



Celebrating 155 Years 1868 - 2023

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EASTER HAS JUST BEGUN

After pushing through the forty days of fasting and penitence for Lent, parading through celebration of Palm Sunday, trudging through the painful days of Holy Week, and dancing through the resurrection victory of Easter, we usually want to stop and catch our breath on the other side. But guess what? It is still Easter.

What is sometimes lost on us during this season is Easter is not just a day in the church, it is a season. The "Great Fifty Days" is how the season of Easter is described in the church year. The fifty days represent the time between the resurrection of Jesus on Easter and the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. The scriptures tell us that for forty days after the resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples and other believers. The resurrected Christ transcended time and space. That means for the church the days after Easter should be ones of great expectation. Like the first followers of Jesus after Easter morning, we should practice our spiritual disciplines of prayer, worship, and study expecting that the resurrected Christ will meet us in a renewed and meaningful way. Instead of a time to catch our breath, it should be a season that leaves us with breathless anticipation.

Christ is risen, which means Christ is with us. Like frightened disciples locked away behind doors of fear, He is with us in our fear. Like discouraged disciples wandering aimlessly down the Emmaus road, He is with us in our confusion and discouragement. Like hopeless disciples who returned to the boats and nets only to catch nothing, He is with us in our failures. Like doubting disciples who can't believe unless we see and touch, He is with us in our skepticism and doubts. Wherever the days of Easter find us, remember the message, "I am with you always even to the end of the age." Happy Easter, Christ is risen.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023
8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
Third 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) Branan Parsons

Lighting of the Candles The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary Michael Praetorius
Der Konig (from Terpsichore)

* **Hymn No. 308** Thine Be the Glory JUDAS MACCABEUS

* **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** GREATORIX

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)

Madelyn Grace Robinson and Andrew Charles Robinson
children of Emily and Andrew Robinson

Tyler Joshua Marinich
son of Laney and Jared Marinich

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Madelyn, Andrew, and Tyler 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 Jennifer Thompson

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. 315** Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain ST. KEVIN

Offertory Prayer James P. Owens

Offertory Voluntary Abide With Me arr. Sonny Ausman

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. 127,176-177)
Acts 9:1-9, I Corinthians 15:1-9, 42-49

Sermon "I Saw the Light" Ben Martin

* **Hymn No. 312** Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise LLANFAIR

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Voluntary Battle Pavane 1551 Tielman Susato

* *Please stand as you are able.
Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you.
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Please welcome the Savannah Trombone Choir
to worship today, directed by Mark Spradley.

Students: Michael Brown, Gabbrielle Bryant,
James McCarn, Grayson McHugh, Benjamin Phillips,
Reese Scott, and Campbell Tunney.

Thank you to Shirley Roberts for playing in worship this morning.

Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Ann Lott from Forrest and Susan Lott.

Just Born

Congratulations to Mackenzie and John Kingston on the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Grace Kingston, on April 17, 2023. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Birdie.

Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

Most needed this week is cereal. 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.

Shred Your Stress, This 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.

A TikTok Approach to the Old Testament

The Journey Class will study The Old Testament utilizing the lecture videos of Dr. Christine Hayes of Yale University, Dr. Robert D. Miller of Catholic University, and a special presentation by Rabbi Robert Haas from Congregation Mickve Israel. All members of Wesley are invited to participate in this study that will begin April 30 and conclude July 30.

Cookie Call for Massie School May Day - We Need 27 Dozen 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 27 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.

2023 National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Thursday in May. This day observance, designated by the United States Congress, asks people "to turn to God in prayer and meditation." This year's National Day of Prayer will be held Thursday, May 4, and Wesley Monumental will offer two ways to participate: (1) The sanctuary will be open from 7:30 a.m. to Noon, so members and visitors can stop by and pray. (2) A suggested prayer schedule for Wesley Monumental groups (e.g., Administrative Board, Sunday school classes, etc.) will be available in the April 30 Sunday bulletin, online, and in our Wesley Weekly email blasts.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Linda Butler, Sharlene Monahan

Offering Steward: David Butler

Partners in Prayer: Henry Whitfield

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Addison Conger, Couper Howard

Children's Worship: Laura Blake, Leslie Shor, Lindsey Wiggins

Greeters: Neilie & Justin Dunn

Offering Steward: Jim Willis

Ushers: Jim Willis, Jake Coakley, Rusty Holt, Bob Cole, Sam Daniel,
Peter Delters, Greg Dotson, Justin Dunn

Partners in Prayer: Annelle McDuffee

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

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.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

"The Day Mom Finally Snapped: Dealing with Anger"

Will be the topic in the Young Mothers' Bible Study, this Tuesday, April 25, from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall. Nursery provided. Please sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Thursday Noon Bible Study

Will start a new study of the book of Esther this week. This Bible study meets via Zoom. Sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Urban Hope Supper Tomorrow, 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. 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!

