



**Celebrating 155 Years 1868 - 2022**

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### **GROUNDHOG DAY AGAIN**

As I write this cover on the verge of another Groundhog Day, I was thinking about how it is a symbol of hope. Spring is coming, whether he sees his shadow and we have six more weeks of winter or he doesn't, and we have an early spring, we are hoping for spring. I personally am hoping for a cloudy day. I sure do like spring. What's the old saying, "hope springs eternal"? It means people can always find a reason to hope even in the bleakest situations. As Christians our hope is grounded in the resurrection of Jesus. It is not surprising we celebrate it in the spring.

Jurgen Moltmann is a well-known German theologian and teacher who wrote a book entitled "A Theology of Hope.".] Moltmann was drafted into the German army during WWII at only 16 years of age. He survived the war and in 1945 surrendered to the first British soldier he could find and became a prisoner of war. As he learned about the concentration camps and extermination of millions of Jews, Moltmann claimed his remorse was so great, he often felt he would have rather died along with many of his comrades than live to face what their nation had done. Moltmann met a group of Christians in the camp, and was given a small copy of the New Testament and Psalms by an American chaplain. He gradually felt more and more identification with and reliance on the Christian faith. Moltmann later claimed, "I didn't find Christ, he found me."

Moltmann says faith and hope are inseparable companions. *"Hope is nothing else than the expectation of those things which faith has believed to have been truly promised by God. This faith believes God to be true, hope awaits a time when this truth shall be manifested; faith believes that He is our Father, hope anticipates that He will ever show Himself to be a Father toward us; faith believes that eternal life has been given to us; hope anticipates that it will some time be revealed; **faith is the foundation on which hope rests, hope nourishes and sustains faith.**"*

Sunday worship is about faith and hope, but our faith and hope are grounded in the love of God in Christ. This morning as we gather once again at the table, we do so believing with the Apostle Paul, when all other things fail and pass away, faith, hope, and love will remain. It is my prayer your faith is strengthened, your hope enlivened, and your love deepened as we worship today.

*Ben*

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023  
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.  
*Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*

**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) Hannah MacGregor

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

**Introit** (11:00) Let Us Rejoice Jan Yarrington

Let us rejoice. This is the day that the Lord hath made.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

- Psalm 118:24

\* **Hymn** No. 715 Rejoice, the Lord is King DARWALL'S 148th

\* **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.

**Commissioning of Santa Elena, Honduras Mission Trip** (11:00)

Scott Cleaveland, Jake Coakley, Rusty Holt, Sharlene and Pat Monahan,  
Malinda and Newman Smith, Sheila and Skip Watts, and Yves Behrens

**Pastoral Prayer** Nelle Bordeaux

\* **Scripture Lesson** (Pew Bible, pg. 15) Matthew 13:44-53

**Sermon** "Kingdom Secrets Part 4: Is it Worth it?" 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. Michele Murray  
All Creatures of Our God and King (in the style of Haydn)

**Anthem** (11:00) When the Saints Go Marching In arr. John Rutter  
O Lord, I want to be in that number...

When the saints go marching in.  
When the revelation comes.  
When the new world is revealed.  
When they gather round the throne.  
When they crown him King of Kings.  
And on that hallelujah day.  
Oh, when the saints go marching in.

#### **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

#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

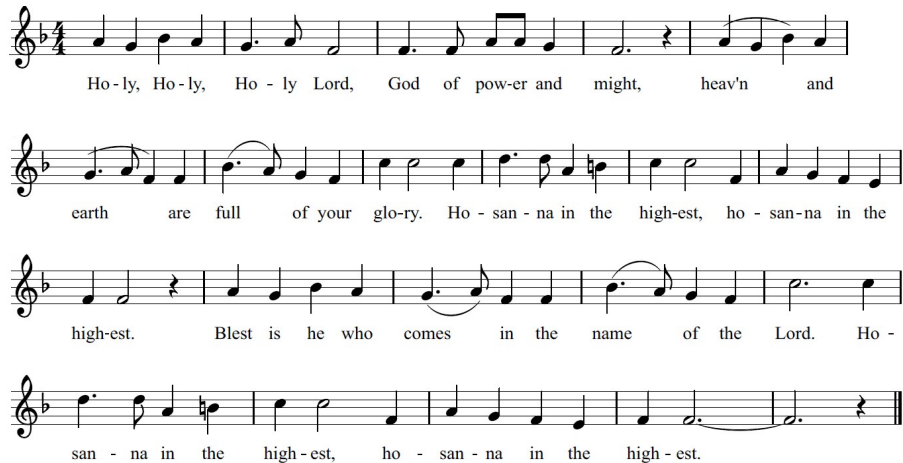
**Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.**

