



Celebrating 154 Years 1868 - 2022

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THE SEASON OF LENT

This week we begin the season of Lent. For forty days (not counting Sundays), we will be moving towards the cross and ultimately Easter. Lent is the season of self-examination and repentance, therefore it is most often practiced as a season of prayer and fasting. The discipline of fasting is why Lent has traditionally been a season of "giving up" something. Most of us choose things that we like but may not necessarily need. If nothing else, it is training in self-discipline. The spiritual disciplines of self-examination and repentance go hand in hand and in fact are intended to compliment or complete each other. What good is self-examination without repentance (confession and a commitment to change) based on what God shows me about myself and my sin? In the same way, what good is fasting (emptying or giving up) without refilling and giving? If I choose to fast from something that takes my time, how will I fill that time with something that draws me closer to God? If I choose to fast from something that cost me money, where can I give what I save to bless God?

Sometimes we choose to fast from things that are not good for us as a means to be healthier. Most of the time we are thinking about physical benefits, but what about fasting from things that harm me spiritually or emotionally. Above all Lent is a time to fast from sin, which often takes the form of attitudes as much as actions. So what if I fast from criticism and complaint and with the emotional energy I save offer praise or thanksgiving to someone? Or what if I fast from bitterness or resentment and offer back forgiveness, patience, and understanding?

We may think, "It's only forty days," but forty days is long enough to form a habit. Forty days is long enough to change our lives. Remember Moses, Elijah, and Jesus were not the same men after their forty days on the mountain with God. It could be the same with us.

Lent kicks off on Ash Wednesday. We begin the season contemplating our mortality and we take on the symbol of ashes to remind us "from dust you came and to dust you shall return." Ashes were also a sign of repentance. Join us this Wednesday night at 6:15 p.m. (following our Wednesday Night Dinner) for the special service to begin holy Lent.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.
Transfiguration 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.*

Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Cole Valdez

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary (8:45)

Ludwig van Beethoven

Allegro from Sonata, Op. 10, No. 2

Opening Anthem (11:00)

Dona Nobis Pacem

Giulio Caccini

Introit (11:00)

Alleluia

Elaine Hagenberg

* **Hymn No. 103** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ST. DENIO

* **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.

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

James P. Owens

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. 188** Christ Is the World's Light CHRISTE SANCTORUM

Offertory Prayer

James P. Owens

Offertory Voluntary (8:45)

arr. Victor Labenske

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Offertory Anthem (11:00)

Balm in Gilead

arr. Raymond Wise

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.

- * **Doxology No. 95** OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

- * **Scripture** (Pew Bible, pgs. 69-70) Luke 9:28-36

Sermon "What Do I Do Now? Part 7: Listen to Jesus" Ben Martin

- * **Hymn No. 731** Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken AUSTRIA

Reception into Church Membership (11:00)

Susie Chisholm

Mary Catherine Finnerty

Chandler Holloway

Annabelle and Kieron O'Grady with daughter, Charlie

Laura and the Hon. Bob Pirkle

Benediction

Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00)

I'll Be On My Way

Shawn Kirchner

Closing Voluntary

Ceremonial March

Herbert Sumsion

- * *Please stand as you are able.*

Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you.

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Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Glynn and Stacey Riddle by Melanie Gartside

Just Born

Congratulations to Garrett and Emily Nickles on the birth of a son, Griffith James Nickles, on February 23, 2022. Grandson of Karen Nickles. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Griffith.

Ash Wednesday Service

Join us this Wednesday, March 2 at 6:15 p.m. in the sanctuary. A special program for children (three years old through third grade) will begin at 6:10 p.m. on the second floor. Children's lessons and activities will finish at 7:00 p.m., and the children can be picked up from the Fellowship Hall. We will be serving supper in the nursery for children younger than first grade beginning at 5:30 p.m. The nursery will be open for children younger than three from 5:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Family Bingo and Dinner Night - FRIDAY, MARCH 4

Presented by Susanna Wesley Circle. Friday, March 4 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: swcirclem@gmail.com. Lots of Fun and prizes! Grand Prize includes a Family Beach Weekend at Tybee! All proceeds benefit charities within our community!

Wednesday Night Study with Jennifer Thompson - New Topic How Well Do You Communicate with God?

