



Celebrating 154 Years 1868 - 2022

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BIBLE PRESENTATION SUNDAY

"Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart." - Hebrews 4:12

This year a couple of our Sunday school classes and my Wednesday night class have been studying Adam Hamilton's book "Making Sense of the Bible." It's a good title because most of us who have spent much time reading the Bible know that sometimes it is hard to make sense of it. And yet, it is the book around which our faith is built and our worship centers. That being said, it is not the book we worship, but the one who reveals himself through the book. We talk about the Bible as a living word. It continues to speak in a fresh way to people of faith even though it was written thousands of years ago in a very different culture. And it continues to speak in new and fresh ways to each of us throughout our lives. As our stage of life and circumstances change, we see and hear things in the book we didn't notice before. While there are many ways God "speaks" and the spiritual life is one of learning the spiritual practice of discernment, the Bible is the primary medium through which God has spoken to believers throughout history. It is, however, a book we study and interpret together as a community of faith because God speaks to each of us through it, and we learn from each other and balance each other.

Because we are a "people of the Book," our children grow up here learning the stories, characters, and principles or virtues extolled in the Bible. Most importantly, they learn who Jesus is and what he means to each of us. Every year we present our 2nd graders with their own Bible. It is our prayer they will learn how to "make sense of the Bible" with the help of parents and teachers at Wesley. Most of all we hope they will learn how to listen through the book to hear God speak to them about how much they are loved and what is true meaning and purpose of their lives.

**Willa James Coley
Ellie Cremeans
Anna Wren Daniel
Aly Eicholz
Maggie Harris
Lynwood Herrington
Langston Jones
Jack Kornegay
Hudson Lee**

**Asher Lientz
Eliza MacGregor
Jackson Merritt
Teagan Pennington
Mary Shor
Millie Shor
Riley Sortor
Owen Wanager
Hattie Willis**

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022

8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

Twentieth 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)

Parker Hunt

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary (8:45) Ceremonial March

Herbert Sumsion

Introit (11:00) When the Saints Go Marching In arr. John Rutter Children's Choir and Youth Choir

* **Hymn Insert** Promise of Life Everlasting TO GOD BE THE GLORY

* **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** GREATOR EX

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 (8:45)

Ezra Rountree Croft, son of Abigail and Peter Croft

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Ezra 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.

Baptismal Covenant (11:00)

Sarah Smith Mathews, daughter of Sally and Pratt Mathews

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Sarah 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 her faith, confirm
her hope, and perfect her in love that she may grow into a faithful
disciple of Jesus Christ who walks in the way that leads to life.

Presentation of Bibles to Second Graders Charli Weeks

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 Insert** His Eye Is On the Sparrow

Offertory Prayer Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) arr. Marilyn Hamm

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Offertory Anthem (11:00) Little David, Play on Your Harp Spiritual
Children's Choir, Youth Choir, Chancel Choir

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. 575, 119-120, 193)
Psalm 133, Acts 2:1-2, 44-47, Ephesians 4:1-6

Sermon "Worship Part 7: With One Voice" Ben Martin

* **Hymn** No. 206 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light HOUSTON

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) WORLD PEACE

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Children's Choir, Youth Choir, Chancel Choir

* *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 loving memory of Ellene Anderson and in honor of our 50th wedding anniversary from Tom, Deanna, and Danielle.

Calling All Flower Arrangers!

The Wesley Monumental Altar Guild is in need of additional flower arrangers. If you enjoy arranging flowers or would love to learn how, please contact Caroline McDermott, wesleymonumentalaltarguild@gmail.com.

Groceries Needed for Old Savannah City Mission

Most needed this week are soft granola bars. Please place in boxes located at all entrances.

Next New Member Course - Begins Today

The next New Member Course will be today, 10/23, and next Sunday, 10/30, at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall. Please call the Church Office to sign up, 912-232-0191 or see Nelle. Class will join as a group on October 30.

Christmas Greenery Orders - Due Today!

The Altar Guild is excited to offer fresh balsam greenery from Vermont for the Christmas season! Orders are due today, 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. Thank you for your orders.

Administrative Board Meeting - Monday, October 24

The next Administrative Board Meeting will take place tomorrow, Monday, October 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. (Please note, the Board Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. If you would like to view via Zoom, please email jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.) Remaining meetings for 2022: December 12.

Northern Clusters Charge Conference 2022

Sunday, November 6 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Richmond Hill UMC. Everyone is invited to attend. Our voting members are the members of the Administrative Board and retired clergy.

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.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks
Greeters: Lori Miller, Judy Cleveland
Offering Steward: Paul Cleveland
Ushers: Jeff Miller, Ken Griner
Partners in Prayer: Henry Whitfield

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Charlie Glidewell, Marshall Pedigo
Children's Sunday School: Katie Knight, Ansley Kornegay
Children's Worship: Ellen O'Connor, Meghan Scoggins, Lindsey Wiggins
Greeters: Carolyn and James Cubbedge
Offering Steward: Jim Willis
Ushers: Jim Willis, Bobo Mullens, Mark Wilcox, Drew Wilkes, Glen Willard, Allen Williams, Brad Aiken, Jesse Bentley, Jon Boothe
Partners in Prayer: Adam Kobek

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Thank you to 61 faithful 1st – 5th graders and also dedicated youth choristers for joining the Chancel Choir leading worship today. Thank you faithful parents for bringing your kids to church for weekly rehearsals. Thank you faithful teachers: Anne, Ash, Carolyn, JoAnna, Julia, Ken, Kim, Lee, Raymond, Sheila, and Skip.

At Wesley Monumental we cherish the tradition of sacred music that is a hallmark of United Methodism. Since 1868, our families have raised their children in a rich heritage of Christian hymnody, fostering a lifelong love of Christ and Christian learning through music.

