



Celebrating 153 Years 1868 - 2021

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REFORMATION

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the castle church door at Wittenberg. While the seeds of reformation had been germinating for quite some time, this became the defining event and historically has symbolized the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. As a Protestant (protesting) church and part of the Wesleyan movement, we are deeply influenced by the Reformation principles such as the Word of God as the starting point and final authority of all theology. At Wesley we don't just value the Bible, but more importantly, the Bible as a means of revelation through which the Living Word (Christ) still speaks to us today. Secondly, with the reformers we are a Christ-centered Church with a theology of the cross. We believe salvation is found in Christ. We believe in his sacrificial death as atonement for our sin, and the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus as the primary revelation of the love of God for us. Thirdly, the reformers believed that we are saved by grace through faith alone and not by our works. Grace means through Christ, God loved us unconditionally because of who we are not what we do or don't do. However, Luther believed that doctrine and religious practices were not as important as righteousness and living in obedience to God. While we are not saved by our works, we are saved for good works.

The Reformation was born out of the corruption of the church and that corruption was the result of spiritual pride and spiritual drift. Reformation itself implies a reforming or a returning to who we were originally created to be not the birth of something totally new and unrelated to our origin. The church is always in need of reformation primarily because we too drift from our original purpose. This morning as we celebrate the 504th anniversary of the Reformation, it is a good time for us to examine who we are as a church and what we value, as well as who each of us are as Christians and if we have drifted in our relationship with Christ and need to return. In the words of the great hymn, "Oh to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be. Let Thy goodness like a fetter bind my wandering heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above."

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.
Reformation Sunday

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. Following the 11:00 Service, children attending Children's Worship should be picked up from the Fellowship Hall.*

Please register your attendance one of two ways: *Complete the Attendance Roster (navy, rectangle pad) found in each pew or use the Remind app. For Remind, 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 complete the Attendance Roster.*

Offering: *To tithe, text wesleymumc to 77977 or place your offering in the offering plate. Online giving is also available on our website.*

Prayer Requests: *Please email your prayer requests to Rev. Ben Martin, ben@wesleymonumental.org.*

Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Elizabeth Huff

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary

John Knowles Paine

Fantasie uber, Ein' feste Burg

Introit (11:00)

I'm Goin' to Sing

arr. Parker/Shaw

I'm goin' to sing when the spirit says: Sing!
I'm goin' to pray when the spirit says: Pray!
I'm goin' to shout when the spirit says: Shout!
And obey the spirit of the Lord.

* **Hymn No. 110** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God EIN' FESTE BURG

* **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.

* **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.

Children's Sermon

Ben Martin

8:45 Children ages 3 - 3rd grade line up at the door on the right side of the sanctuary to go to Children's Worship on the second floor. Following the service, they can be picked up from the Wayne Street entrance.

11:00 Children ages 3 - 3rd grade leave through the doors at the front of the sanctuary and go to Children's Worship on the second floor. Following the service, they can be picked up from the Fellowship Hall.

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.

* **Hymn No. 163** Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know HENDON

Offertory Prayer

James P. Owens

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) A Mighty Fortress arr. Joel Raney

Offertory Anthem (11:00) William Harris

Behold, the Tabernacle of God

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with you,

and the Spirit of God dwelleth within you.

For the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

For the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joys of the temple
with a season of festivity. Alleluia.

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

During the 11:00 a.m. service, please remove the attendance sheets from the book and give to the acolytes as a symbolic offering of our presence in worship.

* **Doxology No. 95** OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

* **Scripture** (Pew Bible, pgs. 224) Hebrews 9:27-10:18

Sermon "Just Give Me Jesus Series Part 8: Ben Martin
A Better Sacrifice"

* **Hymn No. 165** Hallelujah! What a Savior Philip Bliss

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00)

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;

help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.

In the cross, be my glory ever,

till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Closing Voluntary Johann Sebastian Bach

Toccata and Fugue in D Minor

* *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 Clara Clark Hutchins, Claudine Hutchins Hill, and Ann Hutchins Ernst, by Mary Anne Hill.

