



Celebrating 154 Years 1868 - 2022

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December 4, 2022

CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY

Today is the second Sunday of Advent, but next Sunday we will jump right into Christmas with a couple of our favorite Advent/Christmas events.

**Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
December 11, 11:00 a.m.**

Next Sunday morning our 11:00 a.m. worship experience will be the traditional Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is a service of Christian worship celebrating the birth of Jesus that is traditionally followed at Christmas. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books, and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols and choral music. It is one of the great worship events of our year. Only the 11:00 Service will be the Festival of Lessons and Carols. We will also have a regular 8:45 Service.

**The Joyful Noise Christmas Celebration and Dinner
December 11, 5:00 p.m.**

Next Sunday at 5:00 p.m., our youngest children's choir will present their Christmas program. There will be a dinner following the play. Please make a reservation by calling the church office so we will have plenty of food prepared.

**The Children's Nativity Pageant
December 14, 6:00 p.m.**

One of the highlights of Christmas at Wesley is our children's Nativity Pageant. The pageant features our children from 1st to 5th grade as they share with us the Christmas story in drama and carols. This year's Nativity Pageant will take place on Wednesday night, December 14, following Wednesday night dinner. If you are not on the permanent reservation list, or you plan to bring additional guests to dinner, please email Jennifer Baker in the church office, bakerj@wesleymonumental.org or call 912-232-0191.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.
Second Sunday of Advent

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)

Lily Linebarger

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

Introit (11:00)

Prepare the Way

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Pat & Sharlene Monahan (8:45)

Michael, Denise, Julia & Michael Grabowski & Pam Highsmith (11:00)

Congregational Response

"Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."

* **Hymn** No. 196 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

* **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

(Dismissal for Children's Worship)

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.

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.

Pastoral Prayer

Nelle Bordeaux

* **Scripture Lesson** (Pew Bible, pgs. 56-57)

Luke 1:24-48

Sermon

"Removing Disgrace"

Ben Martin

Holy Communion

Invitation and Confession

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love Him,
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in
peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our
sin before God and one another.

All: Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law,
we have rebelled against Your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Pastor: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
That proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Congregation: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Voluntary (8:45)

arr. Sylvia Woods

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Bre Hewitt, harpist

Anthem (11:00)

Magnificat

Herbert Howells

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For He hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden:
for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For He that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is His name,
and His mercy is on them that fear Him throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with His arm;
He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seats
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich He hath sent empty away.
He remembering His mercy hath holpen His servant Israel:
as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and His seed, forever.
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.

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.

* Hymn of Response

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As they offered gifts most rare; At that manger rude and bare;
So may we, with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ! to Thee our heavenly King.

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

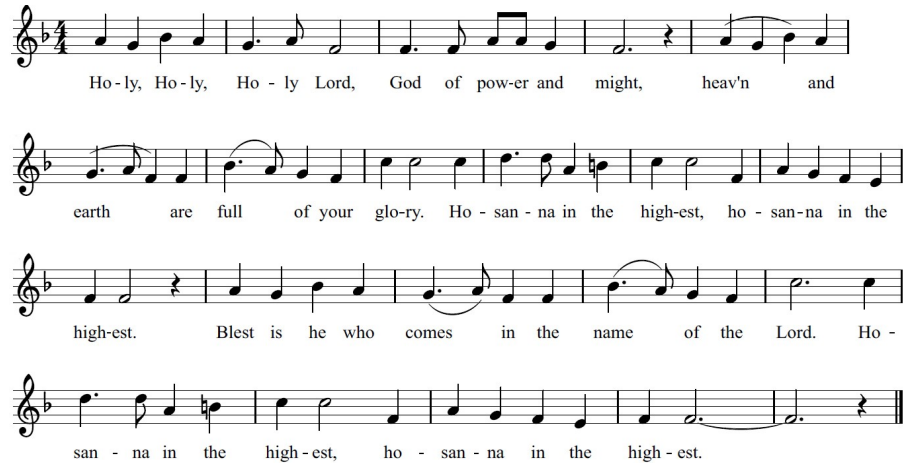
Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to our Lord and God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth...

