



Celebrating 155 Years 1868 - 2023

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The Super Bowl and St. Valentine's Day

If there are two "celebrations" that don't seem like they belong together, but may have more in common than we think, it is the Super Bowl and St. Valentine's Day. Both are "feast" days or days of "excess." Today is one of those days of parties, unhealthy "game day" food, and Tuesday's candy purchase and consumption are probably only exceeded by Halloween. Both events are all about passion and pageantry. People who are into pro football "love" their teams, and St. Valentine's day is indeed the "feast of love." They are days when people "see red" but in very different ways.

The problem for us in the church is the culture's definition of love as modeled by the Super Bowl or Valentine's Day don't really capture a Biblical model of love. Love as Jesus modeled and Paul taught are not so much about self-indulgence as they are self-denial. And I doubt there will be a whole lot of "love your enemies" going on at the big game today either. Love is one of those words that means so many different things to us. I love football isn't the same as I love my wife or my children, and even that is not quite the same as "In this is love, Christ died for us." Maybe nobody did a better job of talking about love than St. Paul. I know this passage by heart, a wise teacher made me memorize and recite it in the 8th grade. But, occasionally I like to read Eugene Peterson's translation of it in the Message Bible. I hope you have a Happy Super Bowl and St. Valentine's Day!

"1 If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate. 2 If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing. 3 If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don't love, I've gotten nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love. 4 Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, Doesn't have a swelled head, 5 Doesn't force itself on others, Isn't always "me first," Doesn't fly off the handle, Doesn't keep score of the sins of others, 6 Doesn't revel when others grovel, Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, 7 Puts up with anything, Trusts God always, Always looks for the best, Never looks back, But keeps going to the end. 8 Love never dies. Inspired speech will be over some day; praying in tongues will end; understanding will reach its limit. 9 We know only a portion of the truth, and what we say about God is always incomplete. 10 But when the Complete arrives, our incompletes will be canceled. 11 When I was an infant at my mother's breast, I gurgled and cooed like any infant. When I grew up, I left those infant ways for good. 12 We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We'll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing him directly just as he knows us! 13 But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.

I Corinthians 13 (The Message Bible)

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Sixth 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)

Anna Owens

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary

Here I Am, Lord

arr. Mark Hayes

Elane Finley, pianist and Anne Hawks, pianist

Introit (11:00)

O Be Joyful in the Lord, All Ye Lands

Jan Yarrington

Psalm 100: 1-2

* **Hymn No. 139** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN

* **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**

GREATOREX

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 (11:00)

Winter Banks Cobb

Elizabeth Ann Cobb

children of Elizabeth and Benjamin Cobb

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Banks and Elle as members of God's family and Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church. By God's grace we will do all in our power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love that they may grow into faithful disciples of Jesus Christ who walk in the way that leads to life.

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. 415** Take Up Thy Cross GERMANY

Offertory Prayer

Jennifer Thompson

Offertory Voluntary (8:45)

arr. Michele Murray

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (in the style of Bach)

Offertory Anthem (11:00)

Ludwig van Beethoven

Hallelujah (from Christ on the Mount of Olives)

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. 28-29) Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon "Kingdom Secrets Part 5: A Trust or a Test" Ben Martin

* **Hymn Insert** Bringing in the Sheaves

Benediction

Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00)

Amen

Peter Lutkin

Closing Voluntary Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee David Cherwien

* *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 honor of Banks' and Elle's grandparents and all of their extended family who have traveled to be with them on this special day.

Usher Roses

The roses worn by the ushers today are given in loving memory of Bob Farrow by his children and grandchildren.

Messenger Brigade

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, February 16 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205.

Wesley Monumental Car Magnets

Several years ago, the Susanna Wesley Circle held a fundraiser selling Wesley Monumental car magnets. We still have plenty of car magnets for sale in the church office. The magnets are \$10 each and proceeds benefit children's ministries within the church and the community. If you would like to purchase a magnet, please email bakerj@wesleymonumental.org.

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 22, 6:15 p.m., Sanctuary.

Bible Study in Pooler - New Study Begins March 2

Led by Wesley members, David Pearre and Will Weeks, this study meets every other Thursday from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the home of David and Monica Pearre (232 Opus Court, Pooler). Beginning March 2, they will begin a new study on Acts. For more information and to sign up, contact David (mdhdhunter32@gmail.com/202-672-4914) or Will (wweeks50@comcast.net/912-547-3416).

