



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

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December 5, 2021

**CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY**

Today is the second Sunday of Advent, but next Sunday we will jump right into Christmas with a couple of our favorite Advent/Christmas Events.

**Festival of Lessons and Carols - December 12, 11:00 a.m.**

Next Sunday morning our 11:00 a.m. worship experience will be the traditional Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is a service of Christian worship celebrating the birth of Jesus that is traditionally followed at Christmas. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, and choral music. It is one of the great worship events of our year. Only the 11:00 Service will be the Festival of Lessons and Carols. That means our seating will not be socially distanced and our sanctuary will be far more crowded than we have had it since the beginning of COVID. While we are mask optional for fully vaccinated people, a mask might be a good idea for all. We will have a regular 8:45 Service with Rev. James P. Owens preaching.

**The Joyful Noise Christmas Celebration and Dinner  
December 12, 5:00 p.m.**

Next Sunday at 5:00 p.m., our youngest children's choir will present their Christmas program. There will be a dinner following the play, please make a reservation by calling the church office so we will have plenty of food prepared.

**Rethink Christmas Missions Offering**

Our Christmas Missions offering is an opportunity to do something different with gift giving, by giving a gift to missions in honor of someone you love instead of buying them a gift. The fact is that most of us have everything we need, so what do you get for people who have "everything?" One thing we can give is the knowledge that someone who is in need will have their life blessed because we gave. Won't you join us in "rethinking" how we spend our money and give the gift of love at Christmas this year? This year's offering will be equally divided between local and overseas missions; please write a check to the church earmarked "Christmas Mission Offering."

*Ben*

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021  
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.  
*Second 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)**

Will Haire

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

The Acolytes

**Introit (11:00)**

Prepare the way of the Lord.  
Make the straight the highway for our God.  
Alleluia!

\* **Hymn No. 196**      Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus      HYFRYDOL

\* **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

*(Dismissal for Children's Worship)*

*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.*

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 Peace Candle

Curtis and Grace Grund (8:45)

David, Laura, Harper, and William Blake (11:00)

## Congregational Response

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

## Baptismal Covenant (11:00)

Charlotte Sophie Marguerite O'Grady  
daughter of Annabelle and Kieron O'Grady

### *Congregational Response:*

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Charlotte 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.

## Pastoral Prayer

Jennifer Thompson

\* **Scripture Lesson** (Pew Bible, pg. 57-58)

Luke 1:39-80

## Sermon

"Rethink Christmas Part 2:  
Rethink My Purpose"

Ben Martin

## Holy Communion

### Invitation and Confession

**Pastor:** Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**All:** Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done Your will,  
we have broken Your law,  
we have rebelled against Your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*All pray in silence.*

**Pastor:** Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
That proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**Congregation:** In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**All:** Glory to God. Amen.

## Offertory Prayer

Jennifer Thompson

## Voluntary (8:45)

Ding Dong! Merrily on High

arr. Joel Raney

## Anthem (11:00)

Magnificat  
Luke 1:46-55

Herbert Howells

## 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.

## The Great Thanksgiving

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**Congregation:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

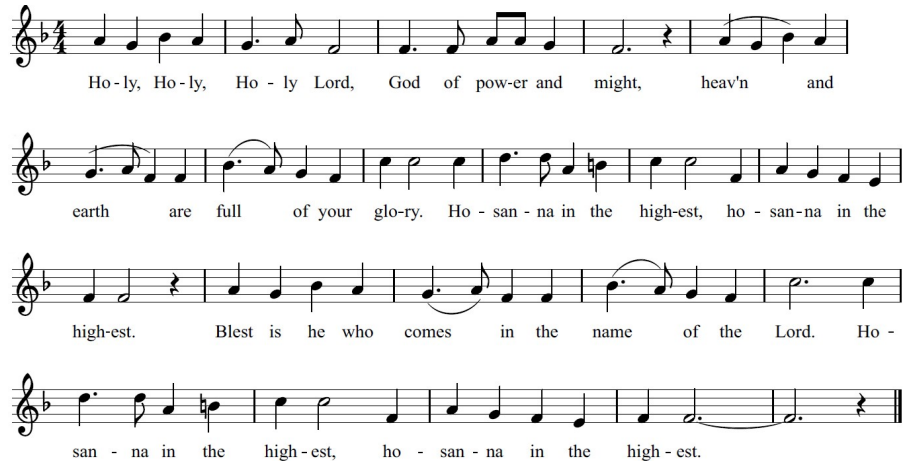
**Congregation:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to our Lord and God.

