



**Celebrating 154 Years 1868 - 2022**

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**WELCOME BACK ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

*"Even though you intended to do harm to me,  
God intended it for good." - Genesis 50:19*

Finally, after a two year halt for COVID-19, we return to the celebration of St. Patrick's Day. It is a day when I am always reminded of the experience of Joseph when sold into slavery by his brothers. As he looked back on his life, he realized that God was able to redeem the actions of his brothers by using it to put him in a place of influence that would in turn save his people. St. Patrick's story was much the same. Captured and sold into slavery in Ireland, he would later say that it was the years during his captivity that God used to convert him to Christianity and deepen his relationship to God. In fact, those years were so significant that after escaping, he would choose to return to the land of his captivity in order to share the gospel with the people of Ireland. After two years of COVID-19, I'm not sure we would want to see this as Joseph did. But, the question is worth asking, was God able to bring some good out of all this?

The question about the providence of God is always a tricky one. "Did God cause this?" or did "God use this?" can make all the difference in the world with how we view God. There are many things that happen to us in life that I do not believe are the will of God (like COVID-19). Some are the result of our choices, some the result of the choices of others, and some for which there is no explanation. I do know that the Bible shows us a God who is always working to redeem every circumstance for good. The old saying is hindsight is 20/20 and that is usually the way it works when it comes to what God is doing in a situation. One of the main goals of growth in the spiritual life is shorten the time between God being at work and my being aware of it, particularly in difficult circumstances. In the interim, the question becomes can I trust God when I can't see how He could possibly bring good from a bad situation? St. Patrick becomes for us an example of a man who was willing to embrace a time of difficulty and let God use it for good in his life. Have a happy St. Patrick's Day and be careful to not make any choices that God has to redeem for good!

**REMEMBER TO JOIN OUR YOUTH FOR THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST FROM 7:00-10:00 A.M. IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. THE COST IS \$5 FOR ADULTS AND \$3 FOR CHILDREN (CASH OR CHECKS ONLY) AND THE PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT YOUTH MINISTRY TRIPS AND MISSION PROJECTS.**

*Ben*

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022  
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.  
*Second Sunday in Lent*

**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 @wmmc316 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 wesleymc 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)

Lindy Mingledorff

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

The Acolytes

**Opening Voluntary** (8:45)

Scottish Air

arr. Joseph Martin

**Opening Voluntary** (11:00)

It Is Well With My Soul

Julia Grabowski, clarinet

**Introit** (11:00)

Just Like Me

Judy Bradley

Joyful Noise Choir

\* **Hymn No. 467**

Trust and Obey

TRUST AND OBEY

\* **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.

**Baptismal Covenant (11:00)**

Olivia Kathleen Wanager  
Owen Benjamin Wanager  
children of Ashley and Ben Wanager

*Congregational Response:*

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Olivia and Owen 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. 273**

AU CLAIRE DE LA LUNE

Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

**Offertory Prayer**

Nelle Bordeaux

**Offertory Voluntary (8:45)**

Daniel Moe

The Greatest of These is Love

Anne Hawks, soprano

**Offertory Anthem (11:00)**

My God Is a Rock

Parker/Shaw

Skip Watts, bass

**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. 67, 54, 118)

Luke 8:1-3, Mark 15:40-41, Acts 1:6-14

**Sermon** "Follow Me Part 2: Behind Every Great Man"

Ben Martin

\* **Hymn No. 479**

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

**Benediction**

Ben Martin

**Closing Response** (11:00) Praise Alec Rowley

To the Master of Music and loveliness:  
Praise, power, dominion forever.  
To the Lord of the Word of Creation  
be praise, power, dominion forever.

To the Maker of movement, colour, and light:  
Praise, power, dominion forever.  
To the Theme of all song, Inspiration of Love:  
To the Artist of Life, To the Greatest and Least:  
Praise, power, dominion forever.