Kids Coca Cola Classic Golf Tournament

The Wesley United Methodist Men will be involved in this tournament for the fourth consecutive year! Last year we were able to send \$8,000-\$10,000 checks to Urban Hope, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, p.a.c.k., Ronald McDonald House Charities, and H.U.G.S. for the benefit of our Savannah Kids! We need your help if at all possible. We need volunteers for registration of golfers for the tournament at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Monday, November 8; we need golfers who wish to play golf on Monday; we need six individuals to be observers for two par three holes-in-one competition for a new Honda auto for a hole-in-one! We need hungry participants who want a Free Dinner/Drinks on Sunday evening, November 7, at our Auction Dinner, starting at 6:00 p.m. The auction includes 91 auction items, featuring our own John Birkheimer as auctioneer in the active auction, as well as a silent auction. Items include lodging at major resort areas, golf packages for four at 20 major golf courses in the Coastal Empire, professional services, i.e., laser eye surgery, and many ladies' items as well as artistic gems. If you cannot participate in the tournament and wish to contribute to help our Savannah Kids, please make a check out to Kids Coca Cola Golf Classic and send to Don Riddle, 11 Hickory Grove Way, Savannah, GA, 31405. Questions? Please call Don, 912-401-9016.

NEW Wednesday Night Classes October 27th - December 8th

(1) *Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments* by Adam Hamilton. Nearly everyone has heard of the Ten Commandments, the list of "Thou shalt not" rules found in the Bible. Jesus saw those commandments not as burdens but as guideposts to help us experience a good and beautiful life. The ten ancient "words" were given to us by a loving God who longed to set safe boundaries, create order out of chaos, help communities live peacefully together, and protect us—often from ourselves." Book available on Cokesbury.com or Amazon. Study led by Ben Martin in the Fellowship Hall.

(2) *Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets: 5 Questions to Help You Determine Your Next Move* by Andy Stanley. How many of us have ever gotten to the other side of a decision and wished that we had asked more questions? Good questions lead to good decisions, and God is all about us making good decisions! Questions such as, "Am I being honest with myself?", "What is the wise thing to do?", and "What does love require of me?" are just a few of the questions we will look at in this study as we explore what God, through scripture, has to say about decision making. Book available on Amazon, but not necessary for the class. Study led by Jennifer Thompson in Oliver Hall.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Linda & David Butler

Ushers: TBD

Partners in Prayer: Britt Griffin

11:00 Service

Acolyte: Mary Margaret Carroll, Jordan Hess

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Linda Sapp

Offering Steward: Adam Hess

Ushers: Adam Hess, Bill Mattocks, Jake Maxwell, Robert McCorkle, Ryan McKenzie, Clark McKinney, Franklin McKinney, Matt Merritt, Matthew Mobley

Partners in Prayer: Sue Ellis

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

May Concert with 42-piece Orchestra, Choir, and Organ

Monumental music about the horrors of war and a desire for peace.

Final movement similar to Beethoven's 9th: baritone stands and asks us to be strong. Chorus and orchestra ring with celebratory sounds of a New World greater than the former: God assembles all nations and tongues, nations do not lift up sword against nation, and Truth springs from earth.

Proceeds go to Wesley member and Purple Heart veteran Ryan Davis and his wife and son, Asia and Knox.

Ticket sales start December 1.

Saturday, May 14, 2022. 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace) – Ralph Vaughan Williams

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Pine Cone Pick-Up Party

This Friday, November 5 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Living Vine, 535 East 54th Street. Children welcome! Sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Electrician Job Needed

Afghan refugee husband/father of five children needs full-time work. Please pray. Please tell Nelle.

Ongoing Bible Studies

Young Mothers' Bible Study (Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., Zoom) and Read the Bible (Sundays, 9:45 a.m.-10:40 a.m., Fellowship Hall and Zoom). All are welcome.

