



**Celebrating 155 Years 1868 - 2023**

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April 16, 2023

### THE SEASON OF EASTER

What a wonderful day it was last Sunday when we celebrated the resurrection on Easter Sunday. However, as I hope you know, Easter is a 50-day season in the Church calendar not just a day. It goes from Easter Sunday to Pentecost (50 days), and for that matter, every Sunday is a "little Easter" because we are resurrection people. Our faith is in the living Christ who is present in all the creation and in each of us today. **We will continue our Easter celebration this Wednesday evening when our children present their Easter program as part of our Wednesday night at Wesley.** Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. as usual (please make sure you make a reservation), and the program will start at 6:15 p.m. We hope you will be here to celebrate Easter with our children.

There are some other special events during Easter we hope you will make a part of your faith enrichment.

◆ **New Sunday School Class for Adults (ages 25-40)**

"The Millennial Blend," a new Sunday school class for all millennial adults, led by Aaron and Ashley Higgins, is beginning this morning, Sunday, April 16 at 9:45 a.m. in the Oliver Hall Parlor (1st floor of Oliver Hall). Together, the class will begin studying the book *What if Jesus was Serious About Prayer?* by Skye Jethani. Coffee and breakfast bites will be available. They will 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)

◆ **Parents' Night Out**

This Saturday, April 22, we will host our second Parents' Night Out program from 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. Children will play on the play ground, have supper and watch a movie while their parents hear Amanda Baskin speak on Children's Mental Health. Amanda will cover the most common mental health issues elementary children face and share ways to know the differences in typical behaviors or signs that a child needs extra help. After Amanda's presentation parents can enjoy an evening out from 6:00 to 8:00. Send pajamas with your child and we'll have them ready for bed when you pick them up. To register visit:

[www.wesleymonumental.org/parents-night-out-sign-up/](http://www.wesleymonumental.org/parents-night-out-sign-up/)

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023  
8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.  
*Second Sunday of Easter*

**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)**

Millie Hunt

**Lighting of the Candles**

The Acolytes

**Opening Anthem**

His Eye Is on the Sparrow  
Claire Watts, mezzo-soprano

\* **Hymn No. 310** He Lives ACKLEY

\* **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.

**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. 307** Christ is Risen W ZLOBIE LEZY

**Offertory Prayer** Jennifer Thompson

**Offertory Voluntary** (8:45) Sweet Hour of Prayer arr. Bruce Greer

**Offertory Anthem** (11:00) William Henry Harris

Most Glorious Lord of Life

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day  
didst make Thy triumph over death and sin,  
and having harrowed hell, didst bring away  
captivity thence captive, us to win:

This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,  
and grant that we for whom Thou diddest die,  
being with Thy dear blood clean washed from sin,  
may live for ever in felicity:

And that Thy love we weighing worthily,  
may likewise love thee for the same again;  
and for Thy sake, who dost all grace supply,  
with love may one another entertain;

So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought;  
love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

### **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. 94** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\* **Scripture** (Pew Bible, pg. 54-55) Mark 16:1-8 (9-20)

**Sermon** "Fearful Faith" Ben Martin

\* **Hymn No. 303** The Day of Resurrection LANCASHIRE

**Benediction** Ben Martin

**Closing Response** (11:00) A Clare Benediction John Rutter

**Closing Voluntary** Charles-Marie Widor  
Toccata from Symphony No. 5

\* *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 gratitude for all the many blessings in our lives from Gaye and Rusty Holt.

**Messenger Brigade**

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, April 20 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205.

**Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission**

Most needed this week are rice and canned fruit. Please place donations in marked boxes located in the Wayne/Gordon Street foyers and Oliver Hall.

**Mentors Needed for Young Mothers**

Is the Lord calling you to meet once every other month at your convenience with a young mother for Christian encouragement? Please speak with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net or 912-234-9245.

**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 still need approximately 80 dozen cookies. If you would like to provide cookies please complete and detach the sign up slip (located at the bottom of the bulletin insert) and place in the offering plate or return to the church office. The slip will have details on the type of cookies needed, how to package, and when to deliver to the church.

