



**Celebrating 154 Years 1868 - 2022**

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October 16, 2022

### **Thinking Holidays in October?**

Because my life tends to revolve around the Christian year, I'm one of those people who doesn't want to have Christmas starting in October. But, here at Wesley, to get ready for Christmas, we have to start in October. I hope you have noticed several things related to the Advent-Christmas season we are working on now.

The first takes place this Saturday. It is a **Grief Share Workshop named, "Surviving the Holidays."** Holidays are a particularly difficult time for those who are dealing with grief. It doesn't matter if this is the first holiday season to face without a loved one or the twenty-fifth one. It is an emotional time where we are acutely aware of someone's absence. The workshop will offer helpful teaching on how to navigate this "joyful" season when we are carrying a deep sadness. The sign up information is in the announcement section of the bulletin or call the Church Office, and we will help you sign up.

We are also looking for volunteers to **write a short devotional for our Advent Devotional book.** "Christ--the Light in the Darkness" is the broad theme for the Advent Devotional this year. Anyone interested in writing a short devotion or reflection based on an Advent Scripture, please contact Caroline Livingood ([calivingood@comcast.net](mailto:calivingood@comcast.net)) or Carolyn Cubbedge ([carolynhalecubbedge@gmail.com](mailto:carolynhalecubbedge@gmail.com)).

Finally, we **order greenery** to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. If you are interested in placing an order for your home, see the announcement in the bulletin. The deadline is next Sunday.

And just so you'll know, because people are already asking, **Christmas Eve Services** this year will return to our old pre-COVID schedule. A 10:30 a.m. service, a 3:30 p.m. (children-oriented service), and a 5:30 p.m. service (choir music for the first 30 minutes with the communion service starting at 6:00 p.m.) Communion will also be served at the 10:30 and 3:30 services. On **Christmas Day** (which falls on Sunday), we will have only the 11:00 a.m. service (no 8:45 service or Sunday School).

*Ben*

## MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022

8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

### 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)

Grayson Pennington

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

The Acolytes

### Opening Voluntary

Jean P. Rameau

Rigaudon from Pieces De Clavecin, 1724

### \* Hymn No. 126

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

### \* 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

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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

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. 389** Freely, Freely Carol Owens

**Offertory Prayer** James P. Owens

**Offertory Voluntary** O Sacred Head J. S. Bach

### **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. 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. 173, 183-184) Deuteronomy 16:16-17,  
2 Corinthians 9:7-12

**Sermon** "Worship Part 6: What Gift Shall I Bring?" Ben Martin

\* **Hymn No. 413** A Charge to Keep I Have BOLYSTON

**Benediction** Ben Martin

**Closing Voluntary** Somewhere in My Memory John Williams

\* *Please stand as you are able.*

*Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you.*

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### **Savannah Trombone Choir**

Please welcome to 8:45 and 11:00 Worship the following students from Savannah Trombone Choir. Mark Spradley is their director and founder.

Gabbrielle Bryant Reese Scott  
Thomas Gress Campbell Tunney

### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Anne Mooney from Tim Mooney.

### **Just Born**

Congratulations to Caroline and John Freeman on the birth of a son, Franklin Tate Freeman on October 4, 2022. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Tate.

### **Christmas Greenery Orders - Due Next Sunday, 10/23**

The Altar Guild of Wesley Monumental UMC is excited to offer fresh balsam greenery from Vermont for the Christmas season! Orders are due by Sunday, October 23, and payment is due with your order. For delivery dates, pricing, and ways to pay, please see the order forms located at all entrances or visit [bit.ly/WMChristmasGreenery2022](http://bit.ly/WMChristmasGreenery2022). Funds from this project are used to offset the cost of decorating the church during the Advent season. Thank you for your orders.

### **Messenger Brigade**

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, October 20 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall.

