



Celebrating 155 Years 1868 - 2023

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 5-9

Many of us have fond memories of Vacation Bible School. Lots of somewhat silly songs, Elmer's glue and popsicle stick crafts, ice cream, recreation, learning Bible stories, memorizing Bible verses, and learning about how much Jesus loves us. Mostly what I remember were the wonderful people who took their time to put up with a bunch of screaming, excited, over-sugared children. Tomorrow we will begin Vacation Bible School with around 170 children and 60 or so volunteers. We can still use extra hands if you have a free day. A special thanks to all of you who are helping and to the parents who are committed to having your children there. We pray they will leave the week knowing more about the love of God found in Jesus and what it means to follow him. Remember our staff, volunteers, and children in your prayers during this special week at Wesley Gardens Retreat.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

This morning I am beginning a series of sermons entitled "Seeking God."

- June 4 Seeking God 1: Jeremiah 29:11-14, Matthew 7:7-8
We're All Seekers
- June 11 Seeking God 2: Jeremiah 29:11-14, Mark 1:14-15, Lk.15:11-32
Starting For Home-Repentance
- June 18 Seeking God 3: Jeremiah 29:14, Mark 10:46-52
Discerning our Deepest Desires
- June 25 Seeking God 4: Jeremiah 29:13, Matt. 5:8, Psalm 86:10-13
An Undivided Heart
- July 2 Seeking God 5: Jeremiah 29:12, John 1:35-42
Prayer-Keeping Company With Jesus
- July 9 Seeking God 6: Jeremiah 29:10, Matthew 16:24-26
Dying To Live
- July 16 Seeking God 7: Jeremiah 29:14, Col. 1:15-20, 3:1-4
Finding Christ in All Things

**WORSHIP AND DINNER AT WESLEY GARDENS RETREAT
BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY**

On June 11th we will begin our summer Sunday night worship and dinner at Wesley Gardens Retreat. Sunday school classes will take turns sponsoring a night and bringing the side dishes for the meal. You don't need a reservation, just come out and join us for relaxed evenings of worship and fellowship. Worship begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:15 p.m. We are also planning to have some Spiritual formation teaching and practices from 5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. starting June 18. Spiritual Director Christian Swails will help lead us in practices like "Lectio Divina" (sacred reading), The Prayer Labyrinth, Contemplative Prayer, etc. Come out early to do some "soul work" with us.

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.
Trinity 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.*

Lighting of the Candles (11:00) The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary (8:45) Festival March A. D. Miller

Opening Anthem (11:00) Praise the Lord G. F. Handel

* **Hymn No. 92** For the Beauty of the Earth DIX

* **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 James P. Owens

* **Scripture Lesson** (Pew Bible, pgs. 731, 7)
Jeremiah 29:11-14, Matthew 7:7-8

Sermon "Seeking God Part 1: "We're All Seekers" 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

Christ the Lord is Risen Today (in the style of Beethoven)

Offertory Anthem (11:00)

Pie Jesu

arr. Victor Johnson

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.

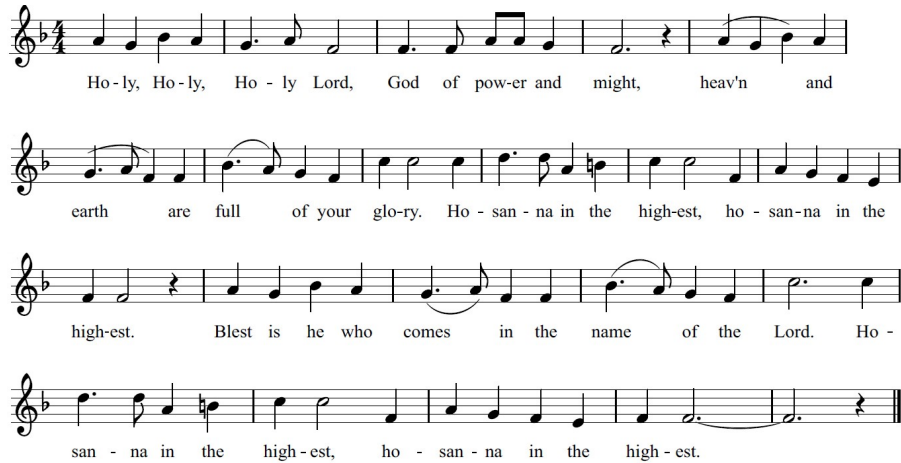
Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

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.

Grocery Items Needed

Most needed this week is canned meat. Please place donations in marked boxes located in Oliver Hall.

July Messenger Deadline

The deadline to submit announcements is tomorrow, Monday, June 5, jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.