**Closing Voluntary** Fugue No. 1 on B-A-C-H Robert Schumann

- \* *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 by Carmine Cowart in honor of her mother, Mrs. Linda Mitchell, who celebrated her 83rd birthday yesterday, March 12.

**Usher Roses**

The roses worn by the ushers today are given in loving memory of Bob Farrow by his children and grandchildren.

**New Study Topics**

- Wednesday Night Study

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. Meets at 6:00 p.m. in Oliver Hall, Room 207.

- Connect Sunday School Class - Starts Today!

Come join the Connect Sunday school class in a new study on the book of John starting today, Sunday, March 13. Meets 9:45 a.m. in Oliver Hall, Room 207 and via Zoom. All are welcome anytime. Questions? Email [jen\\_nifert@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:jen_nifert@wesleymonumental.org).

**Messenger Brigade**

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Wednesday, March 16 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall.

**Eli's Place & Church Office Closed**

Eli's Place will be closed this Thursday (3/17) and Friday (3/18). The Church Office will be closed Thursday (3/17) only.

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**Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service**

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks & Haley Herrington

**Greeter:** Lori Miller

**Ushers:** Jeff Miller, Phillip Carter

**Partners in Prayer:** Carmine Cowart

**11:00 Service**

**Acolytes:** Julia Grabowski, Michael Grabowski

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks & Haley Herrington

**Greeters:** Frank & Florence Anderson

**Offering Steward:** Jason Pedigo

**Ushers:** Jason Pedigo, Aaron Pederson, Bart Rhodes, Don Riddle,  
Jacob Sigmon, Travis Thomas, Vin Thomas, Matt West, Mark Wilcox

**Partners in Prayer:** Adam Kobek

### **Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist**

Join us Saturday, May 14 at 7:30 PM for Ralph Vaughan Williams' masterwork *Dona Nobis Pacem* (Grant Us Peace) featuring 42-piece orchestra, organ, and the Wesley choir.

Written in 1936 after World War I, it is a plea for peace from a world fearful of another war. Like Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, it begins in darkness and rises to light. During WWII, dozens of British ensembles performed the work to maintain morale and assure that God is triumphant over evil in the end.

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.com)
- Scanning the QR code
- From any choir member or the church office

### **Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members**

#### **Wesley Community Center Groceries for Needy Children & Seniors**

Most needed this week are pasta and canned vegetables.

#### **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](https://twitter.com/tbordeaux) or [prodigy.net](https://www.prodigy.net). Huge thanks to Savannah Shredding.

### **Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life**

#### **Merry Makers March Event**

Come join us for Merry Makers tomorrow, 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." Please let Jennifer know today if you plan to attend. 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](https://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.

### **Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry**

#### **Important dates for your calendar:**

Sunday, April 10 at 4:00	Easter Egg Hunt at Wesley Gardens
Wednesday, April 20	Easter Play
Monday-Friday, June 13 - 17	Vacation Bible School at Wesley Gardens
Monday-Friday, July 18 - 22	Summer Fun Daze at Wesley Gardens

**James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries**

Youth (Grades 6th-12th)

**Youth Group**

All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 this Thursday, March 17. We will be serving pancakes, bacon, and green grits on the morning of the parade from 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. (Cash or checks only.) Carry-out will be available.



**Lilies & Caladiums for Easter Sunday**

Lilies and Caladiums will be placed around the altar to the glory of God on Easter Sunday, April 17. You may order plants in memory or in honor of loved ones for \$15 per plant. Orders must be received in the church office by Sunday, April 2. Checks should be made payable to Wesley Monumental in the amount of \$15 per plant, marked "Altar Guild Lilies." Or visit [bit.ly/WMEasterLilies](http://bit.ly/WMEasterLilies) to pay online. Select "Give one time" and "Easter Lilies & Caladiums" as the fund. Once paid, email the order form to [daphne@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:daphne@wesleymonumental.org) or deliver to the church office by Sunday, April 2. Order forms may be found at all church entrances or on our website.

