



Celebrating 154 Years 1868 - 2022

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WHEN IT IS SPRING BEFORE EASTER

Tomorrow is the first official day of spring, but when you look around, you might say spring has already sprung. The azaleas have bloomed, the bulbs have sprouted, and the trees are green again. In the church season, it is a late Easter and we are only halfway through Lent. Lent is the season of repentance, of sin moving towards forgiveness, of darkness moving towards light, of Jesus moving towards the cross. This year the creation just couldn't wait, it was longing for new life, so spring (for all practical purposes) came early, it didn't wait on a calendar. And of course, there's always the global warming or global weirding explanation. Which reminds me, much like reading the Bible, I'm not reading it as a science book answering questions about how, when, and where, I'm reading it as a book of theology talking about who and why.

I've told you many times before I'm not a big fan of Lent, which is all the more reason I need it. It is a reminder that I can't just run ahead to Easter and skip all the darkness that came before it. I need to contemplate my sin and my mortality, and soon I'll need to contemplate the suffering and death of Jesus for my sin. We are impatient people and the cost of our impatience is the avoidance of wrestling with our own sin. The cost of our impatience is the possibility of spiritual depth. The cost of our impatience is giving God a chance to do something we can't. So spring has sprung and the calendar will catch up with it tomorrow. But it is still Lent. So let's not get in too big of a hurry. Easter will get here when it is time.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.
Third Sunday in Lent

Sinisa Ciric, violin Marsha Krantz, violin
Yvonne Johnson, viola Ray McClain, timpani
(11:00 Service)

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 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)

Anna Owens

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary (8:45) The Salley Gardens arr. Joseph Martin

Opening Voluntary (11:00) Amazing Grace arr. Hayes/Gaspard
Kara Mobley, pianist

Introit (11:00)

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?

Was it for crimes that I have done, He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

- Isaac Watts (1707)

* **Hymn No. 292** What Wondrous Love Is This WONDROUS LOVE

* **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 Ben Martin

*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. 285** To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord KINGSFOLD

Offertory Prayer James P. Owens

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) Celtic Celebration arr. Joseph Martin

Offertory Anthem (11:00) Johann Sebastian Bach
Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace)

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. 29-32) Matthew 26:1-25, 47-50, 27:1-10

Sermon "Follow Me Part 3: Judas - A Cautionary Tale" Ben Martin

* **Hymn No. 297** Beneath the Cross of Jesus ST. CHRISTOPHER

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) John Rutter

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

The Lord bless you and keep you:

The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you,
and give you peace. Amen.

Closing Voluntary Prelude in D Minor Felix Mendelssohn

* *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 memory of our friend and sister-in-Christ, Ellie Tardif from Suzanne and Jake Marbach.

Just Born

Congratulations to Nicole and Stephen Clarke on the birth of a daughter, Madison Sophia Clarke, on March 14, 2022. Granddaughter of Marsha and Charlie Clarke. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Madison.

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 3. Checks should be made payable to Wesley Monumental in the amount of \$15 per plant, marked "Altar Guild Lilies." Or visit 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 or deliver to the church office by Sunday, April 3. Order forms may be found at all church entrances or on our website.

Wesley Gardens Retreat

- ◆ **Study of Colossians** - Come join in the spiritual discipline of study as we engage our minds with God's Word. Bible scholar and ESV commentator Dr. Hafeman will lead us in a verse by verse study of Colossians, on Tuesday, March 22 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Main House. All are welcome!
- ◆ **Fourth Fridays** - On the fourth Friday of each month, all are invited to come to Wesley Gardens Retreat and enjoy quiet with the Lord. Guided prayers (and hot tea) are offered in the Chapel at 9:00 a.m., noon, and 4:00 p.m., and otherwise the day is between you and God. Since the Fourth Fridays began last summer, some come for an hour; some come for the whole day. It's not something you can get right, or wrong; it's an invitation. All are welcome, especially all we with baggage, and preferences toward productivity, and fears of being quiet. Next Friday, March 25 holds our next gathering of practicing solitude together. Questions? Please email Micah Sprünger, micah@wesleygardensretreat.com.

