



**Celebrating 155 Years 1868 - 2023**

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April 2, 2023

**HOLY WEEK**

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. It is important that we take our time through Holy Week to contemplate the reality that resurrection only comes through death. This year we will have our regular Holy Week worship opportunities to get us ready for Easter. We hope you will put these on your calendar and make plans to join us.

Sunday, April 2

8:45 & 11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship, Sanctuary  
4:00 p.m. Children's Egg Hunt, Wesley Gardens Retreat  
(278 Shipyard Road, Savannah)

Monday, April 3

11:45 a.m. Holy Week Lunch & Message, Fellowship Hall,  
message by Rev. Noel Cooper

Tuesday, April 4

11:45 a.m. Holy Week Lunch & Message, Fellowship Hall,  
message by Rev. Jennifer Thompson

Wednesday, April 5

11:45 a.m. Holy Week Lunch & Message, Fellowship Hall,  
message by Dr. Edwin Chase  
(No Wednesday Night Supper or programs)

Thursday, April 6

5:30 p.m. Dinner, Fellowship Hall  
6:10 p.m. Passover Program for Children (age 3-3rd grade),  
Education Building, Second Floor  
6:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service, Sanctuary,  
message by Rev. Nelle Bordeaux

Friday, April 7

12:00 noon Good Friday Worship, Sanctuary  
Followed by Lunch, Fellowship Hall,  
message by Rev. Ben Martin

Sunday, April 9

7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service, Wesley Gardens Retreat,  
(278 Shipyard Road, Savannah)  
message by Rev. James P. Owens  
8:45 & 11:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Service, Sanctuary,  
message by Rev. Ben Martin

Our 8:45 and 11:00 Easter Services will be identical with choir, brass, and timpani. It will help with our parking for as many who can come to the 8:45 Service.

# MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

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

*Palm 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)

Ellen Muenckler

## Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

## Opening Voluntary (8:45)

One Bread, One Body

Elane Finley, pianist and Anne Hawks, pianist

## Introit (11:00)

Hosanna! Blessed is He That Comes

Hal Hopson

Kim Grimmett and Carolyn Roth, handbell ringers

\* **Hymn No. 280** All Glory, Laud, and Honor ST. THEODULPH

\* **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed James P. Owens

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.

## 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** James P. Owens

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. 278 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna ELLACOMBE

**Offertory Prayer** James P. Owens

**Offertory Solo** (8:45) The Holy City Adams/Cain  
Ken Rimes, bass

**Offertory Anthem** (11:00) The Holy City Adams/Cain

Jerusalem, Jerusalem!  
Lift up your gates and sing,  
"Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna to your King!"  
  
Jerusalem! Jerusalem!  
Sing for the night is o'er,  
"Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna for evermore."

**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, pg. 23) Matthew 21:1-17

**Sermon** "It's Not Supposed to Be This Way Part 6: Ben Martin  
For a Moment in Time"

\* **Hymn** No. 298 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross HAMBURG  
Stanza One

**Benediction** Ben Martin

**Closing Response** (11:00) DIADEMATA  
Crown Him with Many Crowns

**Closing Voluntary** All Glory, Laud, and Honor Wayne Wold

\* *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 arrangement of palms by the altar today are given in loving memory of Sally M'Liss Williams, who in her walk of faith forever inspired all who knew her.

**Flowers for the Cross**

Parents, please remember to have your children bring flowers on Easter Sunday to decorate the cross on the front steps. This provides the children with the opportunity to participate in the beautification of Wesley on Easter.

**New Sunday School Class for Adults 25-40 Years Old Beginning April 16**

"The Millennial Blend," a Sunday School class for all millennial adults led by Aaron and Ashley Higgins, is beginning Sunday, April 16 in the Oliver Hall Parlor. Together, we'll begin studying the book *What if Jesus was Serious About Prayer?* by Skye Jethani. Coffee and breakfast bites will be available. We'll build community, grow in faith, and make new friends all on Sunday mornings. Single, married, with kids, without kids—all millennials are welcome! Contact Ashley Mays Higgins with any questions. [communications@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:communications@wesleymonumental.org)

**Enrichment Class and Parents' Night Out**

On Saturday, April 22, we will host our second free Enrichment Class led by Amanda Baskin of Waters Edge Counseling. The topic will be *Children's Mental Health*, and the presentation will cover the most common mental health issues elementary-age children face. Amanda will explore ways to know the differences between typical behaviors or signs that a child needs extra help, and review steps you can take as a parent to support your child and help them lead their best life. The class will meet from 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Following the class, parents will be able to enjoy an evening out from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. while we take care of your children (birth-5<sup>th</sup> graders). To register, visit: [www.wesleymonumental.org/parents-night-out-sign-up/](http://www.wesleymonumental.org/parents-night-out-sign-up/)

**Cookie Call for Massie School May Day - We Need Cookies!**

Each year Wesley Monumental provides cookies for the students who participate in the Massie School May Day festivities. This year's May Day will take place Friday, May 5, and we need approximately 140 dozen cookies. If you would like to provide cookies or help hand out cookies and lemonade to the students, please complete the sign up slip located in today's bulletin. The slip will have details on the type of cookies needed, how to package, and when to deliver to the church. Questions? Please contact Jennifer Thompson, [jennifert@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:jennifert@wesleymonumental.org).