And so, with Your people on earth, and all the company of heaven we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the
high-est. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ...

On the night in which He gave himself up for us, He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over He took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



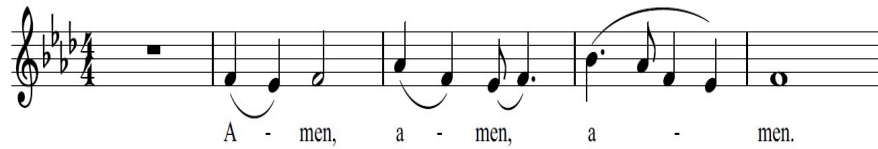
Christ has died; Christ is ri - sen; Christ will come a - gain.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
That we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by His blood.

By Your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at His heavenly banquet.

Through Your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in Your holy church,
All honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.



The Lord's Prayer

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 that 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.

Breaking the Bread

(Gluten free bread is available. Please indicate your preference by raising your hand.)

Giving the Bread and Cup

We will take communion at the rail. If you prefer taking communion in your pew, prefilled communion cups are available. Please raise your hand and an usher or staff member will bring one to you. Following the service, please place your cup in the trash receptacle located in the Narthex.

Today's communion offering is designated for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. If you would like to give a donation, please place your offering in the chancel rail when you come to be served.

Communion Music (11:00)

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence arr. Sylvia Woods
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming arr. Sunita Staineslow
Bre Hewitt, harpist

Prayer After Receiving

All: Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery
in which You have given Yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of Your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

* **Hymn** No. 211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL
Stanza Seven

* **Benediction** Ben Martin

Closing Voluntary In Dulci Jubilo arr. Norman Dello Joio

* *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 our son, David H. Butler, Jr., by David and Linda Butler.

Just Born

Congratulations to Mason and Hunter Morris on the birth of a son, Nelson Truluck Morris on November 22, 2022. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Nels.

Christmas Fun Day for Babies, Toddlers, and Preschoolers

On 12/10, the nursery will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. for Christmas Fun Day! For additional details and to register, email charli@wesleymonumental.org.

Poinsettia Orders

Orders are due 12/11. Forms may be found at all sanctuary entrances or you can order and pay online by visiting bit.ly/WMPoinsettias

Youth Christmas Party

12/11 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Wesley Gardens Retreat. All 6th-12th graders are invited.

Urban Hope Family Mission Project

Monday, 12/12, 5:30 p.m. Independent Presbyterian Church. All ages welcome. Please sign up in advance with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net, with what you would like to cook at home and bring for 75 people.

Merry Makers December Event

On 12/12 at 11:00 a.m., Claire Frazier and Bobby Hanson will entertain the Merry Makers with a selection of Christmas favorites in the sanctuary. Lunch will follow at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please call the church office by Friday, 12/9 to make your reservation.

Caroling with the Choir

Join the Youth and Chancel Choirs caroling and giving communion to shut-ins on Sunday, 12/18 after church. To sign up, email monica@wesleymonumental.org. Lunch provided. All welcome.

Finances: (11-27-22)

Total Budget for the Year.....	\$2,022,708.12
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date.....	\$1,753,138.29
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,848,947.34

"A Monumental Christmas" The Marketplace for Gifts in Service to Others

Wesley is offering a creative way to give back this Christmas season. Through a print (see today's insert) and online catalog, you will have an opportunity to give alternative gifts to family and friends. An "alternative gift" is a donation you make to one of eleven Mission Partners with whom Wesley partners. You purchase an alternative gift in honor of someone for whom you would buy a gift. The church directs your donation to the Mission Partner that sponsors the gift you've chosen. Then we supply a card and description of your special gift for you to give to the recipient. These alternative gifts emphasize the love, peace, and grace that are at the center of the Christmas message. The deadline to purchase a gift is Sunday, December 18. Cards and gift boxes may be picked up in the Fellowship Hall and Narthex on Sundays December 11 and 18.

