



Celebrating 154 Years 1868 - 2022

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January 2, 2022

"THIS IS A DAY OF NEW BEGINNINGS"

All through the Bible we find God revealed as a "God of new beginnings." God is always starting over, resurrecting and re-creating his people, shaping us into His image. We have long looked at the beginning of a new year as a time to recommit ourselves to being made "new." We make "New Year's" resolutions about many kinds of self-improvement.

My New Year's resolutions aren't usually to do anything I've never done before, but to recapture what I never should have gotten away from. Therefore, for me, it is important to enter a new year by looking back and being reminded of who I am. As Christians, our identity is grounded in our baptism. Every time we baptize a baby, we are saying that this child belongs to God, that God has a claim on his/her life. Eventually we are challenged to embrace that claim by our own commitment to Christ as our savior and to submit to his Lordship or authority in our lives. On the first Sunday of each New Year, we invite our congregation to renew our commitment to Christ by a reaffirmation of our Baptismal covenant with God.

At the end of our service this morning, you will be invited to renew your commitment to Christ and the Church by renewing your vows of baptism. As a symbol of that renewed commitment, we will come forward to touch the baptismal waters as you hear the words, "Remember you are a baptized child of God and be thankful." If you would like to stop at the chancel rail for a time of prayer, you are invited to do so. If you have never been baptized and you feel led to make a public profession of your faith in Christ and be baptized, wait until the end of the line and then come up and let me know that is your desire and we would be honored to lead you in that commitment and baptize you. Let this be for us all a day to reclaim our primary identity as a follower of Jesus Christ.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.
Epiphany 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. If needed, hearing devices and large print hymnals are available in the Narthex.

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 worshiping 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.*

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary

Declamation

Craig Philips

Introit (11:00)

A New Year Carol

Benjamin Britten

Here we bring new water from the well so clear
For to worship God with, this happy New Year.
Sing levy dew, the water and the wine;
The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her toe,
Open you the West Door, and turn the Old year go
Sing levy dew, the water and the wine;
The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.

* **Hymn No. 245** The First Noel THE FIRST NOEL

* **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** 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 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 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.

* **Hymn No. 251** Go! Tell It On the Mountain Spiritual

Grief Share Testimony Jennifer Baker

Offertory Prayer Jennifer Thompson

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) Good King Wenceslas arr. Joel Raney

Offertory Anthem (11:00) arr. Katherine Davis
The Little Drummer Boy

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.

* **Scripture** (Pew Bible, pgs. 216, 34) Joshua 24:14-28, Mark 1:1-8

Sermon "It All Starts with a Choice" Ben Martin

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant Hymnal pg. 50

* **Hymn No. 383** This is a Day of New Beginnings BEGINNINGS
Stanzas 1-4

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) A New Year Carol Benjamin Britten

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her chin,
Open you the East Door, and let the New Year in.
Sing levy dew, the water and the wine;
The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.

Closing Voluntary Caroling, Caroling arr. Diane Bish

* *Please stand as you are able.
Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you.
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New Sunday School Opportunities in 2022

- ◆ Harbor Class Relaunch - The Harbor Class has been meeting with the Compass Class during the Covid transition time, but it will relaunch as its own class again on Sunday, January 9. Most of the members of the Harbor Class are parents of elementary aged children, so if you fall in that age group (give-or-take a few years on either side), please come join the Harbor Class! Sunday school lessons will be "stand alone" lessons so that anyone can jump in on any given Sunday. The Harbor Class meets in Room 407 of Oliver Hall.
- ◆ Pastor's Class Relaunch - The Pastor's Class will resume after combining last year with the Read Through Bible Class. The new study will begin on January 9. The topic is the book "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton. Ben will also teach on this Book on Wednesday nights beginning in February for those in other Sunday School classes who might be interested in the book.

Grief Share

We are offering another 13-week session of Grief Share. If you, or someone you know, would like to participate in this beneficial ministry, please contact Jennifer Thompson at jennifert@wesleymonumental.org or go directly to the Grief Share website www.griefshare.org, enter your zip code, and register for the class that is hosted by Wesley. The only cost is the workbook which can be ordered at registration and mailed directly to your home. We will begin the group meetings on Monday night, January 10, through Monday night, April 4. Anyone can join us. You do not have to be a church member and, because we are hosting this first group via Zoom, you don't even have to live in Savannah or in the same time zone. If you have experienced grief in any way, prayerfully consider participating in Grief Share.

Family Bingo and Dinner Night

Presented by Susanna Wesley Circle. Friday, January 28 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Wesley Monumental Fellowship Hall. (Adults \$10, Children \$5, Family Max \$30). To purchase tickets, Venmo @CameronSchmitz81 with your name and number attending. You can also reserve seats and pay at the door by emailing: swcirclewm@gmail.com. Lots of Fun and prizes! Grand Prize includes a Family Beach Weekend at Tybee! All proceeds benefit charities within our community!