**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 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- July 17 – 21 Summer Fun Daze from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for children Kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Register for both today at [www.myvbs.org/wesleymonumental](http://www.myvbs.org/wesleymonumental)

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

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks

**Greeters:** TBD

**Offering Steward:** Jeff Miller

**Partners in Prayer:** Britt Griffin

**11:00 Service**

**Acolytes:** Catherine Cheshire, Virginia Carroll

**Children's Worship:** TBD

**Greeters:** TBD

**Offering Steward:** Chris Donegan

**Ushers:** Chris Donegan, Allen Williams, Brad Aiken, Jesse Bentley,

Jon Boothe, Tom Bordeaux, Fred Bozeman, Michael Donovan, Doug Carroll

**Partners in Prayer:** Adam Kobek

**Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist**  
**Children's Easter Program**

Isn't it wonderful the Easter season lasts 50 days past Easter Sunday? We are all proud of the children who have been working so hard to learn their lines and many Easter hymns for the play. Please join us this Wednesday, April 19 at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary to hear the joyful sounds of children singing "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" and other Easter hymns from their hearts. Thank you parents, teachers, and our entire congregation for helping and supporting children learning God's sacred truths that will never leave them.

**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**

**New Young Mothers' Bible Study Topic -**

**"The Day Mom Finally Snapped: A Christian View of Anger."**

Join the Young Mothers' Bible Study on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 310. The new study starts this Tuesday, April 18 and a nursery will be provided. To sign up, email Nelle Bordeaux, [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net).

**April Family Mission Project - Urban Hope Supper, Monday, April 24**

Sign up to bring a main dish, side dish, salad, drinks, rolls, paper plates/cups/silverware, or dessert for 80 Urban Hope guests. Please sign up in advance with Nelle, [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net). Please meet at 5:30 p.m. at Independent Presbyterian Church, Bull at Oglethorpe; the Urban Hope children and families arrive at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!

**Shred Your Stress, Friday, April 28, 2-3 p.m., East Wayne Street**

If only it were that easy! Bring documents to be shredded (please no staples or paper clips or binder clips) to East Wayne Street. Thanks to Savannah Shredding for donating the shredding services. Questions? Please email Nelle, [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net).

**Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life**

**Merry Makers Dutch Treat**

Meet at 11:00 a.m. at Asian River (318 Mall Blvd #500B - near Jason's Deli, in front of Kroger) on Monday, April 24 for a yummy lunch out. Please let Jennifer Thompson ([jennifert@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:jennifert@wesleymonumental.org)) or Jennifer Baker ([bakerj@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:bakerj@wesleymonumental.org)) know if you will be attending by Friday, April 21 so that we can confirm reservations. See you there!

**Merry Makers May Event**

Lots of people say they want to write and publish a book, but few ever do. Come learn from someone who's done it-three times! Wesley Monumental's own Communications Director, Ashley Mays Higgins, is a traditionally published author who writes fiction for fierce young women of faith. On Monday, May 8 at 11:00 a.m., join Ashley in the Fellowship Hall for an interactive presentation about her personal journey toward publication, how you can take the first steps toward being an author, and a Q&A about the publishing industry. Ashley will have crossword puzzles, bookmark-making supplies, and more fun surprises we'll enjoy together. Contact Jennifer Baker in the Church Office to make your reservation.

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

**Children's Easter Program**

Invite your family and friends and join us this Wednesday, April 19 at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary for our children's Easter program. 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.

**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. Join us Tuesday, April 25 from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the Main House. For details, contact hello@wesleygardensretreat.com.

**Fourth Friday Retreat**

On April 28, join us in the 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. Coffee and tea is provided at the Memory Garden gazebo at 8:45 a.m. The retreat is 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. with the remainder of the afternoon available for self-guided personal retreat. Please bring your own lunch. For questions and further details email, hello@wesleygardensretreat.com.

**The Sacred Journey Multi-Day Retreat**

Come slow down with us on the Moon River and take a break from the hurry and hustle. Here you will experience ancient ways of being present to yourself, to God, and the beauty around you. Your retreat will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 25 and end by lunchtime on Sunday, May 28. Your ticket includes ALL MEALS during your stay, lodging, spiritual direction, materials, and a special gift. Questions or to register, email Christian Swails at christian@cocreationlife.com.