Children's Ministry Assistant Position

A part-time Children's Ministry Assistant is needed to assist with the various children's programs offered by our Church. A copy of the Job Announcement may be found on wesleymonumental.org under *News & Events* then *Announcements*. If you are interested in applying for the position, please mail or email your resume to the contact information on the Job Announcement.

2023 Offering Envelopes

If you are a member of Wesley and have not received your 2023 offering envelopes, email, bakerj@wesleymonumental.org. Any remaining envelopes not picked up by June 30, will be recycled.

Fourth Friday Retreat

On June 23, join us in the Wesley Gardens Retreat chapel for some time of guided retreat and solitude. In addition to group prayer and Lectio Divina (meditation on Holy Scripture) this liturgically-based retreat will feature teaching and discussion. The retreat is from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. with the remainder of the afternoon available for self-guided personal retreat. Please bring your own lunch. For questions email hello@wesleygardensretreat.com.

Finances: (05-28-23)

Total Budget for the Year.....	\$2,083,655.68
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date.....	\$935,607.23
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$886,960.70

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Communion Stewards: Joyce & Richard Zehl

Greeters: Lori Miller, Judy Cleveland

Offering Steward: Jeff Miller

Partners in Prayer: Mark Lindsay

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Harris Glidewell, Charlie Glidewell

Children's Worship: Volunteers Needed

Communion Stewards: Vicki Dougherty, Pat Duffy, Judy Pitts

Greeters: Kim & Mehmet Ergul **Offering Steward:** Brian West

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

Partners in Prayer: Sandra McGowen

Merry Makers Dutch Treat

Join the Merry Makers at 11:00 a.m. at The Original Pancake House (7201 Hodgson Memorial Dr.-in the Kroger shopping center) on Thursday, June 22 for lunch. Email bakerj@wesleymonumental.org by 6/16 if you plan to attend.

Local Mission Week, July 24-28

All 6th-12th 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@wesleymonumental.org for more information.

Helpers Needed for Youth Local Mission Week

July 24-28, 9 a.m. to noon. Are you willing to help alongside our youth in construction ministry or planting azaleas, spreading dirt, or laying sod for Family Promise homeless families? Please tell Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

A Record of Our Faithfulness**Attendance: (5/28/23)**

8:45 AM Worship	72
11:00 AM Worship	215
Online Worship Views	126
Total Worship	413
Nursery	XX
Children's Worship	XX
9:45 AM Sunday School	98

Capstone Capital Campaign (as of 5/31/23):

Pledges Received	165
Total Pledged or Given	\$1,629,900
Campaign Goal	\$2,500,000

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church
June 4, 2023

Sermon Extended

Monday	Jeremiah 29:11-14	What does Jeremiah teach us about seeking God?
Tuesday	Psalm 63	What does David teach us about seeking God?
Wednesday	Exodus 3	What does Moses teach us about seeking God?
Thursday	Matthew 7:7-8	What does Jesus teach us about seeking God?
Friday	Luke 15	What does Jesus teach us about God seeking us?

Sermon Notes

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, June 4

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, June 5

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School, WG

Tuesday, June 6

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School, WG

Wednesday, June 7

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School, WG
7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal,
EB 4th Flr

Thursday, June 8

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School, WG

Friday, June 9

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School, WG

Sunday, June 11

3:00 PM Youth Group, WG Boat House
5:30 PM Worship, WG Chapel
6:15 PM Dinner, WG Main House

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

Pastors on Call This Week

Sunday (6/4) to Wednesday (6/7)
Nelle Bordeaux 912-234-9245
Thursday (6/8) to Saturday (6/10)
Ben Martin 912-547-1835

**Sunday Nights at
Wesley Gardens Retreat**

Starts next Sunday, June 11!

3:00 PM Youth Group, Boat House
5:30 PM Worship, Chapel
6:15 PM Dinner, Main House

In Our Prayers....

Heather Neisler, Carlyle Buevas (sister of Madge Edwards), Pat Besser, Archie Davis, Rodney Scott, Robin Brinkley, Ken Rimes, Pat Monahan, Robin Wyatt, Aaron Higgins, Pat Killewald, McCarthy Family, Sally Davis, Byron Rogers, John Birkheimer, Eleanor McCurry, John Beal (brother-in-law of John Birkheimer), 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), Robert Green, Lynn Strickland, David Gelaude, Hope Lassiter (sister of Will Weeks), Ashley Post, Angela Chancey (niece of Cynthia Willett), Katie Adrian, Ken Brownfield, 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, Mark Thomas, Cindy Telljohann, Lois Wooten

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

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

In Sympathy....

The Stutzman Family
on the death of
Doug Stutzman,
husband of Sandy