



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

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### **THE DISCIPLINE OF THANKSGIVING**

*"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances. For this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Thanksgiving may be largely an American holiday, but its roots go back much further. The people of Israel practiced "harvest" festivals to give thanks to God and the "thanksgiving offering" was the most often practiced sacrifice. The Bible teaches consistently from start to finish that we are the beneficiaries of God's grace and that the practice of thanksgiving is critical for our relationship to God. It is so easy in times of abundance and prosperity to forget how blessed we are and where it all comes from. In the book of Deuteronomy, Moses is warning the Israelites just before they enter the promise land that the prosperity of the land could be their downfall. In times of abundance, he warns they could too quickly forget the true source of their blessings. On the other hand, in times of adversity it is easy to overlook the blessings we have because they are easily lost in the face of trouble we face. Not surprisingly, Paul a man whose life had frequent adversity taught that we should *"give thanks in all circumstances."* For Paul, thanksgiving or gratitude is a spiritual discipline that is to be practiced whether we are experiencing blessings or adversity.

This year Thanksgiving arrives as we find ourselves hopeful that a long season of pandemic and adversity is coming to an end. Last year many people did not experience Thanksgiving as usual and are looking forward even more to a time of gathering with family and friends. In the middle of our excitement to be together, I pray we all find some time to practice thanksgiving. It doesn't matter if it is a time of adversity or blessing practicing being thankful will protect our hearts and our faith.

One way we practice thanksgiving is through generosity. As we bring our fall stewardship campaign to a close, we hope you will prayerfully consider how my giving can be an act of faith and gratitude for what God has done for me.

*Ben*

# MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021

8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

*Christ the King 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 @wmmc316 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 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)**

Lily Linebarger

**Lighting of the Candles (11:00)**

The Acolytes

**Opening Voluntary**

Chorale

Rodney Miller

\* **Hymn No. 102**

Now Thank We All Our God

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\* **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.

**Baptismal Covenant (11:00)**

Silas Cade Kerby

son of Christa and Kyle Kerby

*Congregational Response:*

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Silas 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.



### **Altar Flowers**

The cornucopia by the altar today is given to the glory of God and in memory of Anne Mooney from Tim Mooney.

### **Joy Circle 2021 Note Card Sale Event**

Starting today, Sunday, November 21, the Joy Circle will be selling beautiful, blank note cards in the Fellowship Hall during the coffee hour between services. Cards will also be available for purchase on November 28, December 5 and 12. A variety of designs will be available including the new 2021 Christmas note card! All-occasion and Easter note cards along with two Christmas designs will be available. All proceeds support the many Joy Circle projects that support local needs.

### **Poinsettias**

Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary on Friday, December 17 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 12. Checks should be made payable to Wesley Monumental in the amount of \$15 per plant, marked "Altar Guild Poinsettias," or visit <https://pushpay.com/g/wesleymonumental> to pay online. Select "Give one time" and "Christmas Greenery & Poinsettias" as the fund. Once paid, email the poinsettia order form to [daphne@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:daphne@wesleymonumental.org) or deliver to the church office by Sunday, December 12. Order forms may be found at all church entrances and on our website.

### **Audio Team**

Our church is in need of people to serve in the role of audio engineer. Each person on this team would serve during one morning worship service per month. Prior experience with audio electronics and sound reinforcement is most helpful; in addition, training will be available. For more information, please email Ray McClain, [raymcclain@att.net](mailto:raymcclain@att.net). Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

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### **Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service**

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks

**Greeters:** Lori Miller

**Ushers:** Jeff Miller, Jerry Benson

**Partners in Prayer:** Britt Griffin

### **11:00 Service**

**Acolyte:** Addison Conger, Avery West

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks

**Greeters:** Barbara & Johnny Phelps

**Offering Steward:** Chris Donegan

**Ushers:** Chris Donegan, Travis Thomas, Matt West, Justin Dunn,  
Tom Bordeaux, Allen Williams, Brad Aiken, Jake Coakley

**Partners in Prayer:** Adam Kobek

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

Please welcome to both Services this morning the Savannah Trombone Choir, founded and directed by Mark Spradley. Thank you to these students for playing today: Gabby Bryant, Jonatan Gonzalez, Thomas Gress, Reese Scott, Grayson McHugh, Jordan Newton, and Campbell Tunney.

**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**

**Cut Out Bible Memory Verses at Home**

Paper and patterns provided on sanctuary table near baptismal font. Please bring back next Sunday, November 28.

**Truck and Muscles Needed to Move Dining Room Set for First American Home for Family**

Please choose the time best for you. Sign up with Nelle, [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net).

**Break Out that Green Bean Casserole! Help Serve Urban Hope Children a Festive Meal**

Cook at home and bring a dish for 75 Urban Hope children and families, Monday, December 13, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., sign up with Nelle, [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net).

**Amen Handymen Want You! Help with Home Repairs for Senior Members**

Steve Eberhardt leads this ministry. Sign up with Nelle, [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net). If you need a repair, call Nelle, 912-234-9245.