Now is your chance to continue that tradition. On February 26 at 5:00 PM, one hundred thirty 3-year-olds through 12th graders will give a concert of hymns with full orchestra. Won't you support them in delivering an unforgettable concert of time-honored hymns?

Contact Monica or Charli to sponsor one or more of 31 instruments that will accompany the children.

Available instruments: 4 violins, 2 violas, 2 cellos, 2 double basses, 2 flutes, 2 oboes, 2 clarinets, 2 bassoons, 3 trumpets, 2 French horns, 2 trombones, 1 bass trombone, 1 tuba, 1 harp, 1 timpani, 1 percussion, 1 grand piano

Sponsorships (starting at \$450 ea.) include two concert tickets, special thanks to you in the program, and the joy of fostering the faith in our community and the next generation.

Concert proceeds benefit the Building Fund for Children's and Music Ministry.

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

Dutch Treat at Flying Fish Bar & Grill

Join us for a "Dutch treat" lunch this 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.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Fall Festival - Next Sunday, October 30

Our annual Fall Festival will take place next Sunday, October 30 at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center. The petting zoo is returning this year along with lots of games, Ms. Suzanna's Nacho Bar, and S'mores at the pavilion. The festival is from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Y'all Haul needed for Family Promise Furniture

Strong lifters and trucks needed to move furniture for Family Promise homeless families. Sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net

Bible memory Verse Help Needed with Scissors

Stop by the table near the baptismal font to pick up Bible verses to cut out at home and bring back next Sunday. Paper and patterns provided. Thank you!

Construction Ministry

Work on Cumming Street homes for Family Promise formerly homeless families. Sign up, Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net

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 (7th-12th 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.

Micah Sprünger, Wesley Garden Retreat Center Property Manager
Fourth Friday at Wesley Gardens Retreat is Back!

Join us this 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.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (10/16/22)	
8:45 AM Worship	81
11:00 AM Worship	308
Online Worship Views	118
Total Worship	507
Nursery	XX
Children's Worship	XX
Sunday School	127

Finances: (10/16/22)

Total Budget for the Year.....	\$2,022,708.12
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date.....	\$1,559,873.06
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,636,519.12

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	

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church

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Sermon Extended

Monday	John 17:20-23	What does Jesus' prayer say to us (the church)?
Tuesday	Acts 2:1-2	How is your personal worship/ devotion time different than corporate worship on Sunday?
Wednesday	Acts 2:44-47	Why is it important for the church to spend "much time together"?
Thursday	Ephesians 4:1-6	What does Paul say is the most important characteristic of the church? Why?
Friday	I Corinthians 12:14-27	What does the church as the "Body of Christ" analogy teach us?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We thank You, Lord for the incredible resource we have in Wesley Gardens! It is a place where we go to meet with others in our church family....a place for spiritual growth for children, youth, and adults.....and it is a place of prayer where we can go to hear You. We thank You for it!

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, October 23

- 2nd Grade Bible Presentation
- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, EB & OH
- 10:00 AM New Member Class, OH 205
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 5:00 PM Youth Group, EB 4th Flr

Monday, October 24

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 2:00 PM Joy Circle Mtg, OH 310
- 5:30 PM Admin Board Mtg, FH/Zoom
- 7:00 PM Trombone Choir Rehearsal, SNC

Tuesday, October 25

- 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

Wednesday, October 26

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:30 AM Jane Shirah Circle, OH Parlor
- 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 27

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

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

<p>Wednesday Night Supper October 26</p> <p>To cancel or make a reservation, please email or call Jennifer Baker in the Church Office, 912-232-0191 or bakerj@wesleymonumental.org. Menu: Baked Ham</p>
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In Our Prayers....

Cecil Abarr, Jennifer Thompson, Gloria Parker, Suzette Parker, Edna Cooper (mother of Joellen Cooper-Pyles), Emily Perry (granddaughter of Joyce and Richard Zehl), Tim Mooney, 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 Stuenkel, 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 Ryan Family
on the death of
Joe Ryan,
husband of Honey

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

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Hymn Insert

Promise of Life Everlasting

All God simply asks is for us to Believe,
Forgive those who hurt us and serve those in need,
Give love to the broken; give hope to the healed!
Then through us, the Spirit of God is revealed!

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, and the Spirit, Sing Praise to the Son
His Promise of Life Everlasting is Done!
I'll walk through the Gates to The City of Gold -
The Face of My Savior - At Last, to Behold!

"Now, Do as I Do," said the Father above,
"Take care of my people, and Love as I Love.
Give all of your heart in your service to Me.
Then, YOU in My Kingdom Forever Shall Be." *Refrain*

So, let us rejoice in the Promise of God
To enter His Kingdom, to walk where He's trod,
To fly with His Angels where Life has no pain
Where Songs of His Glory around us shall reign! *Refrain*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Judy Bradley (2017)

His Eye Is on the Sparrow



1. Why should I feel dis-cour-aged? Why should the shad-ows
2. "Let not your heart be trou-bled," his ten-der word I
3. When - ev - er I am tempt-ed, when - ev - er clouds a -



come?
hear,
rise,
Why should my heart be lone-ly
and rest-ing on his good-ness,
when song gives place to sigh-ing,



and long for heaven and home, When Je - sus is my
I lose my doubts and fears; though by the path he
when hope with - in me dies, I draw the clo - ser



por-tion? My con-stant friend is he:
lead-eth but one step I may see: } His eye is on the
to him, from care he sets me free: }



spar-row, and I know he watch-es me; his eye is on the



spar-row, and I know he watch-es me. I sing be-cause I'm



hap-py, (I'm hap-py,) I sing be-cause I'm free, (I'm free,) for his



eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.