**Congregation:** It is right to give our thanks and praise

**Pastor:** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth...

And so, with Your people on earth, and all the company of heaven we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and  
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the  
high-est. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ...

On the night in which He gave himself up for us, He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over He took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so,  
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



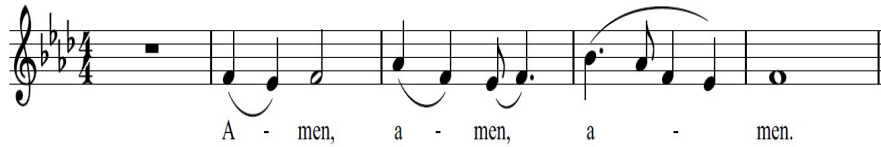
Christ has died; Christ is ri - sen; Christ will come a - gain.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
That we may be for the world the body of Christ,  
redeemed by His blood.

By Your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory,  
and we feast at His heavenly banquet.

Through Your Son Jesus Christ,  
 with the Holy Spirit in Your holy church,  
 All honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.



**The Lord's Prayer**

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 that 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.

**Breaking the Bread**

*(Gluten free bread is available. Please indicate your preference by raising your hand.)*

**Giving the Bread and Cup**

*We will take communion at the rail. If you prefer taking communion in your pew, prefilled communion cups are available. Please raise your hand and an usher or staff member will bring one to you. Following the service, please place your cup in the trash receptacle located in the Narthex.*

*Today's communion offering is designated for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. If you would like to give a donation, please place your offering in the chancel rail when you come to be served.*

**Music During Communion (11:00)**

E'en So Lord Jesus Paul Manz

**Prayer After Receiving**

**All:** Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery  
 in which You have given Yourself to us.  
 Grant that we may go into the world  
 in the strength of Your Spirit,  
 to give ourselves for others,  
 in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

\* **Hymn No. 206** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light HOUSTON  
 Stanza 3

\* **Benediction** Ben Martin

**Closing Response (11:00)** Amen Peter Lutkin

**Closing Voluntary** Carol of the Advent Rebecca Groom Te Velde

\* *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 our son, David H. Butler, Jr., by David H. and Linda Butler.

**Just Born**

Congratulations to Laney and Jared Marinich on the birth of a son, Tyler Joshua Marinich on November 14, 2021. Grandson of Frankie and Chuck Sowell. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Tyler.

**Wesley Community Center Groceries**

Most needed this week is cereal. Boxes are by all doors.

**Christmas Ornament Painting**

Today 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 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.

**4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Christmas Party**

All 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us today, 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.

**January Messenger Deadline**

Email announcements to jennifer@wesleymonumental.org by tomorrow, Monday, December 6.

**Next New Member Course**

Starts next Sunday, December 12 at 10:00 a.m. Class will join December 19. Please call the church office to sign up in advance, 912-232-0191.

**Nativity Pageant**

This year the pageant will be presented in the sanctuary following Wednesday Night Supper on December 15 at 6:15 p.m.

**Finances: (11-28-21)**

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$1,983,419.00
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$1,657,260.67
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date .....	\$1,706,509.92

**Youth Christmas Party**

Join us next Sunday, 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!