### **Grief Share: Surviving the Holidays Workshop - This Saturday, 10/22**

No matter if this is the first holiday season after your loved one's death or the second, third or beyond.....emotions of all sorts will inevitably arise as you spend time with friends and family and move through time-honored traditions without your loved one this year. This Grief Share workshop will be held from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in Oliver Hall on Saturday, October 22. All attendees will be gifted with a Surviving the Holidays Survival Guide workbook to help them manage the holidays. Sign up on the Grief Share website: <https://www.griefshare.org/holidays/events/42478>  
Questions? Please call the Church Office, 912-232-0191.

### **Advent Devotional**

It is already time to start preparing this year's Advent Devotional! Your contributions are what make it unique and meaningful. "Christ--the Light in the Darkness" is the broad theme for the Advent Devotional this year. Anyone interested in writing a short devotion or reflection based on an Advent Scripture, please contact Caroline Livingood (calivingood@comcast.net) or Carolyn Cubbedge (carolynhalecubbedge@gmail.com). There is a list of suggested Scriptures or you may choose one that is meaningful to you. The deadline to submit your devotion is Friday, November 11.

### **Wesley Gardens Retreat Center**

#### **◆ The Sacred Journey Retreat -- A 3-Night Soul Care Experience**

Wesley Gardens is hosting their first overnight retreat Tuesday, November 1 through Friday, November 4. This retreat is for slowing down, identifying where you are on the journey, and learning new spiritual practices to engage with God in a deeper way. It's the perfect spiritual formation primer for folks who have been in ministry and hit a wall, or lay leaders looking to develop spiritual depth. Scholarship help is available for Wesley members. Email [ben@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:ben@wesleymonumental.org) for scholarship details. For pricing and to register, visit [bit.ly/WGSacredJourneyRetreat](http://bit.ly/WGSacredJourneyRetreat)

#### **◆ Providing Meals for The Sacred Journey Retreat**

If you are not quite ready to attend the retreat but would like to get connected to this ministry, we are in need of daily meals for those attending. To sign up, visit [bit.ly/MealsSacredJourney](http://bit.ly/MealsSacredJourney)

#### **◆ Fourth Friday at Wesley Gardens Retreat is Back!**

Join us Friday, October 28 for some time of guided retreat and solitude. In addition to group prayer and Lectio Divina (meditation on Holy Scripture), the retreat will feature teaching and discussion. Please bring your own lunch. The time is from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. but feel free to arrive early for a cup of artisan coffee or tea. For questions and further details, email [hello@wesleygardensretreat.com](mailto:hello@wesleygardensretreat.com).

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

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks

**Greeters:** Linda Butler, Ann Croft

**Offering Steward:** David Butler

**Ushers:** Melvin Croft, Jimmy Hill

**Partners in Prayer:** Britt Griffin

### **11:00 Service**

**Acolytes:** Julia Grabowski, Juliana Jones

**Children's Sunday School:** Mary Catherine Finnerty

**Children's Worship:** Lily Brown, Mary Catherine Finnerty,  
Megan Haubein, Sarah Labrot

**Greeters:** Michael Donovan, Linda Sapp

**Offering Steward:** Chris Donegan

**Ushers:** Chris Donegan, Jeff O'Connor, Aaron Pederson, Bart Rhodes,  
Don Riddle, Jacob Sigmon, Travis Thomas, Vin Thomas

**Partners in Prayer:** Grace & Art Greene

**Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist**  
**Three Choirs Festival, Today, October 16, 5:00 PM**  
Cathedral of St. John the Baptist  
(222 E Harris Street, Savannah, GA 31401)



Experience the grandeur of more than 120 voices with brass and organ. The choirs of Wesley Monumental United Methodist and Christ Church Anglican join forces with the Cathedral Choir for an evening of spectacular music making.

