



***Celebrating 154 Years 1868 - 2021***

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**GRADUATE RECOGNITION**

Over these last few weeks in the life of our church, we have celebrated several of life's milestones or rites of passage. We recognized all the infants born in our church, we had a service of confirmation for some of our youth, we welcomed new families into our church, and finally today, we recognize our graduates who are taking one of the biggest steps in life. We mark these steps of life's journey with times of worship as a constant reminder that God is with us all along our journey. The incarnation reminds us that God is with us and the resurrection tells us that God goes ahead of us and will meet us when we get to where we are going. As we journey through life, we walk in faith and not always by sight. It is so often the case that God doesn't show us the outcome, He simply shows us the way and says follow me.

Today, we give thanks for the families, teachers, friends, and church that have been God's instruments of grace in the lives of these graduates, and we commit ourselves to hold them in our prayers as they follow where God leads next.

**High School Graduates**

Annabelle Grace Culler, Savannah Arts Academy  
Harry Douglas DeWalt, Jr., Savannah Country Day School  
Ori Remus Hayes, Savannah Arts Academy  
Kinnett McKenzie Howard, Saint Andrew's School  
Caroline Rebecca Kraeuter, Savannah Country Day School  
Isabelle Claire Leaf, Savannah Arts Academy  
Sarah Elizabeth Livingood, The Habersham School  
Jessica Neil Rushing, Jenkins High School  
Sarah Jean Yost, Savannah Arts Academy

**College and Graduate/Professional School Graduates**

Jennifer Thomasson Baker, Savannah Technical College  
Annie Lillian Bordeaux, Davidson College  
Caroline Moore DeWalt, University of Georgia  
Catherine Frances Faulk, University of Georgia (Master's in Education)  
Alex Nicole Mason, Ohio Wesleyan University  
Caroline Elizabeth Odom, University of Georgia  
Deanna Caitlin Sorrells, Georgia College and State University  
Caleb James Ernst Stack, Georgia State University, College of Law (J.D.)  
John Charles Watts, III, Georgia Southern University  
Walker Smith Webster, Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)  
Patrick Louis West, Georgia Southern University  
Joy Olivia Yostly, Georgia Southern University  
Juan Alberto Yostly, Georgia Southern University

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022  
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

**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)**

Hannah Conger

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

The Acolytes

**Opening Voluntary (8:45)**

Ode to Joy

Rolin R. Mains

**Opening Voluntary (11:00)**

Like a River, Glorious

Julia Grabowski, clarinet

**Introit (11:00)**

Doxology for a New Day

arr. Mark Miller

\* **Hymn No. 92**

For the Beauty of the Earth

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\* **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 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.*

**Graduate Recognition** (11:00) James P. Owens

**Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer** Ben Martin

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. 451 Be Thou My Vision SLANE

**Offertory Prayer** James P. Owens

**Offertory Voluntary** (8:45) arr. Victor Labenske  
'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

**Anthem** (11:00) The King of Love My Shepherd Is arr. Mack Wilberg

**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, pg. 10) Genesis 12:1-9

**Sermon** "Living the Dream" Ben Martin

\* **Hymn** No. 593 Here I Am, Lord Dan Schutte

**Benediction** Ben Martin

**Closing Response** (11:00) Lee Turner  
May the Road Rise to Meet You

**Closing Voluntary** Final from Symphony No. 1 Louis Vierne

\* *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 Merrill Jenkins, who like the Almighty, loved in abundance. Given on this second anniversary of his passing by his wife and daughters.

### **Just Born**

Congratulations to Callie and Hunter Hayes on the birth of a son, David Caldow Hayes, on May 5, 2022. Grandson of Susan and Ben Martin. A rose is by the altar today in honor of David.

Congratulations to Erica and Jackson Timmons on the birth of a son, Winfield Joseph Timmons, on May 10, 2022. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Winfield.