**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 Urban Hope. If you would like to give a donation, please place your offering in the chancel rail when you come to be served.*

### 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. 569      We've a Story to Tell to the Nations      MESSAGE

\* **Benediction**      Ben Martin

**Closing Response** (11:00)      AUGUSTINE  
 Let All the World in Every Corner Sing: My God and King

**Closing Voluntary**      J. S. Bach  
 Fugue à la Gigue in G Major, BWV 577

\* *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 memory of W. Waldo Bradley by his family.

### Just Born

Congratulations to Emily and Andrew Robinson on the birth of twins, Madelyn Grace Robinson and Andrew Charles Robinson, on January 21, 2023. Grandchildren of Frankie and Chuck Sowell. Roses are by the altar today in honor of Madelyn and Andrew.

Congratulations to Xada Rae Baxter and Bobby Kutchev, III on the birth of a daughter, Winslet Joan Kutchev on January 29, 2023. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Winslet.

### **Honduras Mission Trip**

The mission team will be in Honduras February 10-17 working with two agencies. With Mission on the Move, they will be serving in the Bordo slum of San Pedro de Sula and the Village of Santa Elena offering a day camp experience for 180 kids based on the parable of the lost sheep with a St. Valentine's party. Wesley member Dr. Will Faulk is sending the team with ample dental supplies for the kids. The mission team will also be completing the construction of the center for disabled students which Wesley Monumental funded at MOM's Oaks of Righteousness facility in 2022. Then the team will build two \$1500 houses through El Camino, a United Methodist support agency that builds homes and plants churches. Please keep the team's travels and work in your prayers. Pray they may truly be the hands and heart of Christ in those communities.

### **Love Walk for Wesley Community Center, Saturday, February 11**

Sign up and find sponsors for this 3.6-mile walk (uneven sidewalks) in the Historic District. The walk starts at 9:00 a.m., so please meet by 8:45 a.m. at Wesley Community Center. Deadline to sign up with Nelle is today, Sunday, February 5.

### **Share the Love Merry Makers Valentine's Party**

Monday, February 13 at Wesley Gardens Retreat! Come at 11:00 a.m. to hear Tom Neary, owner of one of Savannah's newest businesses, Dad's Donuts. Call the church office by this Friday, February 10 to make your reservation. Cost \$7.

### **March Messenger Deadline**

Email announcements to jennifer@wesleymonumental.org by 2/6.

### **Diaper Donations Needed**

Each year, as part of our "Sharing the Love" Valentine program, the children of Eli's Place participate in a mission project to help needy children. This year we are collecting diapers and diaper wipes for Over the Moon Diaper Bank here in Savannah. A diaper bank functions like a "food bank" but provides diapers and wipes to needy families. Diapers and wipes can cost more than \$100 per month per child and most childcare facilities require families use disposable diapers. Help us keep Savannah babies healthy and dry! Drop off boxes are located at the Gordon and Wayne Street entrances.

### **Children of the Light Concert**

Our one hundred thirty children and youth choristers will be singing hymns with 33-piece orchestra on Sunday, February 26 at 5:00 p.m. The Chancel Choir will accompany the choristers on some hymns, and the audience will join in singing on a few beloved hymns.

Tickets are \$35: church office or MonumentalMusic.eventbrite.com

### **A Record of Our Faithfulness**

#### **Attendance: (1/29/23)**

8:45 AM Worship	88
11:00 AM Worship	407
Online Worship Views	165
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>660</b>
Nursery	18
Children's Worship	46
9:45 AM Sunday School	152