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

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks

**Greeters:** Lori Miller

**Offering Steward:** Jeff Miller

**Partners in Prayer:** Carmine Cowart

**11:00 Service**

**Acolytes:** Cullen Dunn, Will Haire

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks

**Greeters:** Kim & Mehmet Ergul, Michael Donovan

**Offering Steward:** Brian West

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

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

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

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

The 133 children and youth in choir are excited to share with you that they raised \$20,000 for the Building Fund at the Children of the Light concert on February 26. Thanks to our sponsors, their parents, the 50 chancel choir members, the teachers, and all of you for your support. We are so proud of the students for raising money for their own space.

#### **Video**

A video of the February 26 concert, "Children of the Light: An Evening of Hymns and Heritage" is now available. Please contact Monica to receive the link: [monica@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:monica@wesleymonumental.org).

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

#### **Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission**

Most needed this week is peanut butter. Please place donations in marked boxes located in the Wayne/Gordon Street foyers and Oliver Hall.

#### **Want to Help Lead a Bible Study at Union Mission?**

Needed are helpers to lead a Bible study at Parker's Grace House for women and also another program of Union Mission. Please pray about this opportunity and speak to Nelle for more information, [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net).

#### **New Topic in Young Mothers' Bible Study - Easter in All Four Gospels**

Meets Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome. Nelle teaches the mothers, while fabulous Carmine Cowart teaches the nursery. Please sign up with Nelle, [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net).

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

#### **Palm Processional**

Today, all children (not in choir) who would like to join the palm processional will gather in the Fellowship Hall near the Wayne Street stairwell to line up behind the choirs. We will be handing out palms in the Fellowship Hall. The children will sit at the front of the sanctuary after the processional and then leave for Children's Worship after the Children's Sermon.

#### **Easter Egg-stravaganza is Today!**

Our annual Easter Festival and Egg Hunt is scheduled for today, Sunday, April 2 at 4:00 p.m. at the Wesley Gardens Retreat Center. There will be lots of eggs, treats, games, art activities, and more. Our youngest children will gather in the main house and our elementary children will gather at the pavilion. It will be a fun afternoon for everyone. We'll have bags to decorate for egg collecting and lots of bug spray.

#### **Children's Passover Program**

Each year on Maundy Thursday we have a special Passover Program for children age 3 to 3rd grade. There are traditional Passover foods for the children to sample and our lesson covers the symbolism of each food item and the connection between the Passover in Exodus and Jesus' Last Supper. Children can be dropped off on the 2nd floor at 6:10 p.m. and picked up at 7:00 p.m.

On Maundy Thursday, the nursery will be open from 5:15 p.m.-7:00 p.m. We will be serving dinner in the nursery for children younger than 1st grade. After dinner we will take the children to the second floor for the Passover Program.

#### **Children's Easter Program**

Mark your calendar and invite your family and friends to our children's Easter program on Wednesday, April 19 at 6:15 p.m. Rehearsals are underway and the children are excited about their singing and speaking parts. The program is being presented during the season of Easter and it will be a joyful celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, our Savior.

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

**High School Mission Trip to Logan, WV, June 25-30**

We are planning a mission trip for students entering grades 9-12 with Youthworks, June 25-30, to Logan, WV, where we will work with needy children and families. If you have been on one of our Youthworks trips in the past, you know how great they are! Email James P. Owens, james@wesleymonumental.org for more information.

**Local Mission Week, July 24-28**

All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us July 24-28 for our annual Local Mission Week. Each day, students will be sent out into the community to engage in meaningful service right here in Savannah. Email James P. Owens, james@wesleymonumental.org for more information.

**Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life**

**April Merry Makers**

Our resident artist, Ivan Chow, will be our speaker at our April Merry Makers. Ivan will share with us about his love for art, show us some of his exhibits, offer us a demonstration, and talk about what he has been doing to prepare for retirement. The program will begin in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 10, and lunch will follow. Contact Jennifer Baker in the church office at bakerj@wesleymonumental.org to make reservations. Cost \$7.

**Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager**

**Bible Study: April 25**

Join us for the spiritual discipline of Bible study. An in-depth class presented by Bible scholar and ESV commentator Dr. Scott Hafemann. This spring we will continue looking closely at "Peter, the Preacher" by examining his speeches in the book of Acts. Join us Tuesday, April 25 from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the Main House. For details, contact hello@wesleygardensretreat.com.



