



Celebrating 153 Years 1868 - 2021

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ADVENT

While the Thanksgiving leftovers are still in our refrigerators, the season of Advent has arrived. Advent is best captured by the words expectation, waiting, and preparation. During this season we turn our hearts and minds towards Christmas and remember the birth of Jesus. The Advent hymn, "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" reminds us Israel was waiting and looking expectantly for the Messiah for centuries, and we wait for his return. During Advent, we also remember John the Baptist who came to "prepare the way" for Jesus. His message was a call to repentance, to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

At Wesley the season is filled with special events that create expectation and help us prepare to experience Christ coming into our lives again. I also want to thank the Susanna Wesley Circle for preparing the Advent Devotional books once again. They contain a daily devotion written by Wesley members for each day of the Advent season. They are available in the sanctuary this morning. Make a place to join us for all these special events while we are waiting expectantly and preparing our hearts.

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| November 28 | The First Sunday of Advent
Rethink Christmas Pt. 1- Rethinking our Doubts |
| December 4 | Hanging of the Greens |
| December 5 | The Second Sunday of Advent
Rethink Christmas Pt. 2 - Rethinking our Purpose |
| December 11 | Christmas Fun Day for kids |
| December 12 | The Third Sunday of Advent
11:00 a.m. Service of Lessons and Carols |
| December 12 | Joyful Noise Choir Christmas Celebration
and Dinner, 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary |
| December 15 | Children's Choir Nativity Pageant
6:15 p.m., Sanctuary |
| December 19 | The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Rethink Christmas Pt. 3 - Rethinking our Plans |
| December 24 | Christmas Eve Communion Services
Rethink Christmas Pt. 4 - Rethinking Our God
10:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. (child-focused), 5:30 p.m.,
and 7:00 p.m. with Choir |

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.
First 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, 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 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)

James Butler

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary (8:45)

arr. Joseph Martin

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Opening Voluntary (11:00)

arr. Hayes/Gaspard

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Kara Mobley, pianist

Introit

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Make the straight the highway for our God.

Alleluia!

* **Hymn No. 718** Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending HELMSLEY

* **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed Nelle Bordeaux

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.

Lighting of the Hope Candle

Sam, Amy, Anna Wren, and Harrison Daniel (8:45)

Suzanna King and Grace Yarborough (11:00)

Congregational Response

"Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."

Baptismal Covenant (8:45)

Brinley Dean McDaniel

daughter of Lesley and Rad McDaniel

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Brinley 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 her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love that she may grow into a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ who walks in the way that leads to life.

Baptismal Covenant (11:00)

Dawson James Schmitz and Chandler Scott Schmitz

sons of Cameron and Frank Schmitz

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Dawson and Chandler as members of God's family and Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church. By God's grace we will do all in our power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love that they may grow into faithful disciples of Jesus Christ who walk in the way that leads to life.

Children's Sermon

Charli Weeks

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

Nelle Bordeaux

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. 209** Blessed Be the God of Israel MERLE'S TUNE

Offertory Prayer

Nelle Bordeaux

Anthem (8:45)

Gabriel's Message

Alice Parker

Anne Hawks, Carolyn Roth, Claire Watts

Anthem (11:00) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel arr. Julian Wachner

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.

* **Hymn of Response** DIX

As they offered gifts most rare; At that manger rude and bare;

So may we, with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,

All our costliest treasures bring, Christ! to Thee our heavenly King.

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| * Scripture (Pew Bible, pgs. 56-57) | | Luke 1:5-38 |
| Sermon | "Rethink Christmas Part 1:
Rethink Our Doubts" | Ben Martin |
| * Hymn No. 203 | Hail to the Lord's Anointed | ELLACOMBE |
| Benediction | | Ben Martin |
| Closing Response (11:00) | Amen | John Rutter |
| Closing Voluntary | Swiss Noel | Louis Claude D'Aquin |
- * *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 memory of Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Leskosky, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Everett G. Drinnon by Lauren and Bryan Leskosky.

Christmas Greenery Pick Up

Orders will be available for pickup in the Oliver Hall courtyard on Friday, December 3 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Saturday, December 4 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., and the following week during the Church's normal business hours. Thank you for your orders!

Joy Circle 2021 Note Card Sale Event

Today, during the coffee hour between Services, the Joy Circle will be selling beautiful, blank note cards in the Fellowship Hall. Cards will also be available for purchase on 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 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 or deliver to the church office by Sunday, December 12. Order forms may be found at all church entrances and on our website.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Lori & Jeff Miller

Ushers: Jeff Miller

Partners in Prayer: Henry Whitfield

11:00 Service

Acolyte: Anna Livingood, Jordan Hess

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Carolyn & James Cubbedge

Offering Steward: Jim Willis

Ushers: Jim Willis, Jesse Bentley, Jon Boothe, Tom Bordeaux,

Fred Bozeman, Chandler Brannen, Doug Carroll, Walton Carroll, Matt West

Partners in Prayer: Annelle McDuffee

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 12. 11:00 AM

Wesley Monumental Sanctuary

Choir, Organ, Brass Quintet, Timpani

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

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.