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (11/28/22)

8:45 AM Worship	85
11:00 AM Worship	235
Online Worship Views	136
Total Worship	456
Nursery	XX
Children's Worship	XX
9:45 AM Sunday School	88

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Communion Stewards (setup and transition): Sandra & Art McGowen

Greeters: TBD

Ushers: TBD

Offering Steward: TBD

Partners in Prayer: Carmine Cowart

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Camille Wilkes, Couper Howard

Children's Worship: Amy Daniel, Laura Harris, Ellen O'Connor, Erica Timmons

Children's Sunday School: Laura Harris, Ansley Kornegay

Communion Stewards (clean up): Judy Pitts, Vicki Dougherty

Greeters: TBD

Offering Steward: Brian West

Ushers: Brian West, Mehmet Ergul, Ted Moore, Jim Pannell, Jon Pannell, Johnny Phelps, Willie Roberds, Kenneth Spriggs

Partners in Prayer: Grace & Art Greene

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church

December 4, 2022

Sermon Extended

Monday	Luke 1:24-25	Why would Elizabeth feel "disgraced among my people"? Who feels disgraced in our community? Why?
Tuesday	Luke 1:24-25, 46-49	What do Elizabeth and Mary have in common besides "miraculous" pregnancies?
Wednesday	Luke 1:24-25, 39-40, 56	Have I ever hid or withdrawn because I felt disgraced or shame? What is the difference in disgrace and shame?
Thursday	John 8:1-11	How did Jesus seek to deliver this woman from disgrace?
Friday	Luke 15:11-32	Where do I identify myself in this story of disgrace being overcome by grace?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We ask You, Lord, to bless Urban Hope and all of its outreach. Be with the students, their families, and the teachers as they enjoy Christmas break. Keep them safe and allow everyone to know that You are the very reason why we celebrate Christmas.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, December 4

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, EB & OH
- 10:00 AM Confirmation Class, OH 205
- 10:00 AM New Member Class, OH Parlor
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 12:15 PM Nativity Dress Rehearsal
- 4:00 PM Youth Choir, EB 4th Floor
- 5:00 PM Youth Group, EB 4th Floor

Monday, December 5

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:30 AM Eli's Place Chapel, SNC
- 12:00 PM Joy Circle Luncheon, OH Parlor
- 5:30 PM Trustees Mtg, OH 310/Zoom
- 6:00 PM Trombone Choir Rehearsal, SNC

Tuesday, December 6

- 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/Endowment Mtg, OH 310
- 5:30 PM Evangelism Comm. Mtg, Zoom
- 6:30 PM Bible Study, WG

Wednesday, December 7

- 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 Susanna Wesley Circle, OH 310
- 6:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir
- 6:00 PM Children's Choir
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
- 6:00 PM Ben's Bible Study, FH
- 6:00 PM Advent Study, led by Jennifer Thompson, 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, December 8

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

Friday, December 9

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place

Saturday, December 10

- 9:00 AM Christmas Fun Day
- 11:00 AM Lessons & Carols Rehearsal

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

**Wednesday Night Supper
December 7**

To cancel or make a reservation, please email or call Jennifer Baker in the Church Office, 912-232-0191 or bakerj@wesleymonumental.org.

Menu: Pork Tenderloin

In Our Prayers....

Byron Boyd, John Burton, Oscar Cook, Gloria Eitel, Doris Rothenberger (mother of Susan Colgrove), Michele Bazemore, June Stevenson and Lynn Stratton, (mother and sister of Toni Olds), 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, Jan Pullin, 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, 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 (granddaughter 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 Komunale (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, Bella Grace Bartels, Edith Roszkowiak, Ruth & Elton Stuenkel, Harriet Bland, Roz Evans, Lois Wooten

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

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