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

Merry Makers Dutch Treat - RSVP Today

Meet at 11:00 a.m. at Asian River (318 Mall Blvd #500B – near Jason's Deli, in front of Kroger) tomorrow, Monday, April 24 for a yummy lunch out. Please let Jennifer Thompson know today if you will be attending. 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

Infant Recognition Sunday

Each year, on Mother's Day, we look forward to recognizing the babies born into our congregation and this year is no exception! On Sunday, May 14 we will be honoring more than 20 families who welcomed babies into the world this past year. If you are a member of Wesley Monumental or attend regularly, please contact charli@wesleymonumental.org to confirm we have your child on our list.

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

Graduate Recognition Sunday

Graduate Recognition Sunday will be held May 21, and if anyone knows of a member (or member’s child) that is graduating from high school or college, please email james@wesleymonumental.org.

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 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 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.



Finances: (4/16/23)

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,083,655.68
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$710,687.46
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$637,127.71

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (4/16/23)

8:45 AM Worship	113	Nursery	15
11:00 AM Worship	290	Children’s Worship	46
Online Worship Views	121	Sunday School	163
Total Worship	524		

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 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 BakerAdministrative Assistant, Reception

Jennifer Brookins.....Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
 Ashley Higgins Communications Director
 Suzanna King Director of Hospitality
 Betty DudleyHousekeeper
 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 23, 2023

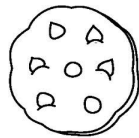
Sermon Extended

Monday	I Corinthians 15:1-9	What would you tell someone is of "first importance" about being a Christian? Why?
Tuesday	Acts 9:1-9	Was your own "conversion" dramatic/sudden like Saul/Paul or a slower unfolding revelation like the disciples on the road to Emmaus?
Wednesday	Acts 9:1-9, I Corinthians 15:1-9	What does Paul's experience tell us about the resurrected Jesus?
Thursday	I Corinthians 15:42-49	What does Paul teach us about the concept of resurrection?
Friday	I Corinthians 15:50-58	Am I afraid of death? Why or Why not?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We ask you, Lord, to be with those who cook, serve, and attend the Urban Hope dinner on Monday night. We ask that You would be present and that this would be a time of joy and fellowship as people share a meal with one another. Thank you for the mission ministry volunteers at Wesley.



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 23

8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
9:30 AM Coffee, FH
9:45 AM Sunday School, EB & OH
11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
12:15 PM Children's Ministry Mtg
5:00 PM Youth Group, EB 4th Flr

Monday, April 24

9:00 AM Eli's Place
2:00 PM Joy Circle, OH 310
5:30 PM Urban Hope Dinner, IPC

Tuesday, April 25

9:00 AM Eli's Place
9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH 310
9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH 308
5:30 PM Eli's Place Committee Mtg

Wednesday, April 26

9:00 AM Eli's Place
10:30 AM Jane Shirah Mtg
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 Book Study, Led by
Jennifer Thompson, OH 207
6:00 PM Enneagram Study, Led by
James P. Owens
6:00 PM Young Mothers' Small Group,
OH Parlor
7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal,
EB 4th Flr

Thursday, April 27

9:00 AM Eli's Place
12:00 PM Bible Study with Nelle, Zoom

Friday, April 28

9:00 AM Eli's Place
2:00 PM Shred Your Stress, Wayne St.

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

Pastors on Call This Week

Nelle Bordeaux 912-234-9245
Jennifer Thompson.. 229-726-7735
James P. Owens 770-868-6150

Wednesday Night Supper

4/26/23

Menu: TBD

In Sympathy....

The family of *Ron Kent*

The Patricio Family
on the death of *Alan Patricio*,
brother of Raymond Patricio

The Jackson Family
on the death of *Ruth M. Jackson*,
mother of Sheila Jackson

In Our Prayers....

Robin Wyatt, 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), 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), 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 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

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