**Finances: (3/26/23)**

Total Budget for the Year.....	\$2,083,655.68
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date.....	\$585,473.95
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date .....	\$517,300.08

**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday Attendance: (3/26/23)

8:45 AM Worship	77	Nursery	XX
11:00 AM Worship	381	Children's Worship	XX
Online Worship Views	137	Sunday School	124
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>595</b>		

**CHURCH STAFF**

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

Jennifer Brookins..... Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff, Media Communications  
 Ashley Higgins..... Communications Director  
 Suzanna King ..... Director of Hospitality  
 Betty Dudley..... Housekeeper  
 Micah Sprünger ..... Wesley Gardens Property Manager  
 Jared Hanks ..... Wesley Gardens Groundskeeper/Maintenance  
 Christian Swails ..... Wesley Gardens Spiritual Direction/Reservations

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church**

**April 2, 2023**

**Sermon Extended: Readings for Holy Week**

Prayerfully walk with Jesus through these last days.

Monday	Clearing of the Temple	Matthew 21:10-17
Tuesday	Day of Controversy	Luke 20:1-21:38
Wednesday	Day of Anointing	Mark 14:1-11
Thursday	The Foot Washing	John 13:1-20
Thursday Evening	The Last Supper	Luke 22:7-65
Friday	The Crucifixion	Mark 15:1-47

**Sermon Notes**

**As a Praying Church...**

We ask You, Lord, to prepare our hearts for Holy Week. Ready us to remember the last week of Your life from Your triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to Your resurrection from the dead. Do a new work in our hearts as we consider the cross.

**This Week at Wesley**

**Sunday, April 2**

**Palm Sunday**

- 8:45 AM **Worship Service, SNC**
- 9:30 AM **Coffee, FH**
- 9:45 AM **Church Conference, SNC**
- 9:45 AM **Sunday School, EB & OH**
- 11:00 AM **Worship Service, SNC**
- 4:00 PM **Easter Egg-stravaganza, WG**

**Monday, April 3**

**Eli's Place Closed this Week**

- 11:45 AM **Holy Week Lunch & Message**

**Tuesday, April 4**

- 7:00 AM **Men's Bible Study,  
The Original Pancake House**
- 9:00 AM **Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH 310**
- 9:00 AM **Bible Buddies, OH 308**
- 10:30 AM **Staff Mtg, OH 310**
- 11:45 AM **Holy Week Lunch & Message**

**Wednesday, April 5**

- 11:45 AM **Holy Week Lunch & Message**
- 7:15 PM **Chancel Choir Rehearsal,  
EB 4th Flr**

**Thursday, April 6**

- 12:00 PM **Bible Study with Nelle, Zoom**
- 5:30 PM **Dinner, FH**
- 6:10 PM **Passover Program for Children,  
EB 2nd Flr**
- 6:15 PM **Youth Program, EB 4th Flr**
- 6:15 PM **Maundy Thursday Svc, SNC**

**Friday, April 7**

- 12:00 PM **Good Friday Svc, SNC  
Followed by Lunch, FH**

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

**No Wednesday Night Supper or Programs this Week.**

**Join us for our Maundy Thursday Dinner and Communion Service.**

**4/6/23**

Menu: Fried Chicken

\*\*\*If you plan to eat dinner (and you are not on the permanent reservation list), please email bakerj@wesleymonumental.org. Likewise, if you are on the permanent list and do not plan to eat on Thursday, please let us know.

*In Sympathy....*

Kraeuter Family  
on the death of *Lincoln Kraeuter*, father of Scot

Bockes & Boyd Families  
on the death of  
*Grace Bockes*,  
wife of Olin Bockes  
mother of Diane Boyd

Stuenckel Family  
on the death of  
*Ruth Stuenckel*,  
wife of Elton

Family of *Karen Davis*

Vance Family  
on the death of  
*Bryan Vance*,  
father of Chris Vance

**In Our Prayers....**

Pat Killewald, McCarthy Family, John Birkheimer, Shirley Roberts, John Beal (brother-in-law of John Birkheimer), Eleanor McCurry, Mary Holloway (mother of Janet Flowers), Lynn Pruett, Sally Davis, Byron Rogers, Palmer Hood (brother of Ge-Juan Wilkes), 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, Angela Chancey (niece of Cynthia Willett), Ken Brownfield, Katie Adrian, Shari and Mel Hubbard, Chad Gamble (brother of Kim Watson), Cindy and John Burton, Oscar Cook, Doris Rothenberger (mother of Susan Colgrove), Michele Bazemore, Suzette Parker, 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, Olin Bockes, Roz Evans, Bob Harman, Marilyn Holleman, Sandrae McCorkle, Edith Roszkowiak, Elton Stuenckel, Doug Stutzman, Mark Thomas, Cindy Telljohann, Lois Wooten

**Military Serving Abroad/Stateside**

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