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

Veterans Day Breakfast

Thursday, November 11 - Come join us for our annual Veterans Day Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. If there is a parade this year, we will be done in time to join in the festivities! Our own Sheila Boone, who is the Membership and Outreach Coordinator of the Georgia Historical Society, will be our speaker. Sheila's expertise is in the area of World War I history. She will share with us about the effects of WWI on the home front.....in Georgia, and specifically in Savannah. Suzanna will have breakfast and plenty of coffee ready for us! Please RSVP to Jennifer or the church office by Monday, November 8.

Grief Share: Surviving the Holidays Workshop

No matter if this is the first holiday season after your loved one's death.....or the second, third or beyond.....emotions of all sorts will inevitably arise as you spend time with friends and family and move through time-honored traditions without your loved one this year. Some of those emotions will be sweet, and some will be tough. But, the good news is that preparing for the emotional impact of the holidays can keep you from being blindsided and can help you find joy in the midst of your grief. This Grief Share workshop will be held from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in room 303 on the 3rd floor of the Education Building on Monday evening, November 15. Please contact Rev. Jennifer Thompson at jennifert@wesleymonumental.org to sign up. All attendees will be gifted with a Surviving the Holidays Survival Guide workbook to help them manage the holidays. Feel free to invite anyone to attend.

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

Youth (Grades 6th-12th)

Youth Parents' Meetings, October 31 and November 14

All parents of 6th-12th graders are encouraged to join us for one of two upcoming parents' meetings. The purpose of these is to let you all know a little more about what we are doing in the youth ministry, inform you about some behavior expectations, and let you know about some ways that you can help. So please join us on either 10/31 or 11/14, immediately following the 11:00 worship service. See James P. Owens for more details.

No Youth Group, October 31

There will be no Sunday evening Youth Group or Youth Choir this evening. Happy Halloween!

Youth Christmas Party, December 12

I know it seems too early for Christmas, but go ahead and mark your calendars for the annual Youth Christmas Party, December 12, from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.! We will carry on all of our favorite traditions such as the white elephant gift exchange and the "ugly" Christmas sweater competition. All 6th-12th graders are invited!



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (10/24/21)

8:45 AM Worship	68
11:00 AM Worship	347
Online Worship Views	108
Total Worship	523
Nursery	12
Children's Worship	52
Sunday School	26

Finances: (10/24/21)

Total Budget for the Year	\$1,983,419.00
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,453,761.87
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$1,546,039.86

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
Rev. James P. Owens.....	Director of Student Ministries	Betty Dudley.....	Housekeeper
Charli Weeks.....	Director of Children's Ministry	Micah Sprunger.....	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
October 31, 2021

Sermon Extended

Monday	Hebrews 9:27-28, Revelation 20:11-13	Do I fear judgement by God? Why or why not?
Tuesday	Hebrews 9:22, 10:1-4	Why the sacrificial system if it couldn't take away sin?
Wednesday	Hebrews 10:5-10	Have I accepted what Christ has done for me?
Thursday	Hebrews 10:11-14, 2 Corinthians 5:21	How does Jesus' death on the cross "perfect" me?
Friday	Hebrews 10:15-18, Micah 6:6-8	What "sacrifice" can I offer to God?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We ask You, Lord to bless our ministries at Wesley Gardens. Please use the Gardens as a place where people make special memories and a place where people go to feel Your presence.

Daily Chronological Bible Readings for 2021

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

Sunday, October 31	Matthew 22:15-23:39; Mark 12:13-44; Luke 20:19-21:4; 13:31-35
Monday, November 1	Matthew 24-25; Mark 13; Luke 21: 5-38
Tuesday, November 2	Matthew 26:1-5; 14-35; Mark 14:1-2, Mark 10-31; Luke 22:1-38; John 13
Wednesday, November 3	John 14-17
Thursday, November 4	Catch-Up Day
Friday, November 5	Matthew 26:36-75; Mark 14:32-72; Luke 22:39-71; John 18:1-27
Saturday, November 6	Matthew 27:1-31; Mark 15:1-20; Luke 23:1-25; John 18:28-19:16
Sunday, November 7	Matthew 27:32-66; Mark 15:21-47; Luke 23:26-56; John 19:17-42, Psalm 22