**Finances: (4/9/23)**

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$2,083,655.68
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$685,902.31
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$623,346.30

**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Easter Sunday Attendance: (4/9/23)

7:00 AM Sunrise Svc	25	Nursery	37
8:45 AM Worship	511	Children's Worship	128
11:00 AM Worship	726	Sunday School	25
Online Worship Views	272		
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>1534</b>		

**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Ben Martin .....	Senior Pastor	Jennifer Brookins.....	Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
Rev. Nelle Bordeaux ..	Outreach & New Members	Ashley Higgins.....	Communications Director
Rev. Jennifer Thompson.....	Congregational Life	Suzanna King.....	Director of Hospitality
Rev. James P. Owens ...	Director of Student Ministries	Betty Dudley.....	Housekeeper
Dr. Monica Dekle.....	Director of Music & Organist	Micah Sprünger .....	Wesley Gardens Property Manager
Julia Flowers .....	Music Assistant	Jared Hanks .....	Wesley Gardens Groundskeeper/Maintenance
Charli Weeks .....	Director of Children's Ministry	Christian Swails.....	Wesley Gardens Spiritual Direction/Reservations
Jimmy Flowers.....	Church Administrator		
Tom Anderson .....	Financial Manager		
Jennifer Baker .....	Administrative Assistant, Reception		

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church**  
**April 16, 2023**

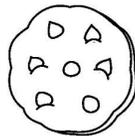
**Sermon Extended**

Monday	Mark 16:1-8	How does fear affect my faith?
Tuesday	Mark 16:9-14	What gets in the way of my "belief" in the resurrection?
Wednesday	Mark 16:15-20	What "signs" accompany my faith?
Thursday	John 20:19-31	What is the difference in faith and certainty?
Friday	I Corinthians 15:1-28	What does the resurrection of Christ mean to me?

**Sermon Notes**

**As a Praying Church...**

As a praying church, we thank You, Lord, for the glorious Easter Sunday You gave us at Wesley! We ask that You would help us to always hold Easter in our hearts. We ask too that you would bless our children as they prepare for and present their Easter play. Help them to feel Your presence as they do so.



## Cookie Call

Yes! I am willing to help with Massie May Day.

I will bake \_\_\_\_\_ dozen and deliver them to the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, May 3.

\_\_\_\_\_ I can help serve cookies and lemonade on **FRIDAY**, May 5 from 10-12.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Cookies must be sugar cookies (NO Peanut Butter, Nuts, Almond Extract or decorations of any kind).
- Place cookies in snack-sized zip-lock bags, two cookies per bag.

*Tear off, and place this form in the offering plate or return to the Church Office.*

**This Week at Wesley**

**Sunday, April 16**

- 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
- 4:00 PM Youth Choir, EB 4th Flr
- 5:00 PM Youth Group, EB 4th Flr

**Monday, April 17**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 2:00 PM Courtney Gaines Circle
- 5:30 PM Easter Program Dress Rehearsal
- 6:00 PM Trombone Choir Concert, SNC

**Tuesday, April 18**

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study,  
The Original Pancake House
- 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
- 6:00 PM Pacesetters, FH

**Wednesday, April 19**

- 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
- 6:15 PM Children's Easter Program, SNC
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal,  
EB 4th Flr

**Thursday, April 20**

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

**Friday, April 21**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place

**Saturday, April 22**

- 4:30 PM Enrichment Class, FW
- 6:00 PM Parents' Night Out

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**  
**4/19/23**  
 Menu: TBD

*In Sympathy....*

The Gaskin Family  
on the death of *Norma Day*,  
mother of Dorie Gaskin

The Parker Family  
on the death of Brad's mother

The Rogers Family  
on the death of *Enid Cockfield*,  
grandmother of Savannah Rogers

**In Our Prayers....**

Aaron Higgins, 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 Stuenkel, Doug Stutzman, Mark Thomas, Cindy Telljohann, Lois Wooten

**Military Serving Abroad/Stateside**

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