



Celebrating 155 Years 1868 - 2023

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ASH WEDNESDAY AND THE SEASON OF LENT

This Wednesday we enter the season of Lent. For forty days (not counting Sundays which are “little Easters” or celebration days) we will be moving towards the cross and, ultimately, Easter. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. As we begin the journey with Jesus to the cross, we begin by remembering our mortality that “the wages of sin is death.” Ash Wednesday is a day of repentance, and we receive ashes as a mark of repentance (“sackcloth and ashes”). Our Ash Wednesday Service will be held at 6:15 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Lent is a traditional season of self-examination and repentance, therefore, it is a season of prayer and fasting. Lent is also often associated with the practice of “giving up” something. Most of us choose things that we like but may not necessarily need. Giving up something for Lent is a form of fasting. The spiritual disciplines of self-examination and repentance go hand in hand and in fact are intended to compliment or complete each other. What good is self-examination without repentance (confession and a commitment to change) based on what God shows me about myself and my sin? In the same way, what good is fasting (emptying or giving up) without refilling and giving. If I choose to fast from something that takes my time, how will I fill that time with something that draws me closer to God? If I choose to fast from something that costs me money, where can I give what I save to bless God?

Sometimes we choose to fast from things that are not good for us as a means to be healthier. Most of the time we are thinking about physical benefits, but what about fasting from things that harm me spiritually or emotionally. Above all Lent is a time to fast from sin, which often takes the form of attitudes as much as actions. What if I fast from criticism and complaint and with the emotional energy I save offer praise or thanksgiving to someone? What if I fast from bitterness or resentment and offer back forgiveness, patience, and understanding?

We may think, “It’s only forty days,” but forty days is long enough to form a habit. Forty days is long enough to change our lives. Remember Moses, Elijah, and Jesus were not the same men after their forty days on the mountain with God. It could be the same with us.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023
8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
Transfiguration 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)

Walt Baxter

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary

God of Grace

arr. Paul Manz

Introit (11:00)

Let All the World

Ralph Vaughan Williams

* **Hymn No. 674** See the Morning Sun Ascending UNSER HERRSCHER

* **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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in remembrance of Robert and Peggy Rothenberger, parents of Tom and Susan Colgrove.

Just Born

Congratulations to Caroline and Randon Rhodes on the birth of twin sons, Charles Harrison Rhodes and Jack Rollins Rhodes, on February 9, 2023. Roses are by the altar today in honor of Charles and Jack.

Ash Wednesday Service, February 22

- Dinner will take place at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you need to make a reservation, please email bakerj@wesleymonumental.org.
- Ash Wednesday Service will begin at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- Joyful Noise Choir and Children's Choir will rehearse from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. with dinner served prior as usual.
- A special program for children not in choir (ages three years old through third grade) will be held from 6:10 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the second floor.
- Nursery will be open for children younger than three from 5:15 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

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.

New Sunday School Class

If you are a younger adult and are not a part of a Sunday School class, be on the lookout for more information about Wesley's new Young Adult Sunday School Class that will be starting on Sunday, March 26!

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Ann Croft, Sharlene Monahan

Offering Steward: Jeff Miller

Partners in Prayer: Britt Griffin

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Sarah Cate Green, Camille Wilkes

Children's Worship: Sarah Labrot

Greeters: Barbara & Johnny Phelps

Offering Steward: Chris Donegan

Ushers: Chris Donegan, Brad Aiken, Jesse Bentley, Jon Boothe, Doug Carroll, Tom Bordeaux, Fred Bozeman, Chandler Brannen, Jake Coakley

Partners in Prayer: Adam Kobek

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist
Supporting Wesley Monumental Children and Youth

Would you please love and support our church's children and youth by attending their concert? We'd love to have a packed house for them--they've worked hard to prepare this gift for our community.