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, October 31

8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
9:30 AM Coffee, FH
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC

Monday, November 1

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

Tuesday, November 2

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Holland Hse
9:00 AM Eli's Place
9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, Zoom
11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 310
1:30 PM Eli's Place Staff Mtg, FH
5:30 PM Evangelism Comm. Mtg, Zoom

Wednesday, November 3

9:00 AM Eli's Place
11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310
4:45 PM Call to Prayer, OH Parlor
5:30 PM Dinner, FH
6:00 PM UMW Board Mtg, OH 310
6:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir, EB
6:00 PM Children's Choir, EB
6:00 PM Youth Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
6:00 PM Young Mothers' Small Group, OH Parlor
6:00 PM Words of Life Study, Led by Ben Martin, FH & Zoom
6:00 PM Better Decisions Study, Led by Jennifer Thompson, OH & Zoom
7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, November 4

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

Friday, November 5

9:00 AM Eli's Place
4:00 PM Family Mission Project, Pine Cone Pick Up, The Living Vine

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin 912-547-1835

OH = Oliver Hall	EB = Education Building
SNC = Sanctuary	FH = Fellowship Hall
WG = Wesley Gardens Retreat	

Wednesday Night Supper: 11/3/21

Menu: Mexican Lasagna, Rice,
Black Beans, Corn

***If you plan to eat dinner (and you are not on the permanent reservation list), please make your reservation by emailing or calling Daphne in the church office by 5:00 p.m. tomorrow, Monday, November 1. Call 912-232-0191 or email, daphn e@wesleymonumental.org

In Our Prayers....

Gretchen Patricio, Sandrae McCorkle, Janet Lewis (wife of Lauren Leskosky's cousin, Gary), Raine Rude, Bob Harman, Grant Kassinger (nephew of Peggy Jolley), Sally Polk (sister of Peggy Jolley), Keith Ellis, Mary Odom, Anita Pringle, Danielle Robertson (grand-daughter of Ceil Waters), Paul White (father of Kim Pannell), Jenny Lynn Bradley, Richard Wilson, Pat Macomber, Richard Bartels, Eleanor Shurr, Clay Price (friend of Jim Willis), Laura Fleiner, Ouida Smith (mother of Edward Smith), Fritz Scarborough (brother of Camille O'Neill), Rev. Grover Bell, Bert Bell, Mario Delfiaco (brother of Cynthia Willett), David Heery, Palmer Hood (brother of Ge-Juan Wilkes), Joe Gold, Mark Lanier (son of Ellison Lanier), Louis Burnsed (brother of Marilyn Hitt), Frances Hughes (friend of Marilyn Holleman), Matthew Yost, Diane Coleman (friend of Carmine Cowart), Shirley Roberts, Carla Corn (mother of Sarah Shelby), Doug Stutzman, Sara Francis Thrasher (grandmother of Reanna Hamilton), Alyssa Jones (granddaughter of Rusty Holt), Jerry Comunale (brother-in-law of Cynthia Willett), Jennifer Hodges, Barbara Burnett, Joe Cain, Kim Rahn, Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Claire Hayes, 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), 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

Olin Bockes, Nancy Birkheimer, Edith Roszkowiak, Lee Butler, Ruth and Elton Stuenkel, Cecil Abarr, Bella Grace Bartels, Harriet Bland, Grace Boches, Virginia Davis, Roz Evans, Ann Lott, Ellie Tardif, Lois Wooten

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

Doug Snelling, Derek Mills, Jason Childers, Daniel Ealy, Clint Guild, Yates Holleman, Joshua Laws, Austin New, Jerred Pyles, Chris Watson

In Sympathy....

The Bradley and Bergen Families
on the death of
Helen Bradley Tarbutton,
daughter of Jenny Lynn and Waldo,
sister of Malinda