



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

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### **2022 Stewardship Campaign**

The world in which the Bible was written was in large part agrarian. Life revolved around planting, tending, and harvesting. This is why many of the Jewish festivals were "harvest" related. The season of harvest was always a time for worship and giving back to God a portion of the blessing He had provided. The same was true of the origins of our Thanksgiving celebration in America. The season of harvest was a time to give thanks to God and celebrate His provision. The "tithe" was a Biblical concept related to harvest. It was literally the "first fruits" or the first ten percent of the harvest that would be given back to God through an offering.

Few of us have lives tied to the season of harvest any longer. And yet, because of our history and tradition, fall has remained the time of year churches do "stewardship" campaigns. It is the season in which we ask ourselves to consider how has God blessed us and what is the commitment we will make to give back to God through the work of our church. While in an agrarian world families would do the bulk of their giving or "tithing" to the church right after harvest, many of us have more predictable incomes or salaries that are paid incrementally through the year, while others have businesses that determine their profits at the end of the year.

Still, we need a time to think about how God has blessed us and how or what we will commit to give back to God to support His work in the world through the ministry of the church. This is why each year we ask you to prayerfully consider making a personal commitment to your giving for next year and to record that as an "estimate of giving" and turn it in to the church. This not only gives us a personal commitment and accountability, but it also helps us as a church have some predictability of giving around which to plan a responsible church budget.

You should have recently received a letter and estimate of giving card. We are asking you as a part of your life of discipleship and your commitment to being a member of the church to participate in this spiritual discipline. Today, you may turn in your card by placing it in the offering plate during the offering or by coming down during the closing hymn and leaving it on the altar rail. If you don't have a card, they are available in the narthex or by each door. You can also make this estimate of giving commitment online through our website, mail it in, or drop it by the church office.

We are grateful for the great blessings of God and the incredible generosity of our congregation. Because of you, we continue to see our church grow and our ministry touch the lives of children, youth, and adults, both in our congregation, our community, and around our world.

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022  
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.  
*Christ the King 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.*

**Chiming of the Hour (11:00)**

Victoria Childers

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

The Acolytes

**Opening Voluntary**

Voluntary on THAXTED

arr. Albert Travis

**Introit (11:00)**

Jan Yarrington

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before His presence with a song. Bless the Lord!

- Psalm 100: 1-2

\* **Hymn No. 102**      Now Thank We All Our God      NUN DANKET

\* **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**

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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** 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. 92 For the Beauty of the Earth DIX

**Offertory Prayer** Jennifer Thompson

**Offertory Anthem** (8:45) arr. Craig Courtney  
Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing  
Anne Hawks, soprano and Derek Llamas, tenor

**Offertory Anthem** (11:00) arr. Patti Drennan  
Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

**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. 552, 165) Psalm 100, Deuteronomy 8:1-20

**Sermon** "Worship Part 11: A Response to Grace" Ben Martin

\* **Hymn** No. 694 ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR  
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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

Summer and Stephen Burgstiner with children,  
Cody, Ella, and Banks Burgstiner  
Bobby Kutchey, III and Xada Baxter with children,  
Walt and Meris Baxter  
Andrew Wall

**Benediction** Ben Martin

**Closing Response** (11:00) AUGUSTINE  
Let all the world in every corner sing: my God and King!  
The heavens are not too high, God's praise my thither fly;  
The earth is not too low, God's praises there may grow.  
- George Herbert (1633)

**Closing Voluntary** Now Thank We All Our God J. S. Bach

\* *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 cornucopia by the altar today is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mario Delfiaco, brother of Cynthia Willett.

**Groceries for Old Savannah City Mission**

Most needed this week are pull-top Vienna sausages and pull-top ravioli and lasagna (no can opener needed).

**Thanksgiving Interfaith Community Worship**

This Tuesday, November 22 from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., the Lutheran Church of Ascension will host this year's community Thanksgiving worship. We will gather with other people of faith in prayer and worship as we prepare for the holiday season. Parking for the service is located at the Ascension parking lot on Drayton & State Streets, State Street parking deck, and around Wright Square (as long as it is not marked yellow). Questions, please call 912-232-4151.