Children of the Light:
An Evening of Hymns and Heritage

130 Children and Youth with Chancel Choir
and 33-piece Orchestra

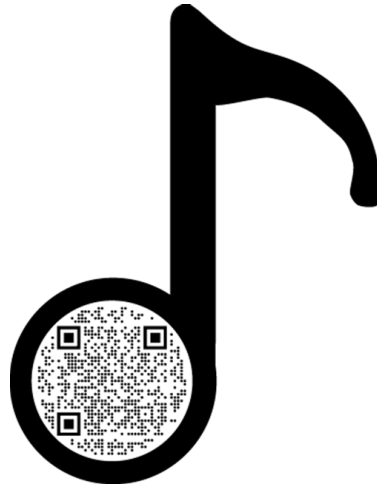
Sunday, February 26, 5-6 PM

Tickets: \$35.

MonumentalMusic.eventbrite.com,
church office, any choir member,
or scan the QR code

All ticket sales go to Building Fund for
Children's and Music Ministry.

We will announce the total amount raised
to the children after the concert!



Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Grocery Item Most Needed This Week for Old Savannah City Mission

Please place donations of canned vegetables in marked boxes located in the Wayne and Gordon Street foyers and Oliver Hall.

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

Merry Makers Dutch Treat

We will meet for lunch on this 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 this Tuesday, February 21 to make your reservation. Or you can call the church office.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

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!

Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager

Bible Study: Tuesday, February 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 Tuesday, February 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: (2/12/23)

8:45 AM Worship	86	Nursery	10
11:00 AM Worship	333	Children's Worship	44
Online Worship Views	118	Sunday School	164
Total Worship	537		

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	Nathaniel Legree..... Custodian
Dr. Monica Dekle Director of Music & Organist	Betty Dudley Housekeeper
Julia Flowers Music Assistant	Micah Sprünger Wesley Gardens Property Manager
Charli Weeks Director of Children's Ministry	Jared Hanks Wesley Gardens Groundskeeper/Maintenance
Jimmy Flowers Church Administrator	Christian Swails Wesley Gardens Spiritual Direction/Reservations
Tom Anderson Financial Manager	
Jennifer Baker Administrative Assistant, Reception	

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church
February 19, 2023**

Sermon Extended

Monday	Matthew 25:31-40	On what basis do I think I will be judged?
Tuesday	Matthew 25:40-46	What causes me to not pay attention to Christ in the least of these?
Wednesday	I John 3:11-24	Why is love for each other the same as love for God?
Thursday	Ephesians 1:17-19	How can I have the "eyes of my heart enlightened"?
Friday	James 2:1-17	Focus on turning faith into works today.

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We ask You, Lord, to be with our children's, youth, and adult choirs, as well as all instrumentalists, as they make the final preparations for their concert. Let their music be an offering to You.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, February 19

- 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, February 20

President's Day - Eli's Place Closed

- 6:00 PM Pacesetters, FH

Tuesday, February 21

- 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

Wednesday, February 22

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 10:30 AM Jane Shirah Circle,
Home of Camille O'Neill
- 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 Ash Wednesday Svc, SNC
- 6:00 PM Youth Ash Wed. Svc, EB 4th Flr
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal,
EB 4th Flr

Thursday, February 23

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 11:00 AM Merry Makers Lunch,
Splendid Shabu
- 12:00 PM Bible Study with Nelle, Zoom

Friday, February 24

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 7:00 PM Orchestra Rehearsal, SNC

Saturday, February 25

- 9:00 AM Children's Concert Rehearsal,
SNC

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 22, 2023

Menu: Hamburger Casserole

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....

Byron Rogers, 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/Stateside

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

Blest Are They

Gsus Leader or All G D

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, all be -

Dsus D7 Gsus G Gsus G

king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who
 shall be theirs. Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
 cause of me. Re - joice, be glad;

D C Dsus D Gsus G

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
 pure of heart; they shall see God.
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain All C D7 G D Em G C G

Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are you;

Am A D C D7 Em Em7

ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!

C Dsus D C G

Yours is the king - dom of God!