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks & Haley Herrington

Greeters: TBD

Usher: TBD

Partners in Prayer: Carmine Cowart

11:00 Service

Acolyte: Sara Livingood, Anna Livingood

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks & Haley Herrington

Greeters: Kim & Mehmet Ergul

Offering Steward: Brian West

Ushers: Brian West, Mehmet Ergul, Ted Moore, Jim Pannell, Jon Pannell, Johnny Phelps, Willie Roberds, Ken Spriggs

Partners in Prayer: Grace & Art Greene

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist
May Concert with 42-piece Orchestra, Choir, and Organ

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

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

Starring the Wesley Choir, soprano Alysia Smith, and internationally renowned baritone Nicholas Davis.

Tickets are \$35 and proceeds go to Wesley member and Purple Heart veteran Ryan Davis and his wife and son, Asia and Knox.



Tickets may be purchased by one of the following:

- Visiting [MonumentalMusic.eventbrite.com](https://www.monumentalmusic.eventbrite.com)
- Scanning the QR code
- From any choir member or the church office

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life
January Merry Makers

Monday, January 10 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Oliver Hall Parlor. Our guest speaker this month will be the Rev. David Thompson, the District Superintendent for the Coastal District of the South Georgia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. David will share about the current state of the United Methodist Church, what is projected to happen in 2022, and his heart for the UMC. Please bring any questions you have with you. A delicious lunch will be prepared, as usual, by Suzanna. Please contact Jennifer Thompson at jennifert@wesleymonumental.org or 229-726-7735 by Friday, January 6 if you would like to attend.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Wesley Community Center Groceries

Most needed this week are canned vegetables.

Y'All Haul

Want to move furniture? Have a truck? Please tell Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net. Flexible schedule; please pray for newly arrived Afghan family with five children, including a baby.

Young Mothers' Bible Study

New year, new topic--Christian marriage. Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net. All are welcome.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (12/26/21)	
8:45 AM Worship	49
11:00 AM Worship	107
Online Worship Views	85
Total Worship	241
Nursery	3
Children's Worship	3
Sunday School	39

Christmas Eve Services (12/24/21)

10:30 AM Worship	175
3:30 PM Worship	233
5:30 PM Worship	185
7:00 PM Worship	273
Online Worship Views	370
Total Worship	1236

Finances: (12/26/21)

Total Budget for the Year	\$1,983,419.00
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,951,049.83
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$1,898,590.76

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

January 2, 2022

Sermon Extended

Monday	Joshua 24:14-18	When have I made a conscious choice to serve God?
Tuesday	Joshua 24:19-28	What reminds me of and holds me accountable to my commitment to Christ?
Wednesday	Mark 1:1-3	How am I preparing myself for Christ to live in me?
Thursday	Mark 1:4-5	Spend time in self-examination and a prayer of repentance.
Friday	Mark 1:6-8	What is the difference in water baptism and Spirit baptism? Have I experienced both?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

Lord, we ask that we would start this new year with you on our minds. Put within us the desire to know you better and the resolve to seek you first in all that we do. In Jesus' name, amen.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, January 2

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

Monday, January 3

9:00 AM Eli's Place - Teachers Return

Tuesday, January 4

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

Wednesday, January 5

9:00 AM Eli's Place
11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310
7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal,
EB 4th Flr

Thursday, January 6

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

Friday, January 7

9:00 AM Eli's Place

Pastor on Call This Week

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

Wednesday Night Supper

will resume January 12, 2022.

Sign up sheets and additional information will be available in the January 9th bulletin.

In Our Prayers....

Pat Beasley, Jane McClain, Matthew McClain, Paul and Connie Kurtz (parents of Dan Kurtz), Connie Herringdine (friend of Lauren Leskowsky) and her husband, Bill Herringdine, Banks Burgstiner (infant son of Summer and Stephen Burgstiner), Jane Bostwick (mother of Meb Ryan), Walter Thomas (brother of Mark Thomas), Dean Muenckler, Rev. Grover Bell, 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), Jenny Lynn Bradley, Richard Wilson, Pat Macomber, Eleanor Shurr, Ouida Smith (mother of Edward Smith), Fritz Scarborough (brother of Camille O'Neill), 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 (grand-daughter 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, Lee Butler, Edith Roszkowiak, Cecil Abarr, Ruth and Elton Stuenckel, 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 Bentley Family
on the death of
Jesse's father,
David Earl Bentley

The Valdez Family
on the death of
Christian's father,
Mike Valdez