**Church Office & Eli's Place Closed**

In observance of Thanksgiving, Eli's Place will be closed Monday (11/21) through Friday (11/25), and the church office will be closed starting at noon on Wednesday (11/23) through Friday (11/25).

**Calling All Advent Decorators!**

The Wesley Monumental Altar Guild is in need of additional volunteers to help decorate during the Advent and Christmas season. We have brass to polish, greenery to hang, trees to decorate and so much more. The transformation of our beautiful sanctuary on December 3rd at 9:00 a.m. takes many hands, so if you enjoy decorating or would love to learn more about the Altar Guild, please contact Caroline McDermott, wesleymonumental altarguild@gmail.com.

**Poinsettia Orders**

Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary on Friday, December 16 and may be taken home following the last Christmas Eve service. Please place your orders for plants in memory or in honor of loved ones by Sunday, December 11. Order forms may be found at all sanctuary entrances or you can order and pay online by visiting [bit.ly/WMPoinsettias](http://bit.ly/WMPoinsettias)

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

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks

**Greeters:** Lori Miller

**Offering Steward:** Jeff Miller

**Ushers:** Melvin Croft

**Partners in Prayer:** Britt Griffin

**11:00 Service**

**Acolytes:** Cole Valdez, Palmer Thomas

**Children's Sunday School:** TBD

**Children's Worship:** Sarah Labrot, Ellen O'Connor

**Greeters:** Barbara & Johnny Phelps

**Offering Steward:** Jim Willis

**Ushers:** Jim Willis, Dustin Hamilton, Michael Hasselle, Adam Hess, Dan Hoey, Rusty Holt, Bill Hunter, Ryan Kelly, Bobby Lee

**Partners in Prayer:** Sue Ellis

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

"Music is important to me because it helps me remember God and how important God and Jesus are." – Elizabeth Marshall, age 9.

Thank you for supporting our 130 3-year-olds through 12<sup>th</sup> graders by sponsoring instruments for their February concert of hymns with orchestra. Out of 31 total instruments, there are two remaining instruments to be sponsored: two flutes! Contact Monica or Charli to sponsor one or both. Sponsorships (\$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.

Thank you for cherishing the tradition of sacred music that is a hallmark of United Methodism, and thank you for giving young people the opportunity to grow up with a rich heritage of Christian hymnody, fostering a lifelong love of Christ and Christian learning through music.

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

#### **Next Month's New Member Course**

One class will join today, and then next month's course will be December 4 and 18 at 10:00 a.m. both Sundays, with the class joining as a group on December 18. Please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.

#### **Urban Hope Family Mission Project**

Monday, December 12. Please sign up in advance with Nelle, [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net), with what you want to cook at home and bring (ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit, salad, rolls, cookies, paper plates and cups, plastic cutlery) for 75 people. Please meet at Independent Presbyterian Church, Bull at Oglethorpe, at 5:30 p.m. All ages are welcome!

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

#### **Nativity Pageant and Christmas Celebration - Ways to Help**

This year there are over 60 children in our Joyful Noise choir. Joyful Noise is for children who are three years old through kindergarten. The children gather for supper in the nursery on Wednesday nights and then practice singing, playing rhythm instruments and playing musical games. We are so thankful for Shirley Roberts, Deborah Roberds and Ella Hayes who volunteer each week to help the children find their singing voices and to praise God in worship.

With over 120 children participating in our choirs, this year's Nativity Pageant and Christmas Celebration program will be extraordinary! Lots of hands are needed to encourage and help the children enjoy and grow through this experience. You don't have to be a singer to be a part of the fun. Look through the list below and let Charli or Monica know how you would like to help.

