



Celebrating 154 Years 1868 - 2022

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CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

As the Apostle Paul wrote long ago, *"If Christ is not risen, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those who have hoped in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died."* (1 Corinthians 15:17-20)

Welcome to Wesley Monumental on the Holiest day of the year. We are so glad you are in worship with us this morning after two years of a pandemic limiting our Easter worship. Today hope compels us to be here. This is what our faith is based upon: that Christ is risen and we are delivered; that Christ is risen and we are not alone; that Christ is risen and we have hope in the darkest of days; that Christ is risen from the grave and through Him, we will rise too. This is the ground of our hope and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

It is our prayer that today you experience the presence of the risen Christ through worship. Through soaring music and sacred Scripture, through joyous children and aging saints, through an ancient creed and newly blooming lilies, may the risen Christ speak to our minds, encourage our hearts, inspire our bodies, and bring peace to our souls.

Hear these inspiring words from one of our hymns of the day, *"Easter People Raise Your Voices"*:

*Easter people raise your voices, sound of heaven in earth should ring
Christ has brought us heaven's choicings; heavenly music let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people let us sing.*

*Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.*

*Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.*

HAPPY EASTER! CHRIST IS RISEN.
THE TOMB IS EMPTY, BUT OUR HEARTS ARE FULL.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.
Easter Sunday

Andrea Albritton, trumpet	Mark Spradley, trombone
Mat Graham, trumpet	Joel Hayes, tuba
Darrell Goforth, French horn	Ray McClain, timpani

Prelude

Easter Fanfare	Hildebrand
I Know That My Redeemer Liveth (Anne Hawks, soprano)	Handel
Crown Him with Many Crowns	Elvey/Larson

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.*

Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Cole Valdez

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary

Solemn Processional

Richard Strauss

Introit

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives (Easter Fanfare)

Mark Shepperd

Hallelujah! Jesus lives!

He is now the Living One; from the gloomy halls of death

Christ, the conqueror has gone, bright forerunner to the skies

of His people, yet to rise.

Hallelujah! Angels, sing!

Join with us in hymns of praise. Let your chorus swell the strain

which our feebler voices raise; Glory to our God above

and on earth His peace and love!

* **Call to Worship**

Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

Glory and honor, dominion and power, be to God for ever and ever.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

* **Hymn No. 302**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today
Stanzas 1-4

EASTER HYMN

* **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.

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 on the second floor.

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. 304** Easter People, Raise Your Voices REGENT SQUARE

Offertory Prayer Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Anthem A Song to the Lamb Gerre Hancock

Splendor and honor and kingly power
 are Yours by right, O Lord our God,
 for You created ev'rything that is
 and by Your will they were created, and have their being.

And Yours by right. O Lamb that was slain,
 for with Your Blood you have redeem'd for God,
 from ev'ry fam'ly, language, people and nation,
 A kingdom of priests to serve our God.

And so, to Him who sits upon the throne,
 and to Christ the Lamb, be worship and praise,
 dominion and splendor, forever, and forevermore.
 Alleluia!

- Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13

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.

To tithe, text wesleymumc to 77977 or place your offering in the offering plate.

Online giving is also available on our website.

- * **Doxology No. 94** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise God, all creatures here below:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
 Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- * **Scripture** (Pew Bible, pgs. 114-115) John 20:1-18

Sermon "Putting Jesus Away" Ben Martin

- * **Hymn No. 303** The Day of Resurrection LANCASHIRE

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Response Hallelujah Chorus G. F. Handel

Closing Voluntary

Charles-Marie Widor

Toccatina (from Symphony No. 5)

- * *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 lilies and caladiums around the altar today are given to the glory of God and in memory and honor of loved ones. Please see the insert in your Order of Worship for a complete listing.

The flowers in the Narthex today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Hughes Farrow by Camille O'Neill.

Messenger Brigade

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, April 21 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 310. Extra hands are always needed to fold, seal and label the monthly newsletters (over 650 copies!) in preparation for mailing. Interested in helping? Email jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.

Cookie Call for Massie School May Day - We Need Cookies!

Each year Wesley Monumental provides cookies for the students who participate in the Massie School May Day festivities. This year's May Day will take place Wednesday, May 4, and we need approximately 100 dozen cookies. As of Sunday, April 17, we still need 65 dozen. If you would like to provide cookies, please complete the sign up slip located at the bottom of the insert. The slip will have details on the type of cookies needed, how to package, and when to deliver to the church. Questions? Please contact Lee Green.

2022 National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Thursday in May. This day observance, designated by the United States Congress, asks people "to turn to God in prayer and meditation." This year's National Day of Prayer will be held Thursday, May 5, and Wesley Monumental will offer two ways to participate: (1) The sanctuary will be open from 7:30 a.m. to Noon, so members and visitors can stop by and pray. (2) A suggested prayer schedule for Wesley Monumental groups (i.e. Administrative Board, UMW Circles, Sunday School Classes, etc.) will be available in the May Monumental Messenger and in our Wesley Weekly email blasts. (i.e. Administrative Board Members will pray from 9:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., and you can pray from anywhere!)