Have you ever thought about the fact the disciples walked with Jesus for 3 years and the one thing they asked Him to teach them to do.....*was to pray?* They didn't ask Him to teach them to heal or to feed 5000 people or even to preach. They asked Him to teach them to pray. Come join us during this Lenten/Easter season on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. in Oliver Hall Room 207 as we ask Jesus the same thing - to teach us to pray. We will use "The Lord's Prayer" - Jesus' prayer - as our guide.....no "thees" and "thous," no pressure to pray in a certain way.....we are just looking at communicating with God. *This class is for those who want to learn to pray better - whether you have prayed for years or are just starting out.* Rev. Jennifer Thompson will be leading this study using the book "How to Pray: A Simple Guide for Normal People by Pete Greig."

Connect Adult Sunday School Class - New Study

Come join the Connect Sunday school class in a new study on the book of John! Who are the people in the Connect class? We are people of all ages, single, married, with kids, with grandkids, without kids at all.....*we are just people who want to learn the Bible.* We meet at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings in Oliver Hall, Room 207. ALL are welcome ANY time! (We are on Zoom too! Contact Jennifer Thompson at jennifert@wesleymonumental.org for a Zoom link.)

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks & Haley Herrington

Greeter: Lori Miller

Ushers: Jeff Miller

Partners in Prayer: Henry Whitfield

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Cullen Dunn, Couper Howard

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks & Haley Herrington

Greeters: Linda Sapp

Offering Steward: Jim Willis

Ushers: Jim Willis, Clark McKinney, Franklin McKinney, Matt Merritt,

Matthew Mobley, Richard Moore, Bobo Mullens, Jeff O'Connor

Partners in Prayer: Grace & Art Greene

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Welcome to Worship

Please welcome to 11:00 Worship today the Stetson University Concert Choir (Deland, Florida). The sixty voice touring choir directed by Dr. Timothy Peter is delighted to share sacred choral music at Wesley Monumental.

May Concert with 42-piece Orchestra, Choir, and Organ

Saturday, May 14, 2022. 7:30 PM – 8:45 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

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Living Vine Is Branching Out and Needs You

Please speak with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net, if you are a woman able to stay at the Living Vine from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. any night this week. Thankfully this Christian maternity home has four mothers-to-be and needs extra help.

Urban Hope Needs Three Items

Needed are Microban spray, white board cleaner, and dry erase markers. Please put in boxes just inside all doors by today, February 27.

Family Mission Project at Wesley Gardens, Friday, March 4, 4-5 p.m.

Please wear long sleeves and gardening gloves and bring a rake to pull Spanish moss from historic camellias; we'll also pull trash from the marsh. All ages are welcome. Sign up in advance with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Wesley Community Center Groceries for Needy Children & Seniors

Most needed this week are canned fruit and rice.

Shred Your Stress

If only it were that easy! Bring documents to shred on Earth Day, April 22, 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. East Wayne Street car line. Please no staples or paper clips. Helpers needed to lift boxes. Sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net. Huge thanks to Savannah Shredding.

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

Merry Makers March Event

Come join us for Merry Makers on Monday, March 14 at 11:00 a.m. in the Oliver Hall Parlor and hear a fascinating talk by Kathy Horne entitled "The Women Who Helped Win WWII: Spies and Military Intelligence." Call the church office or text/email Jennifer Thompson at jennifert@wesleymonumental.org by Friday, March 11 to make reservations. The cost for lunch is \$7.

Living Life to the Fullest: An Older Adult Retreat

This fun-filled retreat will take place at beautiful Epworth by the Sea on St. Simons Island, May 16-19, 2022. There will be speakers, entertainment, workshops, and excursions (included in the price of your registration - which is a DEAL!). To register, go to www.EpworthByTheSea.org/events, click on *Register Here*, and scroll down to find this event. Please let Jennifer Thompson know that you are planning to go so that she can connect you with others from Wesley who are also going. And, let her know if you need transportation as well.

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

Youth (Grades 6th-12th)

Youth Group

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for Youth Group today from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Youth choir is at 4:00 p.m.