Urban Hope Chefs and Chocolates

The 13th annual Chefs and Chocolates will take place Saturday, March 4, 7:00 pm at Kehoe Ironworks. Chefs and Chocolates is an upbeat, fun night with delicious food, great music, auctions, and a celebration of the wonderful things Urban Hope is doing in the Savannah community. You'll enjoy live music, as well as, tastings of appetizers and desserts from Savannah's finest Chefs. The event is casual, yet sophisticated with lively conversation between the event attendees, the Chefs, Urban Hope supporters, and the Urban Hope staff. To purchase tickets/tables, visit www.urbanhopesavannah.org/chefsandchocolates and click on the "Tickets and Sponsorships" button at the bottom of the page.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: TBD

Offering Steward: David Butler

Partners in Prayer: Mark Lindsay

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Harris Glidewell, Charlie Glidewell

Sunday School: Laura Blake, Sarah Labrot

Children's Worship: Laura Blake, Sarah Labrot

Greeters: Carolyn & James Cubbedge

Offering Steward: Jason Pedigo

Ushers: Jason Pedigo, Jacob Sigmon, Travis Thomas, Vin Thomas, Matt West, Mark Wilcox, Drew Wilkes, Glen Willard, Allen Williams

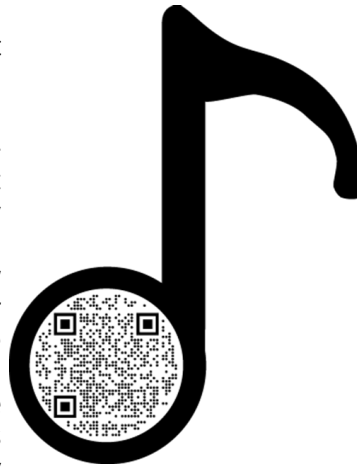
Partners in Prayer: Sandra McGowen

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Spread the Word

"Music is important to me because it pleases God." – Meris, age 8

Our one hundred thirty children and youth choristers will be singing hymns with 33-piece orchestra on Sunday, February 26 at 5:00 PM. The Chancel Choir will accompany the choristers on some hymns, and the audience will join in singing on a few beloved hymns. We are so proud of our students and their parents, and we are excited to share Christ's love through hymns at this incredible concert. Please invite your friends and neighbors. Thanks to our generous orchestra sponsors, every ticket dollar goes directly to the Building Fund for Children's and Music Ministry. The children are delighted to raise money for their own ministry area.



Tickets are \$35: [MonumentalMusic.eventbrite.com](https://www.monumentalmusic.eventbrite.com), church office, or scan the QR code.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Grocery Item Most Needed This Week for Old Savannah City Mission

Please place donations of canned meat, such as Vienna sausages, in marked boxes located in the Wayne and Gordon Street foyers and Oliver Hall.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

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.

VBS and Summer Fun Daze

As you begin to make plans for summer camps and vacations be sure to reserve these weeks for Vacation Bible School and Summer Fun Daze. ***Please note at this time, registration is only open to children and extended family of Wesley members.

- June 5 – 9 Vacation Bible School from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon for children 3 years old – 5th grade
- July 17 – 21 Summer Fun Daze from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for children Kindergarten – 3rd grade

Register for both today at www.myvbs.org/wesleymonumental

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

St. Patrick's Day

Our annual St. Patrick's Day Pancake Breakfast (to raise money for youth trips and missions) is coming up soon! You can help by donating pancake mix, bacon, or a number of other items. Our students will work as servers, but we will also need adult volunteers to help in the kitchen and collect money. We will be serving pancakes, bacon, and green grits on the morning of the parade, Friday, March 17, from 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. \$5 for adults/\$3 for children. Everyone is invited!

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

Share the Love Merry Makers Valentine's Party - RSVP Today!

Our Valentine's Party will be held tomorrow, 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. He will share with us how God has led him from being a youth pastor to starting a family business AND he is bringing his homemade donuts for our dessert! Suzanna will serve one of her special meals after we hear from Tom. Please let Jennifer Thompson know today if you plan to attend. Cost \$7.

Merry Makers Dutch Treat

We will meet for lunch on Thursday, February 23 at Splendid Shabu hot pot restaurant in Pooler at 11:00 a.m. Come join in the fun fellowship and great food! This is an experiential dining experience where you make and enjoy your own pot of soup at your table. It is super fun! Please contact Jennifer Baker at bakerj@wesleymonumental.org or Jennifer Thompson at jennifert@wesleymonumental.org by Tuesday, February 21 to make your reservation. Or you can call the church office.

Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager

Bible Study: Tuesdays, February 14 and 28

Join us for the spiritual discipline of Bible study. An in-depth class presented by Bible scholar and ESV commentator Dr. Scott Hafemann. This winter we will continue looking closely at "Peter, the Preacher" by examining his speeches in the book of Acts. Join us Tuesdays, February 14 and 28 from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the Main House. Contact hello@wesleygardensretreat.com for details.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (2/05/23)

8:45 AM Worship	90	Nursery	15
11:00 AM Worship	358	Children's Worship	57
Online Worship Views	122	Sunday School	26
Total Worship	570		

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Ben MartinSenior Pastor
 Rev. Nelle Bordeaux ..Outreach & New Members
 Rev. Jennifer Thompson..... Congregational Life
 Rev. James P. Owens ...Director of Student Ministries
 Dr. Monica DekleDirector of Music & Organist
 Julia Flowers Music Assistant
 Charli Weeks Director of Children's Ministry
 Jimmy Flowers.....Church Administrator
 Tom Anderson Financial Manager
 Jennifer BakerAdministrative Assistant, Reception

