



## **Celebrating 154 Years 1868 - 2022**

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May 22, 2022

### **Aldersgate Day**

*"In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."* - John Wesley

On May 24, 1738, John Wesley experienced a work of God in his heart that came to be known as his "heartwarming experience." It was a life changing moment for Wesley who was struggling with his sense of calling and worth to God. Most historians see it as the motivating moment that would launch the Methodist movement. What Wesley experienced has often been described as one of assurance, but in essence what Wesley experienced was grace. Grace is the unconditional love of God in Christ. We are loved not because of what we do or don't do, but because of who we are as children of God and who God is as a loving, graceful Father. Grace became the hallmark of the Methodist movement and the foundation for Methodist theology. Wesley began to teach salvation as a process of growing in grace. It begins with what he called "prevenient grace." It meant God loves us before we ever know it. It is at the heart of why we baptize infants and practice an open table at communion. Prevenient grace opened the door for the experience of "justifying grace." It is the moment when the unconditional love of God for us brings us to repentance and a commitment to a relationship with God through Christ. We are then moving into the experience of "sanctifying grace" where the unconditional love of God begins to shape our hearts like His and we grow more and more like Jesus as grace-filled people. The end of sanctifying grace is what Wesley called "perfecting grace." It is the potential to have our hearts so filled with the love of Christ that everything we do is motivated by love. Finally, Wesley said in death we would experience "glorifying grace" through which we are fully restored in the image of God in which we were made.

On this "Methodist Heritage Day" (the Sunday closest to May 24), we celebrate grace as the hallmark of the Methodist movement. Grace is still what we hope will characterize our church. A place where people can experience the love of God through Christ embodied in the grace of his people. We open our door, hearts, and minds to welcome all who are seeking to know and love God and neighbor. We embody grace and grace transforms lives.

And speaking of grace, this morning we recognize Daphne Burrows, our front desk Administrative Assistant who is retiring. For over ten years she has embodied grace at Wesley. She treated every person who walked through our doors with love and kindness and gave of herself tirelessly to serve our church. We are thankful God brought her to us and now we send her with our blessings into a new season of her life. Please take time to thank her for her witness and service.

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022  
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.  
*Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
*Heritage 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.*

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

The Acolytes

**Opening Voluntary**

Johann Sebastian Bach

Prelude in C Major, BWV 531

\* **Hymn No. 384** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling BEECHER

\* **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed Jennifer Thompson

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)**

Everett Wilder Guild  
son of Rachel and Clint Guild

*Congregational Response:*

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Everett as a member of God's family and Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church. By God's grace we will do all in our power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love that he may grow into a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ who walks in the way that leads to life.

**Children's Sermon**

Haley Herrington

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**

Jennifer Thompson

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. 410** I Want a Principle Within GERALD

**Retirement Recognition for Daphne Burrows (11:00)****Offertory Prayer**

Jennifer Thompson

**Offertory Voluntary (8:45)**

arr. Marilyn Ham

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

**Offertory Solo (11:00)**

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Malotte

Kyle Siddons, baritone

**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. 116) John 21:15-23

**Sermon**

"Mind Your Own Business"

Ben Martin

\* **Hymn No. 365** Grace Greater than Our Sin Moody

**Reception into Church Membership (11:00)**

Mark Lindsay

**Benediction**

Ben Martin

**Closing Voluntary**

Charles-Marie Widor

Finale from Symphony No. 6

\* *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 celebration of the marriage of Sheila Boone and Skip Watts which took place in the Sanctuary on May 21, 2022.

### **Administrative Board Meeting**

The next Administrative Board Meeting will take place tomorrow, Monday, May 23 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. The agenda items and Zoom link were emailed to the Board Members last Friday. If you are on the Board and did not receive this email, please notify Jennifer Brookins, jennifer@wesleymonumental.org. (Please note, the Board Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend.) Remaining meetings for 2022: August 29, October 24, and December 12.

### **Fourth Fridays at Wesley Gardens Retreat**

The next Fourth Friday at Wesley Gardens Retreat (278 Shipyard Road, Savannah) will take place this Friday, May 27. On the fourth Friday of each month, all are invited to come and enjoy quiet time with the Lord. Guided prayers 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.

### **New Wesley Monumental Bible Study in Pooler**

Join us for a new Bible Study in Pooler! This study will be lead by Wesley members, David Pearre and Will Weeks, and focus on the book *Romans* by John MacArthur. Starting June 2nd, the group will meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David Pearre (232 Opus Court, Pooler). For more information and to sign up, contact David (mdhdhunter32@gmail.com/202-672-4914) or Will (wweeks50@comcast.net / 912-547-3416).

### **Tapachula, Mexico Virtual Mission Trip**

On Thursday, June 2, at 6:00 p.m., we will join Isle of Hope and Islands UMC to celebrate and learn about the work of Mission on the Move in Mexico! This Virtual Mission Trip will take us to Tapachula, Mexico, where we support a children's home for orphans and those whose parents are in the local prison. This event is being held at Isle of Hope UMC, 412 Parkersburg Road. A meal typical of Chiapas will be served! Together we will learn what Mission on the Move is doing to change the lives of the children and their community! Financial donations can be made at the event. To register, contact Scott Cleaveland at 912-598-8278 or visit <https://bit.ly/3sSBj3p>.