St. Patrick's Day

Our annual St. Patrick's Day Pancake Breakfast (to raise money for youth trips and missions) is coming up soon! You can help by donating pancake mix, bacon, or a number of other items. We will be serving pancakes, bacon, and green grits on the morning of the parade, Thursday, March 17, from 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. \$5 for adults/\$3 for children. Everyone is invited!

Confirmation Retreat, March 4-6

For those who are a part of our Confirmation class, you are invited to join us for the South Georgia Conference's annual Confirmation Retreat at Epworth by the Sea. It's a fun and meaningful weekend that really adds to what we've been covering in the Confirmation classes. For more information, see James P. Owens.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (02/20/22)	
8:45 AM Worship	80
11:00 AM Worship	193
Online Worship Views	115
Total Worship	388
Nursery	XX
Children's Worship	XX
Sunday School	111

Finances: (02/13/22)

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,022,708.12
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$406,273.28
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$270,423.40

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
February 27, 2022

Sermon Extended

Monday	Luke 9:28-29	Go somewhere to pray today that will make me feel close to God.
Tuesday	Luke 9:30-31	Is there someone I need to go talk to who needs encouragement?
Wednesday	Luke 9:32-33	What did Moses, Elijah, and Jesus have in common?
Thursday	Luke 9:34-35	Is there something in my life I need to "listen to Jesus" about?
Friday	Luke 9:35	Am I trusting in "Jesus alone" in my life? What competes with Him?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

As a praying church, we ask you, Lord, to prepare our hearts now for Ash Wednesday. Speak to us as we seek You about how we might connect with You in deeper ways in the days leading up to Easter Sunday.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, February 27

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM New Member Class, OH 205
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 4:00 PM Youth Choir, EB 4th Flr
- 5:00 PM Youth Group, EB 4th Flr

Monday, February 28

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 2:00 PM Joy Circle Mtg, FH
- 6:00 PM Trombone Choir

Tuesday, March 1

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Holland Hse
- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH 310 or Zoom
- 9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH 308
- 11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 310
- 5:30 PM Evangelism Comm. Mtg, Zoom

Wednesday, March 2

Ash Wednesday

- 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
- 6:10 PM Children's Ash Wednesday Svc
- 6:15 PM Ash Wednesday Svc, SNC
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, March 3

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

Friday, March 4

Confirmation Retreat Thru 3/6, Epworth

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 4:00 PM Family Mission Project, WG
- 6:00 PM Family Bingo Night, FH
- 7:00 PM Urban Hope: Chefs & Chocolates, Kehoe Ironworks

Pastor on Call This Week

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

In Our Prayers....

Mike White (step-father of Jennifer Thompson), Rebecca Lewis, Ken Hayes, Marilyn Holleman, Freda Hale (mother of Carolyn Cubbedge), John Burton, Pat Beasley, Jane McClain, Matthew McClain, Paul and Connie Kurtz (parents of Dan Kurtz), 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, Bob Franz, Jan and Bob Harman, Mel Hubbard, Shirley Turner, Darin Aldinger, Sandreae 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), Richard Wilson, Fritz Scarborough (brother of Camille O'Neill), Bert Bell, David Heery, Palmer Hood (brother of Ge-Juan Wilkes), Louis Burnsed (brother of Marilyn Hitt), Diane Coleman (friend of Carmine Cowart), 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, Kim Rahn, Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Ryan Davis, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Martha and Erv Sloan, Fenton McEvoy

At Home/Extended Care

Grace & Olin Bockes, Lee Butler, Edith Roszkowiak, Cecil Abarr, Ruth and Elton Stuenckel, Bella Grace Bartels, Harriet Bland, 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 Family of *Ellie Tardif*

The Family of *Eleanor Shurr*

The Family of *Joel Williams*
 father of Laurel McCorkle,
 grandfather of Feriby & Robbie

The Family of *Walt Carroll*
 husband of Jerolyn Carroll,
 father of Doug Carroll,
 grandfather of Mary Margaret & Virginia

The Family of *Helen Black*
 mother of Wayne Black,
 grandmother of Carey Schwartzburt,
 great-grandmother of Gavin, Fable, & Piper

**Wednesday Night Supper
03/2/22**

Menu: Lemon Chicken, Rice Pilaf,
Mixed Vegetables

***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, February 28. Call 912-232-0191 or email, daphne@wesleymonumental.org