### **Thank You Note from Massie Heritage Center**

"Dear Staff, Volunteers, and Congregation of Wesley Monumental UMC. Thank you all for making May Day 22 a massive success! You coordinated baking cookies and providing lemonade for over 700 students - everyone enjoyed this snack! Without your help and support for Massie Heritage Center, our annual May Day celebration would not have been such a success. Sincerely, Ayela Khuhro, Heritage Specialist, Massie"

### **Messenger Brigade**

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, May 19 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205.

### **Retirement Reception for Daphne Burrows**

For the last ten years, if you walked in our office door or called our phone you were met with a gracious welcome by Daphne Burrows. Daphne has been a vital and precious part of our church staff and ministry. She bore witness to the love of Christ to our church family, our staff, or the stranger in need who knocked on our door. We could not have had a better representative for who we want to be as a church. Sadly for us, the right time has come for her to retire and give more time to her family. We will celebrate her ministry among us and give thanks for her service at a reception next Sunday, May 22 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will also recognize her in the 11:00 service. We hope you will take time to come by and say thank you to Daphne for her faithful service to Christ and Wesley.

### **Save the Date!**

Summer Sunday Evenings at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center will begin Sunday, June 19! Details will be available in the June Messenger and upcoming bulletins.

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

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

**Greeters:** TBD

**Offering Steward:** TBD

**Ushers:** TBD

**Partners in Prayer:** Britt Griffin

### **11:00 Service**

**Acolytes:** Couper Howard, Andrew Wilkes

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

**Greeters:** TBD

**Offering Steward:** Jason Pedigo

**Ushers:** Jason Pedigo, Mark Wilcox, Drew Wilkes, Glen Willard,

Allen Williams, Brad Aiken, Jesse Bentley, Jon Boothe

**Partners in Prayer:** Annelle McDuffee

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

#### **Sara Elizabeth Livingood**

This morning we rejoice with Sara Livingood upon her graduation from high school. Sara has joyfully given her talent to the Lord in choir at Wesley Monumental since she was in Kindergarten. In 13 years, she's rarely missed a rehearsal. We are singing two of her favorite hymns this morning. Sara, thank you for your impressive example of faithfulness to our Lord.

#### **John Charles Watts, III**

Skip Watts has been Wesley Monumental's faithful Music Ministry Assistant for over five years, serving children from ages three years old through older adults. Skip has always worked enthusiastically and energetically, and we have been fortunate to have his dynamic voice helping lead us in worship every Sunday and on many special occasions. "Mr. Skip's" style of singing Father Abraham for the children at Vacation Bible School every year is particularly legendary. Today we celebrate Skip's college graduation, and we also celebrate his marriage this weekend to Sheila Boone. This morning, we are singing one of Skip's favorite hymns. Please thank Skip for his service to our church, and we wish him well on his pursuit of a career with the state department abroad.

#### **Youth Choir: Thank You**

Thank you to the Youth Choir for leading 11:00 worship. Thank you to Sheila Boone and Skip Watts for joining the youth choir this morning and for helping them throughout the year.

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

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

Groceries most needed this week are canned vegetables.

#### **A Nautical Mission Opportunity - May 21 - Helping House of Hope**

The students from House Of Hope, one of the mission agencies supported by Wesley, will be returning to Wesley Gardens for a retreat weekend May 20-22, 2022. On Saturday afternoon (May 21), we are looking for boat owners willing to participate in a flotilla taking the girls out on the river for a boat tour. The boat trip is scheduled after lunch. All are covered by the liability insurance of House Of Hope. Due to staff student ratio, we would need 3-4 boats. Tides are also good, with river high tide at 2:00 p.m. that Saturday. If you are an interested captain call/text Scott Cleaveland at 912-598-8278. (Please note, the date has changed from May 7 to May 21.)

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

#### **VBS 2022 Enrollment**

Join us for MONUMENTAL, Celebrating God's Greatness at the Wesley Gardens Retreat Center, June 13-17 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Registration is now open for all Wesley Monumental families. (At this time, registration is only open to children and extended family of Wesley members.) All participants (3 years-5th grade) and volunteers need to register. If you have any questions at all, please email Charli Weeks, charli@wesleymonumental.org. We are super excited to see everyone at Wesley Gardens this summer!