### **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:** Henry Whitfield

### **11:00 Service**

**Acolytes:** Avery West, Sarah Cate Green

**Children's Worship:** Laura Blake

**Greeters:** TBD

**Offering Steward:** Jim Willis

**Ushers:** Jim Willis, Fred Bozeman, Chandler Brannen, Doug Carroll, Jake Coakley, Jerry Cohn, Bob Cole, Sam Daniel, Peter Delves

**Partners in Prayer:** Gail Brannen

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

**Guest Soloist**

Please welcome Dr. Kyle Siddons to 11:00 worship today. Dr. Siddons, baritone, is a musician and educator in the Savannah area. He is currently the choir director at Rice Creek School, where he directs four choirs and teaches general music. As a singer, Kyle has performed with professional ensembles in Boston, Dallas, Raleigh, Durham, and the Low Country. This summer, he will launch the Sacred Songs in Sacred Spaces project. This series of video recordings will highlight art songs with religious texts performed in important and/or historical churches in the Low Country.

**Atlanta Boy Choir and Brass Octet on Sunday, May 29**

The Atlanta Boy Choir will be leading worship alongside our choir and brass octet and pipe organ on Sunday, May 29 at the 11:00 Service. The Atlanta Boy choir consists of boys ages 5-13, and several of their alumni men will also be singing with us that day. The music will center around thanksgiving to God for our country.

**Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members**

**Y'All Haul on Memorial Day**

Want to move a table from Randal Robinson's southside home? Truck and lifters needed. Please sign up, Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

**Wesley Community Center Groceries for Children and Seniors**

Most needed this week is canned fruit and rice.

**Construction Ministry**

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

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

**Family Fundays at Wesley Gardens**

Mark your calendars and plan to join us on Sunday afternoon, June 26 and July 24 for lots of water fun for children and their parents at the Wesley Gardens Retreat Center. The water inflatables will be set up at 3:30 p.m., Ms. Charli will be telling the Bible story in the chapel at 5:30 p.m., and we'll have dinner available in the main house at 6:15 p.m. The nursery will be open from 3:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

**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](mailto:charli@wesleymonumental.org).

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

**Local Mission Week, July 25-29**

All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us for a week of service from July 25 -29. We will be engaged in meaningful service projects in the community each day, involving light construction and repair, sorting/processing donations, and other projects to benefit our city. Please see James P. Owens for more details.

**Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life**

**Merry Makers**

Let's go to the movies! Join me at the Pooler Stadium Cinemas on Tuesday, May 31 to see *Downton Abbey: A New Era*. We will each have our own recliner and can sit back and watch the queen of England come for a visit to the Abbey! (I will not know the exact time of the movie until the theater publishes the schedule on May 24, but we will plan for lunch and a matinee.) If you would like to go, please drop \$6 by the church office for the cost of the ticket, and I will go to Pooler on the 24th to purchase them. I will let everyone who signed up know the exact movie time then.

**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

Thanks to all of you who helped to make Massie May Day a success! Wesley folks supplied almost 2000 cookies! Wow! A special thanks goes to Lee Green who pulled all of the pieces together, to Jimmy Flowers who handled the set-up, and to all of you who volunteered to hand out cookies and lemonade. It was a great time had by all!



**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday Attendance: (05/15/22)	
8:45 AM Worship	104
11:00 AM Worship	292
Online Worship Views	124
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>520</b>
Nursery	12
Children's Worship	32
Sunday School	11

**Finances: (05/15/22)**

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$2,022,708.12
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$823,384.84
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$805,178.79

**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
Julia Flowers.....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 22, 2022**

**Sermon Extended**

Monday	John 21:15-17	What should be our focus in the church?
Tuesday	Mark 14:29-31, John 21:15-17	Why would Peter think he was more faithful than the others? Why might we think we are?
Wednesday	Luke 22:33, John 21:19-19	Have I ever overestimated my commitment to Christ?
Thursday	John 21:20-22	What would Peter be so concerned about Jesus and his relationship to John?
Friday	Matthew 22:34-40	Is love for God and neighbor enough? Why or why not?

**Sermon Notes**

**As a Praying Church...**

We ask You, Lord, to bless those students who are graduating this spring. Move in their hearts as they consider their next steps. Guide them. Give them wisdom. Help them to cling to You and not abandon their faith as they work toward further education or go out into the world.

**This Week at Wesley**

**Sunday, May 22**

- 8:45 AM     Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM     Coffee, FH
- 9:45 AM     Sunday School
- 10:00 AM    Retirement Reception for  
Daphne Burrows, FH
- 10:00 AM    New Member Class
- 11:00 AM    Worship Service, SNC
- 12:00 PM    Alpha Class Lunch, FH

**Monday, May 23**

- 2:00 PM     Joy Circle, FH
- 5:30 PM     Administrative Board, FH

**Tuesday, May 24**

- 7:00 AM     Men's Bible Study, Holland Hse
- 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

**Wednesday, May 25**

- 10:30 AM    Jane Shirah Circle Mtg,  
Home of Linda Tedder
- 11:00 AM    Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310
- 6:00 PM     Susanna Wesley Circle Mtg.

**Thursday, May 26**

- 12:00 PM    Downtown Bible Study, Zoom

**Friday, May 27**

- 4th Friday at Wesley Gardens
- 4:30 PM     Wedding Rehearsal, SNC

**Saturday, May 28**

- 4:30 PM     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....**

Lynn Kurtz, 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 (granddaughter 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 Komunale (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 Stuenckel, 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