warner, Adam Corey, Rita Gietzen (sister of Joyce Cole), Earl Goodwin (brother of Beth Adrich), Alison White (niece of Linda Sapp), John Martin, Sr., Martha and Erv Sloan, Fenton McEvoy, Randy Warner, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Chuck Brown (brother of Gail Rountree), Grace Crosby Utomo (friend of Jean Remley)

### **At Home/Extended Care**

Bella Grace Bartels, Richard Bartels, Harriet Bland, Grace Boches, Joyce Cole, Virginia Davis, Ann Ernst, Roz Evans, Ann Lott, Michael Mamalak, Peggy Murphy, Patsy Robinson, Bill Taylor, Lois Wooten

### **Military Serving Abroad/Stateside**

Doug Snelling, Derek Mills, Matt and Melinda Allen, Dan Barton, Jason Childers, Daniel Ealy, Clint Guild, Yates Holleman, Joshua Laws, Austin New, Jerred Pyles, Charles Smock, Chris Watson

### **In Sympathy....**

The Family of *Bill Thomasson*,  
father of Jennifer Baker  
step-great-grandfather of  
Michael Cooler

The Family of  
*Georgia Dickerson*,  
mother of Marsha Clarke

The Roberds Family  
on the death of Willie's brother,  
*Miles Roberds*