- Help children choose their costume
- Alter, repair and hem costumes
- Sew new costumes
- Help children with costumes at dress rehearsal
- Help children with costumes the night of the pageant
- Clean and store costumes after the pageant

- Gather and label props
- Make new props
- Help children with props the night of the pageant

- Help set-up for dress rehearsal
- Help take down and store sets and props
- Help with lunch for children on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>
- Help with dinner for children on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

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

**Youth Christmas Party at Wesley Gardens, December 11**

Mark your calendars for the youth group Christmas party on December 11, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Wesley Gardens Retreat. All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us for dinner, fun games, and the infamous White Elephant gift exchange. There will also be prizes for the best "Ugly Christmas Sweater" or outfit.

**Ski Trip, February 2-5**

Our annual youth group Ski Retreat will take place from February 2-5. All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited and registration will open soon. For now, we are in need of some adult leaders! So, if you would like to chaperone this fun and exciting event, please contact James P. Owens.

**Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life**

**Dutch Treat at El Mezcal Mexican Restaurant**

Tired of turkey? Join us for a "Dutch treat" at Jennifer T.'s favorite Mexican restaurant, El Mezcal in Pooler, on Tuesday, November 29 at 11:00 a.m.! (125 Foxfield Way, Pooler – across the street from Savannah Tire) Please call the church office or contact Jennifer Thompson by Monday, November 28 to let her know you are coming.

**Christmas Favorites with Claire Frazier and Bobby Hanson**

It's beginning to look.....or sound.....a lot like Christmas! On Monday, December 12 at 11:00 a.m., our own Claire Frazier and her friend, professional harmonica player, Bobby Hanson (along as an accompanist on the piano) will entertain us with a selection of Christmas Favorites in the sanctuary. A festive lunch prepared by Suzanna will follow at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please call the church office or contact Jennifer Thompson by Friday, December 9 to make reservations.



**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday Attendance: (11/13/22)	
8:45 AM Worship	87
11:00 AM Worship	341
Online Worship Views	159
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>587</b>
Nursery	21
Children's Worship	86
Sunday School	201

**Finances: (11/13/22)**

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$2,022,708.12
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$1,681,764.38
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date .....	\$1,807,638.92

**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**

**November 20, 2022**

**Sermon Extended**

Monday	Psalm 100	What are ways I can give God thanks and praise?
Tuesday	Deuteronomy 8:1-10	Reflect on your life's journey and where you saw that God was with you.
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 8:11-20	How can I keep from forgetting what God has done for me?
Thursday	Colossians 3:15-17	How does worship lead us to practice thanksgiving to God?
Friday	Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:4-10	What does God's grace mean to me?

**Sermon Notes**

**As a Praying Church...**

We ask You, Lord, to help us be *overwhelmed* with thanks for all that You give us! Nothing we have is truly ours. Your Word tells us that YOU are the giver of EVERY good thing in our lives. Thank You.

**This Week at Wesley**

**Sunday, November 20**

- 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

**Monday, November 21**

**Eli's Place Closed This Week**

- 3:00 PM   Care & Share Meeting
- 6:00 PM   Trombone Choir Rehearsal, SNC

**Tuesday, November 22**

- 7:00 AM   Men's Bible Study, Holland Hse
- 9:00 AM   Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH 310
- 9:00 AM   Bible Buddies, OH 308
- 11:00 AM   Staff Mtg, OH 310
- 6:00 PM   Community Thanksgiving Svc, Ascension Lutheran Church
- 6:30 PM   Bible Study, Wesley Gardens

**Wednesday, November 23**

**No WNS or Programs**

**Thursday, November 24**

**Church Office Closed**

**Friday, November 25**

**Church Office Closed**

**Pastor on Call This Week**

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

**Wednesday Night Supper  
November 23**

No Wednesday Night Supper this week. We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and join us again on November 30.

**In Our Prayers....**

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 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, Bella Grace Bartels, Edith Roszkowiak, Ruth & Elton Stuenckel, Harriet Bland, Roz Evans, Lois Wooten

**Military Serving Abroad/Stateside**

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