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

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks

**Communion Stewards** (setup and transition): Joyce & Richard Zehl

**Greeters:** Lori Miller, Judy Cleveland

**Ushers:** Jeff Miller

**Offering Steward:** Jeff Miller

**Partners in Prayer:** Carmine Cowart

### **11:00 Service**

**Acolytes:** Anna Livingood, Julianna Jones

**Children's Worship:** Micaela Anderson, Amy Daniel, Donessa Gattis, Ashley Wanager

**Communion Stewards** (clean up): Vicki Dougherty & Judy Pitts

**Greeters:** Nancy & Woody Brown

**Offering Steward:** Brian West

**Ushers:** Brian West, Mehmet Ergul, Ted Moore, Jim Pannell,

Jon Pannell, Willie Roberds, Ken Spriggs

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

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church**

**February 05, 2023**

**Sermon Extended**

Monday	Matthew 13:44	What do I hear Jesus saying to me in this parable?
Tuesday	Matthew 13:44-45	What is the difference in the two parables? What do I hear Jesus saying to me in the second one?
Wednesday	Matthew 13:47-50	Is this an image of grace (a big net that gathers all) or judgement (sorting out good and bad)?
Thursday	Matthew 7:25-33	What do I need to not worry about that is keeping me from seeking the Kingdom of God?
Friday	Matthew 5:8, Luke 10:38-42	What is "one thing" I can focus on that will draw me closer to Christ?

**Sermon Notes**

**As a Praying Church...**

We ask You, Lord, to bless the Love Walk for Wesley Community Center. Be with those who walk and with those who sponsor those who walk. Let Wesley Community Center be a light for You in Savannah.

**This Week at Wesley**

**Sunday, February 5**

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, EB & OH
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC

**Monday, February 6**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 1:15 PM Eli's Place Lunch & Learn

**Tuesday, February 7**

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Candler Hospital Cafeteria
- 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, February 8**

- 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, EB
- 6:00 PM Children's Choir, EB
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
- 6:00 PM Young Mothers' Small Group, OH Parlor
- 6:00 PM Philippians Study, Led by Ben Martin, FH
- 6:00 PM Book Study, Led by Jennifer Thompson, OH 207
- 6:00 PM Enneagram Study, Led by James P. Owens
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th Flr

**Thursday, February 9**

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

**Friday, February 10**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place

**Saturday, February 11**

- 8:45 AM Love Walk, WCC

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**

February 8, 2023

Menu: BBQ Pork

To make a reservation, email bakerj@wesleymonumental.org. If you attended WNS during the Fall, your reservation will carry over to the Winter/Spring semester.

**In Our Prayers....**

Lynn and Dan Kurtz, Connie Kurtz (mother of Dan Kurtz), Hannah Rowland (daughter of Bren and Chet Kos), Robert Green, Lynn Strickland, David Gelaude, Hope Lassiter (sister of Will Weeks), Ashley Post, David Katz, Angela Chancey (niece of Cynthia Willett), Ken Brownfield, Katie Adrian, Shari and Mel Hubbard, Bryan Vance (father of Chris Vance), Chad Gamble (brother of Kim Watson), Cindy and John Burton, Oscar Cook, Doris Rothenberger (mother of Susan Colgrove), Michele Bazemore, Suzette Parker, Emily Perry (granddaughter of Joyce and Richard Zehl), Tim Mooney, Dale and Becki Fisher (cousins of Holly Conger), Valery Hanks, Dewayne Barfield (brother of Shirley Turner), Camille Herring (sister of Wade Herring), Harriett Gattis (mother of Clayton Gattis), Matthew McClain, Jane Bostwick (mother of Meb Ryan), Walter Thomas (brother of Mark Thomas), Grant Kassinger (nephew of Peggy Jolley), Sally Polk (sister of Peggy Jolley), Danielle Robertson (granddaughter of Ceil Waters), Alyssa Jones (granddaughter of Rusty Holt), Jerry Comunale (brother-in-law of Cynthia Willett), Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Ryan Davis, Martha Sloan, Fenton McEvoy

**At Home/Extended Care**

Bella Grace Bartels, Pat Beasley, Harriet Bland, Grace and Olin Bockes, Roz Evans, Bob Harman, Marilyn Holleman, Sandrae McCorkle, Edith Roszkowiak, Ruth and Elton Stuenkel, Doug Stutzman, Mark Thomas, Cindy Telljohann, Lois Wooten

**Military Serving Abroad/Stateside**

Daniel Ealy, Michael Sailors, Dajuan Monley, Jason Childers, Chris Watson

**In Sympathy....**

The Kurtz Family  
on the death of Dan's Father,  
*Paul Kurtz*

The Montjoy Family  
on the death of Michael's uncle,  
*Walter Sumner*

The Coleman and Carroll Families  
on the death of *Curtis Coleman*  
brother-in-law of Jerolyn Carroll