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington

Greeters: Lynne & Fred Bozeman, Linda Butler, Lori Miller

Offering Steward: Jeff Miller

Ushers: Jeff Miller, David Butler, Ken Griner, Jimmy Hill, Henry Whitfield, Jerry Benson, Todd Livingood

Partners in Prayer: Britt Griffin

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Andrew Wilkes, Peter Thompson

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington

Greeters: Lynne & Fred Bozeman, Debra Ellis, Kim & Mehmet Ergul, Linda Sapp

Offering Steward: Chris Donegan

Ushers: Chris Donegan, Dan Hoey, Bill Hunter, Ryan Kelly, Bobby Lee, Bates Lovett, Bobo Mullens, Bill Mattocks

Partners in Prayer: Mickey Rountree

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

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.eventbrite.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

Groceries most needed this week are hot fudge sundaes. Just kidding - checking to see if you read this far! Most needed are rice and dry beans.

Construction Ministry Needs Helpers

To build on Cumming Street for Family Promise homeless families. Please sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Young Mothers' Bible Study

Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., Oliver Hall, Room 310. All are welcome. Sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net

Shred Your Stress

If only it were that easy! Bring documents to shred on Earth Day, this Friday, 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

Thank You!

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt last Sunday. Over 150 children and their families enjoyed being together. Watch for pictures in the Wesley Weekly and in the Monumental Messenger.

Children's Easter Program

Mark your calendar and invite your family and friends to our children's Easter program this Wednesday, April 20 at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The program is being presented during the season of Easter and it will be a joyful celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, our Savior.

Important dates for your calendar:

Wednesday, April 20	Easter Play
Sunday, May 8	Infant Recognition Sunday
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

Graduate Recognition Sunday

Graduate Recognition Sunday will be held May 15, and if anyone knows of a member (or member's child) that is graduating from high school or college, please email james@wesleymonumental.org.

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

Merry Makers in May

If you have a talent you would like to share at the May 9 Merry Makers Luncheon, please contact Jennifer Brookins, jennifer@wesleymonumental.org or 912-232-0191.

Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Retreat

Fourth Fridays

On the fourth Friday of each month, all are invited to come to Wesley Gardens Retreat (278 Shipyard Road, Savannah) 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. Friday, April 22nd holds our next gathering of practicing solitude together. Questions? Please email Micah Sprünger, micah@wesleygardensretreat.com. To learn more about Wesley Gardens Retreat, visit our website, wesleygardensretreat.com.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (04/10/22)

8:45 AM Worship	106
11:00 AM Worship	491
Online Worship Views	122
Total Worship	719
Nursery	26
Children's Worship	72
Sunday School	56

Finances: (04/10/22)

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,022,708.12
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$657,418.15
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$609,899.38

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

April 17, 2022

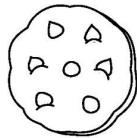
Sermon Extended

Monday	Genesis 1:1-5, John 1:1-5, John 20:1	What do the first two passages tell us about John 20:1?
Tuesday	John 20:1-10	How did the expectations of Mary and the disciples affect their experience of the empty tomb?
Wednesday	John 20:11-15	Why is it so important to Mary to retrieve Jesus' body? What do burial places mean to us?
Thursday	John 20:15-16, John 10:1-5	What is the significance of Mary not recognizing Jesus until he speaks?
Friday	John 20:17	Why did Jesus say "don't hold on to me"? What does the resurrection mean to us?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We rejoice in You, our risen Lord! Thank you for all that You have done to make Yourself known to us. We love You, Lord. Help us to renew our faith and look to You, and You only, for new life.



Cookie Call

Yes! I am willing to help with Massie May Day.

I will bake _____ dozen and deliver them to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 1.

_____ I can help serve cookies and lemonade on **WEDNESDAY**, May 4 from 10-12.

Name: _____ Ph: _____

Email: _____

- Cookies must be sugar cookies (NO Peanut Butter, Nuts, Almond Extract or decorations of any kind).
- Place cookies in snack-sized zip-lock bags, two cookies per bag.

Tear off, and place this form in the offering plate or return to the Church Office.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, April 17

Easter Sunday

- 6:45 AM Sunrise Service, WG
- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC

Monday, April 18

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 2:00 PM Courtney Gaines Circle, OH Parlor
- 5:00 PM Children's Easter Program Rehearsal, SNC
- 6:00 PM Trombone Choir

Tuesday, April 19

- 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
- 2:00 PM Care & Share, FH
- 6:00 PM Pacesetters, FH

Wednesday, April 20

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 10:30 AM Jane Shirah Circle Mtg
- 11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310
- 4:45 PM Call to Prayer, OH Parlor
- 5:30 PM Dinner, FH
- 6:15 PM Easter Program, SNC
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, April 21

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

Friday, April 22

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:00 AM 4th Friday at WG
- 3:00 PM Shred Your Stress, Wayne St.

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

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin912-547-1835

**Wednesday Night Supper
4/20/22**

Menu: Chicken Parmesan, Pasta, Veggies

***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, April 18.

In Sympathy...

The Family of *Waldo Bradley*,
husband of Jenny Lynn Bradley,
father of Malinda Bergen,
brother of Dan Bradley

In Our Prayers....

Dewayne Barfield (brother of Shirley Turner), Jason Black (son of Marilyn and Wayne Black), Michael Sailors, Jimmy Stephens (brother of Kathi Hodges), Camille Herring (sister of Wade Herring), Harriett Gattis (mother of Clayton Gattis), 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/Statedside

Doug Snelling, Derek Mills, Jason Childers, Daniel Ealy, Clint Guild, Yates Holleman, Joshua Laws, Austin New, Jerred Pyles, Chris Watson

The Family of
Wesley S. D. Witbeck II,
grandson of Judy and Gary Witbeck