Register at: [www.myvbs.org/wesleymonumental](http://www.myvbs.org/wesleymonumental)



It takes many, many volunteers for VBS to be a success; and, we need you! If you would like to help, please email charli@wesleymonumental.org.

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

**High School Mission Trip**

On June 26-July 1, we will travel to the Eastern Shore region of Virginia and serve with Youthworks. All students who will have completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade by the time of the trip are eligible. Email james@wesleymonumental.org to sign up.

**Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager**

**Fourth Fridays at Wesley Gardens Retreat**

The next Fourth Friday at Wesley Gardens Retreat (278 Shipyard Road, Savannah) will take place on Friday, May 27. On the fourth Friday of each month, all are invited to come and enjoy quiet time 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 have come for an hour; some for the whole day. It's not something you can get right, or wrong; it's an invitation. All are welcome. Questions? Please email Micah Sprünger, micah@wesleygardensretreat.com. To learn more about Wesley Gardens Retreat, visit, wesleygardensretreat.com.



**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday Attendance: (05/08/22)	
8:45 AM Worship	133
11:00 AM Worship	394
Online Worship Views	115
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>642</b>
Nursery	16
Children's Worship	56
Sunday School	133

**Finances: (05/08/22)**

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$2,022,708.12
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$794,203.74
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date .....	\$791,337.49

**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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**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church**

**May 15, 2022**

**Sermon Extended**

Monday	Genesis 11:31-32, Deuteronomy 6:4-9	How did the life choice and/or faith journey of my family effect my future?
Tuesday	Genesis 12:1-3, I Corinthians 1:1-3	Do I have a sense of God's call upon my life? To what, where, or who?
Wednesday	Genesis 12:1-3, Joshua 21:45	What promises of God do I count on in life?
Thursday	Genesis 12:4-6, 2 Timothy 3:14-17	What have I brought with me on my journey? Is there anything I need to leave behind?
Friday	Genesis 12:7-9, Deuteronomy 8:11-20	What are the ways I keep God before me and bear a witness to others on my life's journey?

**Sermon Notes**

**As a Praying Church...**

We ask You, Lord, to bless the senior adults in our church. We thank you for their wisdom and the heritage of faith that they offer us. Go with those who will attend the Older Adults Retreat at Epworth. Bless them and refresh them.

**This Week at Wesley**

**Sunday, May 15**

**Graduate Recognition**

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 5:00 PM Youth Group, EB 4th Flr

**Monday, May 16**

**Living Life to the Fullest, An Older Adult Retreat, Epworth By the Sea, Thru 5/19**

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

**Tuesday, May 17**

- 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
- 10:15 AM Staff Mtg, OH 310
- 5:30 PM Finance Comm. Mtg
- 6:00 PM Pacesetters Mtg, FH

**Wednesday, May 18**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310
- 6:00 PM Susanna Wesley Circle Mtg.

**Thursday, May 19**

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

**Friday, May 20**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place, Last Day
- 3:30 PM Family Mission Project
- 5:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal, SNC

**Saturday, May 21**

- 11:30 AM Wedding, SNC

**Pastor on Call This Week**

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

**Sunday Night Supper & Worship at Wesley Gardens Retreat**

Begins Sunday, June 19.

Details will be available in the June Messenger and upcoming bulletins.

*In Sympathy....*

The Gallegos Family  
on the death of Jason's mother,  
*Kathleene Elizabeth Gallegos*

**In Our Prayers....**

Sheila Kraeuter (mother of Scot Kraeuter), Robert Reece (friend of Philip Green), Woody Brown, Shari and Mel Hubbard, Leon Terrell Coppage (father of Amy Carter), 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), Rebecca Lewis, Marilyn Holleman, 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, Jan and Bob Harman, Shirley Turner, Darin Aldinger, Sandrae McCorkle, Raine Rude, Grant Kassinger (nephew of Peggy Jolley), Sally Polk (sister of Peggy Jolley), Anita Pringle, Danielle Robertson (grand-daughter of Ceil Waters), Richard Wilson, Fritz Scarborough (brother of Camille O'Neill), 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, on), 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, 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