Easter Egg-stravaganza

Our annual Easter Festival and Egg Hunt is scheduled for Sunday, April 10 at 4:00 p.m. at the Wesley Gardens Retreat Center. There will be lots of eggs, treats, games, art activities, and more. Our youngest children will gather on the flagpole side of the main house and our elementary children will gather at the basketball court. It will be a fun afternoon for everyone. Plan to bring your Easter basket and bug spray. Watch for more details on Instagram @CMatWesleyUMC or on our website.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks & Haley Herrington

Greeter: Lori Miller

Ushers: Jeff Miller

Partners in Prayer: Britt Griffin

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Jordan Hess, Christopher Butler

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks & Haley Herrington

Greeters: Barbara & Johnny Phelps

Offering Steward: Chris Donegan

Ushers: Chris Donegan, Drew Wilkes, Glen Willard, Allen Williams, Brad Aiken, Jesse Bentley, Jon Boothe, Tom Bordeaux, Fred Bozeman

Partners in Prayer: Annelle McDuffee

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

*Please join us Sunday, March 27
at 11:00 worship
for music (including a brass sextet and timpani)
dedicated to the loving memory and in celebration of
the life of Dr. Leslie Wilkes
by his wife, Ge-Juan Wilkes, and family.*

Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace)

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 rice and dry beans.

New Member Course Starts Today, Sunday, March 20

10:00 a.m. in the church library (2nd floor of Oliver Hall directly north of sanctuary, enter from East Wayne Street).

April Family Mission Project to Celebrate the Life of Angela Sherrill

Friday, April 1, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Fresh Air Home on Tybee Island. Please sign up in advance, tbordeaux@prodigy.net. Please wear gardening gloves and bring a rake. All ages are welcome.

Urban Hope Supper Monday, April 11

Sign up to cook at home and serve 70 guests, 5:30 p.m.

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.

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 & Youth Choir

No Youth Group tonight however, Youth Choir will meet from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

Merry Makers Dutch Treat - Thursday, March 24, 11:00 a.m.

Come join us for lunch at Barnes for fun, food, and fellowship. Contact the church or Jennifer Thompson at jennifert@wesleymonumental.org by Wednesday, March 23 to let us know you are coming!

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.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (03/13/22)

8:45 AM Worship	51
11:00 AM Worship	241
Online Worship Views	125
Total Worship	417
Nursery	12
Children's Worship	46
Sunday School	29

Finances: (03/13/22)

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,022,708.12
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$536,505.06
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$420,640.56

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

March 20, 2022

Sermon Extended

Monday	John 6:66-71	Why do you think Jesus chose Judas?
Tuesday	John 12:1-8	What do we learn about Judas' vulnerability here? And ours?
Wednesday	John 13:21-30	Did the devil make Judas do it or did Judas' choice open the door for the devil?
Thursday	Matthew 26:47-50	What is the symbolism of betraying Jesus with a kiss?
Friday	Matthew 27:3-5	Was Judas forgiven? Why or why not?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We ask you, Lord, to be with the people of Ukraine. Protect and provide for them. Comfort them as they lose loved ones, homes, and community. Please intervene in the violence and bring peace.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, March 20

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

Monday, March 21

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

Tuesday, March 22

- 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 Board of Trustees Mtg, OH 310
- 6:00 PM Pacesetters, FH

Wednesday, March 23

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 10:30 AM Jane Shirah Circle, Hm of Nancy Barnwell
- 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 Adult Study, Led by Ben Martin, FH
- 6:00 PM Adult Study, Led by Jennifer Thompson, OH 207
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, March 24

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 6:00 PM Children's Ministry Mtg, FH

Friday, March 25

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place

OH = Oliver Hall	EB = Education Building
SNC = Sanctuary	FH = Fellowship Hall
WG = Wesley Gardens Retreat	

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin 912-547-1835

**Wednesday Night Supper:
3/23/22**

Menu: Apricot Chicken,
Rice, and Broccoli Casserole

***If you plan to eat dinner (and you are not on the permanent reservation list), please email daphne@wesleymonumental.org by 5:00 p.m. tomorrow, Monday, March 21.

In Our Prayers....

Jimmy Stephens (brother of Kathi Hodges), Camille Herring (sister of Wade Herring), 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 Sloan, Fenton McEvoy

At Home/Extended Care

Grace & Olin Bockes, Lee Butler, Edith Roszkowiak, Cecil Abarr, Ruth and Elton Stuenkel, Bella Grace Bartels, Harriet Bland, Virginia Davis, Roz Evans, Ann Lott, 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 Merritt Family on the death of
Elizabeth Brownlee,
mother of Mandy,
grandmother of Jackson & Riley

The Bell Family on the death of
Rev. Dr. Grover Bell,
husband of Deanie Bell,
father of Carol Melton,
grandfather of Darcy Melton