



Celebrating 153 Years 1868 - 2021

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CHRISTMAS EVE

The title to the popular carol says it best, "O Holy Night." Apart from the Easter Sunday morning celebration, no other time of worship is as powerful and as popular as Christmas Eve. It is truly a holy night/day. Holy means to be set apart from the normal. We arrive to a beautifully adorned sanctuary, we sing the music that carries so much meaning and memory, we read the story of His birth, gather at the table remembering that God so loved the world He gave His only Son, and we end in glow of candlelight. All of it adds to the sacred solemnity of this day. Worship on Christmas Eve is also an important time to retaining or regaining perspective on what this day means when we are immersed in a world of commercialism. We hope you will set aside time for worship with us this Friday. The following will be our schedule for the day:

10:30 a.m. - Morning Worship and Communion
(vocal music by Hannah Dasher)

3:30 p.m. - Our Children-focused Communion Service
(enjoyed by all ages)

5:30 p.m. - A service of Word and Table
(vocal music by Whitney and Anna Owens)

7:00 p.m. - A service of Word and Table
(vocal music by the Chancel Choir)

We will serve regular communion at the altar at each service. There will be self-contained communion elements for those who would prefer to remain in their seats for communion. The communion offering will be a part of our Rethink Christmas Missions offering. A nursery will be available for all services.

Sunday, December 26 - Our normal worship schedule
(8:45 a.m., Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.)

REMEMBER THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY DECEMBER 27 and 28.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.
Fourth 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)

Harper Sorter

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary (8:45)

arr. Brant Adams

Sing We Now of Christmas

Opening Voluntary (11:00)

Gaspard/Hayes

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Kara Mobley, pianist

Introit (11:00)

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Make the straight the highway for our God.

Alleluia!

* **Hymn** No. 234

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELIS

Stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 6

* **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 Love Candle Noel and Linda Cooper (8:45)
Jim and Karen Pannell,
Jon, Kimberly, James, and Paul Pannell (11:00)

Congregational Response

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

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. 238** Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA

Offertory Prayer Nelle Bordeaux

Voluntary (8:45) Canon de Noël arr. Joseph Martin

Anthem (11:00) Do You Hear What I Hear? arr. Harry Simeone

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, pg. 1) Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon "Rethink Christmas Part 3: Rethink Our Plans" Ben Martin

- * **Hymn No. 218** It Came Upon the Midnight Clear CAROL

Reception into Church Membership (11:00)

Michele and Jim Bazemore

Cynthia and Jim Waldrop

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) Gloria in Excelsis Deo Martin Shaw

Closing Voluntary Angels We Have Heard on High 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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Congratulations

Wesley Monumental congratulates Kat Thompson and Josh Gardner on their marriage which took place December 11 in the sanctuary.

Christmas Missions Offering

If you would like to contribute to the Christmas Missions Offering, please place your donation in the marked boxes located in the sanctuary. The local portion will be focused on disaster relief for Kentucky, Tennessee, and other states devastated by the tornadoes.

Stewardship Update

Thank you to everyone who has turned in your estimate of giving cards for 2022. So far we have received 114 cards totaling \$964,192 in estimated giving for 2022. That compares to 156 cards totaling \$1,136,404 in commitments for 2021. You can return the card to the office in person or by mail, or fill it out online on our website, wesleymonumental.org.

A Year-End Reminder

All 2021 contributions to the church must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2021 in order to comply with IRS regulations regarding charitable deductions.