**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 Thompson or the church office by this Friday, December 10.

**Urban Hope Christmas Supper**

Monday, December 13, 5:30-7:00 p.m. for 75 Urban Hope children and families. Still needed are green beans; salad; punch; cut-fruit. Please sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

**Attendance: (11/28/21)**

8:45 AM Worship	74
11:00 AM Worship	252
Online Worship Views	140
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>466</b>
Nursery	13
Children's Worship	41
9:45 AM Sunday School	134

<p><b><u>Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service</u></b>  <b>Children's Worship:</b> Charli Weeks and Haley Herrington  <b>Greeter:</b> Lori Miller, Pat Killewald  <b>Ushers:</b> Jeff Miller, Jimmy Hill  <b>Partners in Prayer:</b> Carmine Cowart  <b>Communion Stewards:</b> TBD</p> <p><b><u>11:00 Service</u></b>  <b>Acolyte:</b> Harris Glidewell, Michael Cooler  <b>Children's Worship:</b> Charli Weeks and Haley Herrington  <b>Greeters:</b> Kim and Mehmet Ergul  <b>Offering Steward:</b> Brian West  <b>Ushers:</b> Brian West, Mehmet Ergul, Ted Moore, Jim Pannell, Jon Pannell, Johnny Phelps, Willie Roberds, Kenneth Spriggs  <b>Partners in Prayer:</b> Gail Brannen  <b>Communion Stewards:</b> Emmy Wilcox &amp; Judy Pitts</p>
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**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church**

**December 5, 2021**

**Sermon Extended**

Monday	Luke 1:26-30, 46-49	What gives me a sense of value and purpose in my life?
Tuesday	Luke 1:39-45	Is there anything that makes me feel unworthy that God would include me in His purpose?
Wednesday	Luke 1:46-56	What does this tell us about what we value and what God values?
Thursday	Luke 1:57-66	Do I see raising children/ grandchildren or teaching children as a part of God's purpose?
Friday	Luke 1:67-80	How can I give my children a sense of greater purpose for their lives?

**Sermon Notes**

**As a Praying Church...**

We ask you, Lord Jesus, to remind us during Advent that in your coming, you brought us peace – a peace that passes all understanding. Thank you for that peace. In Jesus' name, amen.

**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, December 5	Romans 9-12
Monday, December 6	Romans 13-16
Tuesday, December 7	Acts 20:4-23:35
Wednesday, December 8	Acts 24-26
Thursday, December 9	Catch-Up Day
Friday, December 10	Acts 27-28
Saturday, December 11	Philippians
Sunday, December 12	Philemon; Colossians

**This Week at Wesley**

**Sunday, December 5**

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 12:15 PM Ornament Painting, EB 202
- 4:00 PM 4th/5th Grade Christmas Party, Cheshire Family Home
- 4:00 PM Youth Choir, EB 4th Flr
- 5:00 PM Youth Group, EB 4th Flr

**Monday, December 6**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 12:00 PM Joy Circle Luncheon, OH Parlor

**Tuesday, December 7**

- 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

**Wednesday, December 8**

- 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 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 9**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 12:00 PM Downtown Bible Study, Zoom
- 3:00 PM Jane Shirah Christmas Tea, OH Parlor

**Friday, December 10**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 4:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal, SNC

**Saturday, December 11**

- 9:00 AM Christmas Fun Day
- 5:00 PM Wedding, SNC

**Pastor on Call This Week**

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

**In Our Prayers....**

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), 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), 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 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 Smith and Spofford Families  
on the death of *Tenella Smith*,  
mother of Jo Ann Spofford

The Bartels Family  
on the death of *Richard Bartels*,  
husband of Joan,  
father of Duane

*Mary Kaye Ziglar*,  
sister of Linda Tedder

*Mario Delfiaco*,  
brother of Cynthia Willett

**Wednesday Night Supper:  
12/8/21**

Menu: TBD  
TBD

\*\*\*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, December 6. Call 912-232-0191 or email, daphne@wesleymonumental.org