Tickets: [Savannahcathedral.org/2022-2023-concert-series](https://savannahcathedral.org/2022-2023-concert-series)

**Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life**  
**Dutch Treat at Flying Fish Bar & Grill**

Join us for a "Dutch treat" lunch on Friday, October 28 at 11:00 a.m. at Flying Fish Bar & Grill (7906 US-80, Savannah). Please call the Church Office by Thursday, October 27 to RSVP.

**Veterans Day Breakfast**

Join us for a Veterans Day breakfast prepared by Suzanna at 8:30 a.m., on Friday, November 11 before the parade. There will be no special speaker as we have a special guest coming for our regular Merry Makers program on Monday, November 14. So, come eat breakfast, enjoy the fellowship, and go to the parade! Please call the Church Office by Wednesday, November 9 if you plan to attend.

**Musical Treat with Bobby and Ann**

On Monday, November 14, at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, come be captivated by professional harmonica player – and a friend to many at Wesley - Bobby Hanson! Bobby's friend, Ann Robertson, will accompany him on the piano. They will share with us some "good 'ole" hymns, and Bobby will tell us his story of how he went from being a Hindu to serving Jesus. Lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please call the Church Office by Friday, November 11 to make a reservation.

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

Most needed this week are soft granola bars.

**Next New Member Course**

The next New Member Course will be Sundays, October 23 and 30, at 10:00 a.m.; please call the Church Office to sign up, 912-232-0191. Class will join as a group on October 30.

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

**Second Grade Bible Presentation - Next Sunday, October 23!**

Bible Presentation for our second graders will take place next Sunday, October 23. Please email [charli@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:charli@wesleymonumental.org) to confirm we have your child on our list.

**Fall Festival - Sunday, October 30**

Our annual Fall Festival will take place Sunday, October 30 at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center. Additional details will be available soon.

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

**Volunteers Needed!**

Our youth ministry is bigger and more active than ever! However, this means that we need adult leaders who are interested in answering God’s call to invest in the lives of the young people of our church. We are looking for a female Bible study leader to join a team of three others who are leading youth Bible study on Wednesday nights from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., following Wednesday night supper. We also need another chaperone for the Encounter Retreat at Epworth by the Sea, November 18-20. And coming up in the New Year, we will need adults to help lead our Ski Trip, tentatively scheduled for January 26-29. See James P. Owens for more information.

**Youth Group Tonight**

Join us for Youth Group tonight from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Youth Choir will not meet.

**Encounter Retreat (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades)**

We are taking our youth to Epworth by the Sea this fall, November 18-20, for the Encounter Retreat! If you have been to Camp Connect or KidzQuest in the past, you will love Encounter! See James P. Owens to register.



**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday Attendance: (10/09/22)	
8:45 AM Worship	65
11:00 AM Worship	215
Online Worship Views	145
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>425</b>
Nursery	12
Children’s Worship	35
Sunday School	108

**Finances: (10/09/22)**

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$2,022,708.12
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$1,512,424.63
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date .....	\$1,593,697.89

**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Ben Martin.....Senior Pastor	Jennifer Baker.....Administrative Assistant, Reception
Rev. Nelle Bordeaux.....Outreach and New Members	Jennifer Brookins.....Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
Rev. Jennifer Thompson.....Congregational Life	Ashley Higgins.....Communications Director
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
Jimmy Flowers.....Church Administrator	Kenneth Hayes.....Wesley Gardens
Tom Anderson.....Financial Manager	



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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**

**October 16, 2022**

**Sermon Extended**

Monday	Deuteronomy 16:16-17	What do I offer to God when I come to worship?
Tuesday	Psalm 50:8-15	If God doesn't "need" anything, why the command to bring an offering?
Wednesday	Micah 6:6-8	What does Micah suggest God wants from me?
Thursday	2 Corinthians 9:7-12	Does why I give matter (my motive and attitude)?
Friday	Malachi 3:10	How is my offering a test and trust?