**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday Attendance: (03/6/22)	
8:45 AM Worship	119
11:00 AM Worship	327
Online Worship Views	117
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>563</b>
Nursery	14
Children's Worship	47
Sunday School	183

**Finances: (03/06/22)**

Total Budget for the Year.....	\$2,022,708.12
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date.....	\$506,873.66
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$392,173.47

**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](mailto:wesleymonumentalphotos@gmail.com). All photos are appreciated and do not need to be recent, "throwback" pictures encouraged!"

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church**

**March 13, 2022**

**Sermon Extended**

Monday	Luke 8:1-3	What do these women teach us about discipleship?
Tuesday	John 11:1-6, 17-27	What does this story tell us about Jesus and discipleship?
Wednesday	Matthew 15:21-28	What did this woman teach Jesus?
Thursday	Luke 24:1-12	Why are these women the first witness to the resurrection?
Friday	Acts 1:6-14	What does this episode tell us about the formation of the church?

**Sermon Notes**

**As a Praying Church...**

We ask You, Lord, to surround our city as we have many extra visitors coming our way for St. Patrick's Day. As individuals, let us be a light for you. Help us to be patient, hospitable, and faithful representations of You. Please allow the youth to enjoy and benefit from their time at the church and pancake breakfast fundraiser. We also ask for safety for all people including our police officers and other first responders.

**This Week at Wesley**

**Sunday, March 13**

- 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   Mission Comm. Mtg, OH 310
- 4:00 PM   Youth Choir, EB 4th Flr
- 5:00 PM   Youth Group, EB 4th Flr

**Monday, March 14**

- 9:00 AM   Eli's Place
- 11:00 AM   Merry Makers Event, OH Parlor
- 1:15 PM   Eli's Place Lunch & Learn, FH
- 6:00 PM   Trombone Choir

**Tuesday, March 15**

- 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

**Wednesday, March 16**

- 9:00 AM   Eli's Place
- 10:00 AM   Messenger Brigade
- 11:00 AM   Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310
- 7:00 PM   Youth Lock-In
- 7:15 PM   Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 4th Flr

**Thursday, March 17**

- St. Patrick's Day
- Eli's Place & Church Office Closed
- 7:00 AM   Youth Pancake Breakfast  
Fundraiser, FH

**Friday, March 18**

Eli's Place Closed

**Pastor on Call This Week**

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

**Wednesday Night Supper  
03/16/22**

No Wednesday Night Supper or Programs this Wednesday, March 16 due to St. Patrick's Day. Plan to join us next Wednesday, March 23.

**In Our Prayers....**

Harriett Gattis (mother of Clayton Gattis), Joey Jones, Roger LeMay, 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, Bob Franz, 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), 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 Bell Family on the death of  
*Rev. Dr. Grover Bell,*  
husband of Deanie Bell,  
father of Carol Melton,  
grandfather of Darcy Melton

The Brannen Family on the death of  
*Dot Green,*  
mother of Gail Brannen,  
grandmother of Brooke Powell,  
great-grandmother of Abbie Powell



This morning the Joyful Noise Choir sings:

**Just Like Me**

Written in 2017 by Judy Bradley for the children at  
Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church;  
Savannah, Georgia

When Jesus was a little Child  
was He just like me?  
Did He jump in puddles and go  
wading in the Sea?

Did He listen to a story  
on His mother's lap?  
And early in the afternoon,  
did Jesus take a nap?

Did He eat His vegetables and  
try to clean His plate?  
Did He pick up all His toys?  
And was He ever late?

I try to be like Jesus who was  
always kind and good!  
I try to think of others and  
do everything I should!

But, right now I am wondering  
and hoping even more...  
that Jesus was a lot like me,  
when He was only four.

We know very little about Jesus during His early childhood years. What was He like as a toddler, a 3-4 year old? Judy composed this song from the point of view of today's child whose innocence and inquisitiveness gives us all pause to ask the question: Was He "Just Like Me?"

Thank you to the parents of the children for encouraging their children to learn more about God through music.