Jennifer Brookins.....Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
 Ashley Higgins..... Communications Director
 Suzanna King..... Director of Hospitality
 Nathaniel LegreeCustodian
 Betty DudleyHousekeeper
 Micah SprüngerWesley Gardens Property Manager
 Jared HanksWesley Gardens Groundskeeper/Maintenance
 Christian Swails.....Wesley Gardens Spiritual Direction/Reservations

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church
February 12, 2023

Sermon Extended

Monday	Matthew 25:14-30	What responsibilities do I feel God has entrusted to me?
Tuesday	Matthew 25:14-30	Why do you think the "one talent" man responded differently than the other two?
Wednesday	Matthew 25:14-30	Is life a test or a trust? What is the difference and why do I feel the way I do?
Thursday	Matthew 25:1-13	What does this parable have in common with the Parable of the Talents?
Friday	Matthew 25:1-13	If I'm not anticipating Jesus' imminent return, what keeps me spiritually awake?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We ask You, Lord, to be with our mission team as they are ministering in Honduras. Surround them with Your protection and give them opportunities to show Your love to many.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, February 12

Honduras Mission Trip Thru 2/17

- 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
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 4:00 PM Youth Choir, EB 4th Flr

Monday, February 13

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 11:00 AM Merry Makers Event, WG
- 5:30 PM Urban Hope Dinner, IPC

Tuesday, February 14

Valentine's Day

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Sunny Side Up
- 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
- 6:30 PM Wesley Gardens Bible Study

Wednesday, February 15

- 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 16

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 10:00 AM Messenger Brigade, OH 205
- 12:00 PM Bible Study with Nelle, Zoom

Friday, February 17

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place

OH = Oliver Hall	EB = Education Building
SNC = Sanctuary	FH = Fellowship Hall
WG = Wesley Gardens Retreat	

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin912-547-1835

Wednesday Night Supper

February 15, 2023

Menu: TBD

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....

Palmer Hood (brother of Ge-Juan Wilkes), Mike Eckmann, Sara Hardwick (sister of Cassie Beckwith), Dennis Deal (cousin of Patricia Jacobs), 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 Stuenckel, Doug Stutzman, Mark Thomas, Cindy Telljohann, Lois Wooten

Military Serving Abroad/Statedside

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

Bringing In the Sheaves

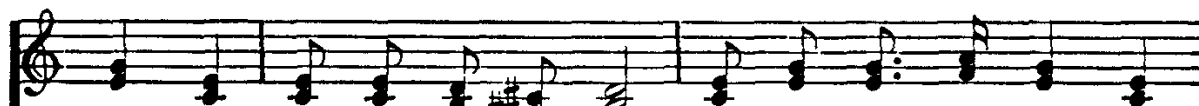
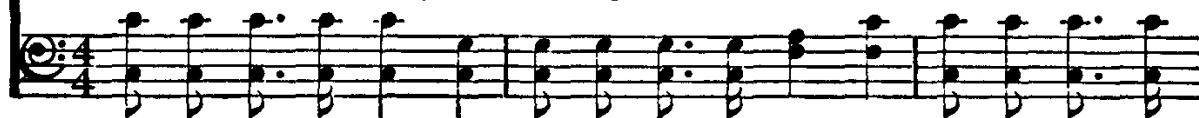
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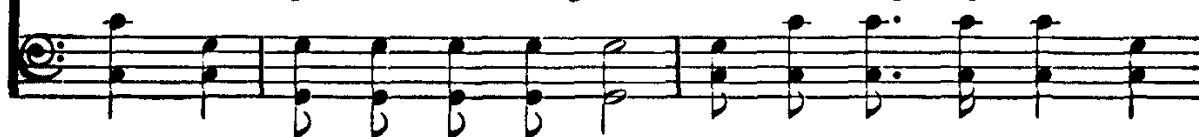
GEORGE A. MINOR



1. Sow - ing in the morn - ing, sow - ing seeds of kind - ness, Sow - ing in the
2. Sow - ing in the sun - shine, sow - ing in the shad - ows, Fear - ing nei - ther
3. Go - ing forth with weep - ing, sow - ing for the Mas - ter, Tho' the loss sus -



noon - tide and the dew - y eve; Wait - ing for the har - vest,
clouds nor win - ter's chill - ing breeze; By and by the har - vest,
tained our spir - it oft - en grieves; When our weep - ing's o - ver,



and the time of reap - ing, We shall come re - joic - ing, bring - ing in the sheaves.
and the la - bor end - ed, We shall come re - joic - ing, bring - ing in the sheaves.
He will bid us wel - come, We shall come re - joic - ing, bring - ing in the sheaves.



CHORUS



{ Bring - ing in the sheaves, bring - ing in the sheaves, We shall come re - joic -
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ing, bring - ing in the sheaves; ing, bring - ing in the sheaves.