**Sermon Notes**

**As a Praying Church...**

We ask You, Lord, to be present at our Griefshare workshop on surviving the holidays while grieving. Allow each person who attends to know that You are with them. Let this workshop help those who attend navigate this holiday season - a time when so many memories flood our hearts and minds.

**This Week at Wesley**

**Sunday, October 16**

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, EB & OH
- 10:00 AM Confirmation Class, EB 4th Flr
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 5:00 PM Three Choirs Festival,  
Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
- 5:00 PM Youth Group, EB 4th Flr

**Monday, October 17**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 2:00 PM Courtney Gaines Circle
- 7:00 PM Trombone Fall Concert, SNC

**Tuesday, October 18**

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Holland Hse
- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study,  
OH 310
- 9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH 308
- 11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 310
- 5:30 PM Finance Comm. Mtg
- 6:00 PM Pacesetters, OH Parlor

**Wednesday, October 19**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 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
- 6:00 PM Children's Choir
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
- 6:00 PM Making Sense of the Bible  
Study, led by Ben Martin, FH
- 6:00 PM Colossians Study, led by  
Evonne Mobley, OH 207
- 6:00 PM The Enneagram Study, led by  
James P. Owens, OH 408
- 6:00 PM Young Women's Small Group,  
led by Katie Knight, OH Parlor
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal,  
EB 4th Flr

**Thursday, October 20**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 10:00 AM Messenger Brigade, OH
- 12:00 PM Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom

**Friday, October 21**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:00 AM Spiritual Practices Retreat, WG

**Saturday, October 22**

- 9:00 AM Grief Share, OH

OH = Oliver Hall    EB = Education Building SNC = Sanctuary    FH = Fellowship Hall WG = Wesley Gardens Retreat
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**Pastor on Call This Week**

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

<b>Wednesday Night Supper October 19</b>
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To cancel or make a reservation, please email or call Jennifer Baker in the Church Office, 912-232-0191 or bakerj@wesleymonumental.org.
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Menu: Chicken Parmesan
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**In Our Prayers....**

Cecil Abarr, Jennifer Thompson, Gloria Parker, Suzette Parker, Edna Cooper (mother of Joellen Cooper-Pyles), Emily Terry (granddaughter of Joyce and Richard Zehl), Tim Mooney, Ann Cooper (sister of Joyce Zehl), Grace Bockes, Janet Wist, Mark Thomas, Dale and Becki Fisher (cousins of Holly Conger), Bo Watts, Craig Hanson, Jan Pullin, Baker Crawford, Valery Hanks, Cindy Telljohann, Walter Sumner (brother of Rosanne Montjoy and uncle of Michael Montjoy), Sheila Kraeuter (mother of Scot Kraeuter), Shari and Mel Hubbard, Dewayne Barfield (brother of Shirley Turner), 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, Matthew McClain, Paul and Connie Kurtz (parents of Dan Kurtz), Jane Bostwick (mother of Meb Ryan), Walter Thomas (brother of Mark Thomas), Bob Harman, Darin Aldinger, Sandrae McCorkle, Grant Kassinger (nephew of Peggy Jolley), Sally Polk (sister of Peggy Jolley), Anita Pringle, Danielle Robertson (grand-daughter of Ceil Waters), 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, Alyssa Jones (granddaughter of Rusty Holt), Jerry Comunale (brother-in-law of Cynthia Willett), Jennifer Hodges, Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Ryan Davis, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Martha Sloan, Fenton McEvoy

**At Home/Extended Care**

Olin Bockes, Lee Butler, Edith Roszkowiak, Ruth and Elton Stuenckel, Bella Grace Bartels, Harriet Bland, Roz Evans, Lois Wooten

**Military Serving Abroad/Stateside**

Danial Ealy, Michael Sailors, Dajuan Monley, Jason Childers, Clint Guild, Yates Holleman, Chris Watson

*In Sympathy....*

The Moore & Morris Families  
 on the death of  
*Phillip Truluck,*  
 brother of Linda Moore,  
 father of Mason Morris