Wesley Community Center Groceries for Needy Children & Seniors

Most needed this week is canned meat. Boxes are by all doors.

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

Merry Makers December Lunch, This 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. Please RSVP to Jennifer today, 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.

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 in the sanctuary following Wednesday Night Supper on December 15 at 6:15 p.m. The Joyful Noise choir children will present their Christmas Celebration Program, Sunday, December 12 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Christmas Ornament Painting

On Sunday, December 5, we'll be painting pottery ornaments in room 202 immediately following the 11:00 service. These ornaments can be hand-painted by your child and then they are glazed and fired by professionals. The ornaments make great Christmas presents for grandparents or other family members. Ornaments are \$12 each and come with a ribbon for hanging. No need to make a reservation, we'll have all the supplies ready for you, and the ornaments will be ready for pick up on December 19.

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

Preteens (4th & 5th Grade)

4th and 5th Grade Christmas Party

We're having a Christmas party! All 4th and 5th graders are invited to join us next Sunday, December 5 at the Cheshire family home on Wilmington Island. We'll gather together from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. for Christmas fun and a meaningful mission project. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP to Ginny Cheshire at ginnycheshire@yahoo.com.

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 6th-12th graders are invited!



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, raycmclain@att.net. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (11/21/21)	
8:45 AM Worship	81
11:00 AM Worship	185
Online Worship Views	120
Total Worship	386
Nursery	6
Children's Worship	20
Sunday School	82

Finances: (11/21/21)

Total Budget for the Year.....	\$1,983,419.00
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date.....	\$1,612,049.47
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$1,697,294.92

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. All photos are appreciated and do not need to be recent, "throwback" pictures encouraged!"

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church
November 28, 2021**

Sermon Extended

Monday	Luke 1:5-7	How has my faith been called into question by my experience?
Tuesday	Luke 1:8-23	What causes Zechariah's doubt? What causes mine?
Wednesday	Luke 1:24-25	Am I guarded in my hope for something God has promised? Why?
Thursday	Luke 1:26-34	What causes Mary to doubt? Does logic or reason inhibit my faith?
Friday	Luke 1:35-38	What proof did Mary need? What was faith for Mary? What is it for me?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

On this first Sunday of Advent, we ask you, Lord to make us mindful that Advent is a time of preparation. Please make us intentional as we prepare our hearts for Your coming, Jesus. Bend our hearts toward You as we move into this holiday season.

Daily Chronological Bible Readings for 2021

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

Sunday, November 28	1 Corinthians 15-16
Monday, November 29	2 Corinthians 1-4
Tuesday, November 30	2 Corinthians 5-9
Wednesday, December 1	2 Corinthians 10-13
Thursday, December 2	Catch-Up Day
Friday, December 3	Romans 1-4; Acts 20:1-3
Saturday, December 4	Romans 5-8
Sunday, December 5	Romans 9-12

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, November 28

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

Monday, November 29

9:00 AM Eli's Place
2:00 PM Richard Bartels Visitation
3:00 PM Richard Bartels Memorial Service, SNC
6:00 PM Pacesetters Christmas Tree Decorating, FH

Tuesday, November 30

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

Wednesday, December 1

9:00 AM Eli's Place
11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310
12:00 PM Merry Makers Lunch, Carrabba's
4:45 PM Call to Prayer, OH Parlor
5:30 PM Dinner, FH
6:00 PM UMW Board Mtg
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, December 2

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

Friday, December 3

9:00 AM Eli's Place
2:00 PM Greenery Pickup, OH Courtyard

Saturday, December 4

9:00 AM Greenery Pickup, OH Courtyard
9:30 AM Hanging of the Greens, SNC

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin 912-547-1835

**Wednesday Night Supper:
12/1/21**

Menu: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable

***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 30. Call 912-232-0191 or email, daphne@wesleymonumental.org

In Our Prayers....

Joel Williams, Bob Franz, 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, Pat Macomber, Eleanor Shurr, Ouida Smith (mother of Edward Smith), Fritz Scarborough (brother of Camille O'Neill), Rev. Grover Bell, Bert Bell, 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, Cecil Abarr, Ruth and Elton Stuenkel, 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 Bartels Family
on the death of *Richard Bartels*,
husband of Joan,
father of Duane

Mary Kaye Ziglar,
sister of Linda Tedder

Mario Delfiacco,
brother of Cynthia Willett

Angela Sherrill,
mother of Tilley and Wyatt Sherrill,
sister of Laura Mattocks

Allene Lee,
wife of Terry, mother of Bobby