**Wesley Community Center Groceries for Needy Children & Seniors**

Most needed this week is peanut butter. The church gives 800 pounds of groceries monthly.

**Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life**

**Merry Makers December Lunch, Wednesday, December 1**

Come "do lunch" with us! Dutch treat at 12:00 p.m. at Carrabba's Italian Grill at 10408 Abercorn Street. Check out the menu at [www.carrabbas.com](http://www.carrabbas.com). Please RSVP to Jennifer or the church office by Sunday, November 28.

**Monday, December 13**

Encore! Back by popular demand, Wesley's own choir members will regale us once again with their very own Christmas program! Meet at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary (please use the front steps or the Gordon Street entrance for the elevator). A festive lunch prepared by Suzanna will follow in the Parlor on the second floor of Oliver Hall. Lunch is \$7. Please RSVP to Jennifer or the church office by Friday, December 10.

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

*Youth (Grades 6th-12th)*

**Youth Christmas Party, December 12**

Mark your calendars for the annual Youth Christmas Party, December 12, from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at Wesley Gardens Retreat. We will carry on all of our favorite traditions such as the white elephant gift exchange and the "ugly" Christmas sweater competition. All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited!



**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday Attendance: (11/14/21)

8:45 AM Worship	69
11:00 AM Worship	329
Online Worship Views	135
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>533</b>
Nursery	XX
Children's Worship	XX
Sunday School	XXX

**Finances: (11/14/21)**

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$1,983,419.00
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date.....	\$1,569,163.58
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date .....	\$1,669,608.64

**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 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**  
**November 21, 2021**

**Sermon Extended**

Monday	Hebrews 12:1-2	What kinds of things do I feel "weighing me down" on my spiritual journey?
Tuesday	Hebrew 12:2-4	What do/can I focus on or hope for that will inspire me to finish well?
Wednesday	Hebrews 12:5-11	Does God "discipline" us to make us grow? If so how? Is this idea helpful or not in the face of trials?
Thursday	Genesis 25:27-34, Hebrews 12:14-17	What do we learn from the story of Esau?
Friday	Hebrews 12:25-29	How can I maintain a sense of awe about God? How can that help me?

**Sermon Notes**

**As a Praying Church...**

We give You thanks, Lord, for all of your many blessings! You are so good and gracious to Your children. Please be in the midst of every group that gathers to give thanks this week.

**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.

Sunday, November 21	2 Thessalonians
Monday, November 22	Acts 18:19-19:41
Tuesday, November 23	1 Corinthians 1-4
Wednesday, November 24	1 Corinthians 5-8
Thursday, November 25	Catch-Up Day
Friday, November 26	1 Corinthians 9-11
Saturday, November 27	1 Corinthians 12-14
Sunday, November 28	1 Corinthians 15-16

**This Week at Wesley**

**Sunday, November 21**

8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC  
9:30 AM Coffee, FH  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM New Member Class, OH  
11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC  
4:00 PM Youth Choir, EB 4th Flr  
5:00 PM Youth Group, EB 4th Flr

**Monday, November 22**

**No Eli's Place This Week**

10:00 AM Joy Circle Decorates Tree,  
OH Parlor  
2:00 PM Care & Share

**Tuesday, November 23**

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Holland Hse  
11:00 AM Staff Mtg, Zoom

**Wednesday, November 24**

**No WNS or Programs**

**Thursday, November 25**

**Thanksgiving  
Church Office Closed**

**Friday, November 26**

**Church Office Closed**

**Pastor on Call This Week**

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

**Wednesday Night Supper:  
11/24/21**

No Wednesday Night Supper this week. We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and join us again on December 1.

**In Our Prayers....**

Michelle O'Neill Gergacs, Jan and Bob Harman, Mel Hubbard, Shirley Turner, Darin Aldinger, Sandrae McCorkle, Raine Rude, Grant Kassinger (nephew of Peggy Jolley), Sally Polk (sister of Peggy Jolley), Mary Odom, Anita Pringle, Danielle Robertson (grand-daughter of Ceil Waters), Paul White (father of Kim Pannell), Jenny Lynn Bradley, Richard Wilson, Richard Bartels, Pat Macomber, Eleanor Shurr, Ouida Smith (mother of Edward Smith), Fritz Scarborough (brother of Camille O'Neill), Rev. Grover Bell, Bert Bell, Mario Delfiaccio (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), Grace Crosby Utomo (friend of Jean Remley)

**At Home/Extended Care**

Marilyn Holleman, Olin Bockes, Nancy Birkheimer, Edith Roszkowiak, Lee Butler, Ruth and Elton Stuenckel, Cecil Abarr, Bella Grace Bartels, Harriet Bland, Grace Bockes, 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 Sherrill and Mattocks Families  
on the death of *Angela Sherrill*,  
mother of Tilley and Wyatt Sherrill,  
sister of Laura Mattocks

The Lee Family  
on the death of *Allene Lee*,  
wife of Terry,  
mother of Bobby

The Rountree Family  
on the death of *Elbert Dale Brown*,  
brother of Gail

The Powers Family  
on the death of *Gerald Duane Hanson*,  
grandfather of Jessy