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 and Haley Herrington

Greeters: Lori Miller

Ushers: Jeff Miller

Partners in Prayer: Britt Griffin

11:00 Service

Acolyte: Julia Grabowski, Marshall Pedigo

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks and Haley Herrington

Greeters: TBD

Offering Steward: Chris Donegan

Ushers: Chris Donegan, Ken Griner, Cory Hall, Dustin Hamilton,

Michael Hasselle, Bobo Mullens, Doug Carroll, Bill Hunter, Bobby Lee

Partners in Prayer: Sue Ellis

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.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry
Sunday School Christmas Activity - Jesse Tree Ornaments

Jesse Trees are a very old Christmas tradition and first started in medieval times. The ornaments on a Jesse Tree tell the story of Jesus' family tree and connect the Old Testament and the New Testament. We will continue to make ornaments to decorate our Jesse Tree during Sunday School today, Sunday, December 19. (Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m.) We will place the Jesse Tree with all of our new ornaments in the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Eve Family Service

Friday, December 24 in the Sanctuary at 3:30 p.m. Join us for this family-friendly (and sometimes noisy!) service as the children bring the pieces of our beautiful non-breakable nativity into the Sanctuary.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Wesley Community Center Groceries

Most needed this week are peanut butter and canned meat.

Y'All Haul

Newly arriving Afghan refugee family needs a sofa, dining room table and chairs, and dressers. Also needed are trucks and strong lifters. Flexible schedule. Please tell Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net. Please pray for this family with five children.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (12/12/21)

8:45 AM Worship	43
11:00 AM Worship	432
Online Worship Views	247
Total Worship	722
Nursery	X
Children's Worship	XX
Sunday School	71

Finances: (12/12/21)

Total Budget for the Year.....	\$1,983,419.00
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date.....	\$1,756,831.43
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,833,990.18

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	



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
December 19, 2021**

Sermon Extended

Monday	Matthew 1:18-25	What do I learn from Joseph in this story?
Tuesday	Matthew 1:18-20	Has God ever messed up my plans? How?
Wednesday	Matthew 1:18-22	What are Joseph's obstacles to faith? What are mine?
Thursday	Matthew 1:22-23	How does scripture work to build by faith? What scripture?
Friday	Matthew 1:24-25	When have I taken a challenging step of faith/obedience?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We remember this Advent that you, Jesus, showed us the true definition of love when you came as a baby, lived with us for a while, and ultimately died on the cross to rise again. Help us to receive this love gift from you. In Jesus' name, amen.

Daily Chronological Bible Readings for 2021

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

Sunday, December 19	Hebrews 5-8
Monday, December 20	Hebrews 9-13
Tuesday, December 21	2 Timothy
Wednesday, December 22	2 Peter; Jude
Thursday, December 23	Catch-Up Day
Friday, December 24	1 John; 2 John; 3 John
Saturday, December 25	Revelation 1-5
Sunday, December 26	Revelation 6-10

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, December 19

- 8:45 AM **Worship Service, SNC**
- 9:30 AM **Coffee, FH**
- 9:45 AM **Sunday School**
- 11:00 AM **Worship Service, SNC**
- 12:00 PM **Choir Members Caroling Event,
Lunch in SNC**

Monday, December 20

No Eli's Place this Week

Tuesday, December 21

- 11:00 AM **Staff Mtg, OH 310**
- 12:15 PM **Staff Christmas Lunch, FH**

Wednesday, December 22

- 7:15 PM **Chancel Choir Rehearsal,
EB 4th Flr**

Thursday, December 23

No Scheduled Activities

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve Services with Communion:

- 10:30 AM **Service with Soloist, SNC**
- 3:30 PM **Children-Focused Service with
Nativity, SNC**
- 5:30 PM **Service with Soloists, SNC**
- 7:00 PM **Service with Chancel Choir,
SNC**

Saturday, December 25

Christmas Day

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin912-547-1835

Wednesday Night Supper

Our Wednesday Night Suppers and programming have ended for 2021.

We will resume January 12, 2022.

If you have a "permanent" reservation, you will not need to renew for the Winter-Spring session. If you wish to cancel the permanent reservation, please notify the church office, 912-232-0191.

In Our Prayers....

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 (granddaughter 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 (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, 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....

Family of *Ray Harrell*,
brother of Becky Pullin