



**Celebrating 155 Years 1868 - 2023**

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**Happy Independence Day**

While I'm not usually much on retreading old stuff that floats around the internet, the piece below always seems a good reminder as we celebrate Independence Day. We are grateful for the freedom we know as Americans, but I pray you know the even greater freedom of life in Christ.

I am free from failure for "I can do all things through Christ who strengthen me." Phil. 4:13

I am free from want for "my God shall supply all my need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:19

I am free from fear for "God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." 2 Tim. 1:7

I am free from doubt for "God hath given to every man the measure of faith." Rom. 12:3

I am free from weakness, "for the Lord is the strength of my life." Ps 27:1

I am free from the power of Satan "for greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world." 1 Jn. 4:4

I am free from defeat "for God always causes me to triumph in Christ Jesus." 2 Cor. 2:14

I am free from ignorance, "for Christ Jesus is made unto me wisdom from God." 1 Cor. 1:30

I am free from sin "for the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses me from all sin." 1 Jn. 1:7

I am free from worry "for I am to cast my cares upon Him." 1 Pet. 5:7

I am free from bondage "for where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." 2 Cor. 3:17

I am free from condemnation, "for there is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Rom. 8:1

*Ben*

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023  
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.  
*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

**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**

Almighty God, Thy Word is Cast

Healey Willan

\* **Hymn No. 696**

America the Beautiful

MATERNA

\* **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**

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*(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.

**Baptismal Covenant (11:00)**

Atticus Donald Monley

son of Carrie and Dajuan Monley

*Congregational Response:*

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Atticus as a member of God's family and Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church. By God's grace we will do all in our power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love that he may grow into a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ who walks in the way that leads to life.

## Pastoral Prayer

Nelle Bordeaux

- \* **Scripture Lesson** (Pew Bible, pgs. 731, 496, 92)  
Jeremiah 29:12-13, Psalm 16:8, John 1:35-43

**Sermon** "Seeking God Part 5: Keeping Company with Jesus" 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

James P. Owens

**Offertory Voluntary** Medley on America, the Beautiful arr. C. Rollin

## 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.

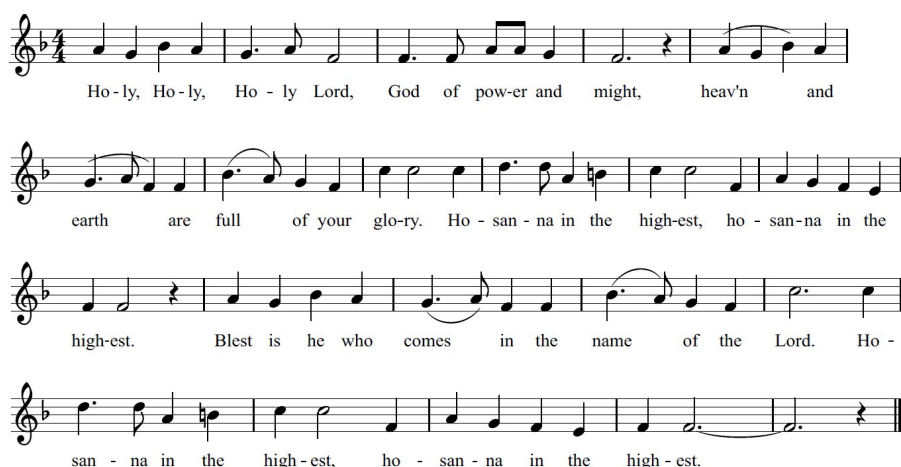
**Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.**

**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:



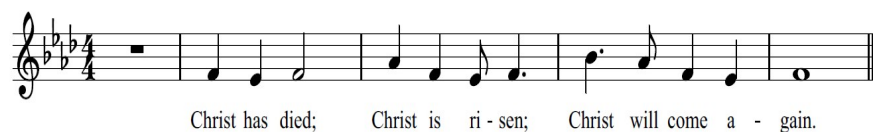
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.



### The Lord's Prayer

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 that 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.

### Breaking the Bread

*(Gluten free bread is available. Please indicate your preference by raising your hand.)*

### Giving the Bread and Cup

*We will take communion at the rail. Today's communion offering is designated for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. If you would like to give a donation, please place your offering in the chancel rail when you come to be served.*

### Prayer After Receiving

**All:** Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery  
 in which You have given Yourself to us.  
 Grant that we may go into the world  
 in the strength of Your Spirit,  
 to give ourselves for others,  
 in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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|--------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|
| * <b>Hymn</b> No. 700    | Abide with Me<br>Stanzas 1, 3, 4 | EVENTIDE   |
| * <b>Benediction</b>     |                                  | Ben Martin |
| <b>Closing Voluntary</b> | Tocatta in C Major, BWV 564      | J.S. Bach  |

- \* *Please stand as you are able.  
 Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you.  
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Thank you to Shirley Roberts for playing organ  
 this morning at both Services.



### Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God by Cynthia Willett in celebration of July 4 and in memory of her husband, Dwaine L. Willett.

### Church Office and Eli's Place Closed

The Church Office will be closed this Tuesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. Eli's Place will be closed all week.

### Sunday Nights at Wesley Gardens

No service and dinner this evening, Sunday, July 2. We will return to our regular schedule Sunday, July 9.

### Grocery Items Needed

Most needed this week is peanut butter. Please place donations in marked boxes located in Oliver Hall.

### Prayer Partners Needed to Pray for an Urban Hope or Refugee Child

daily and to provide school uniforms. To sign up, please speak with Nelle.

### Merry Makers July Dutch Treat Lunch

Thursday, July 13 at 11:00 a.m. at The 5 Spot, Sandfly location (7360 Skidaway Road, Unit E-1). Email bakerj@wesleymonumental.org to sign up.

### 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.

### Helpers Needed for Youth Local Mission Week, July 24-28, 9:00 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.

### Finances: (06-25-23)

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|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Total Budget for the Year .....    | \$2,083,655.68 |
| Actual Revenues Year-to-Date ..... | \$1,068,811.06 |
| Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....  | \$1,019,463.70 |

### Children's Worship

Even though our crowd of children is smaller during the summer, we still need 6-8 adults to help us each week. No preparation is required. The lesson and art activities are prepared by staff during the week. On Sunday morning your responsibilities are to: shepherd the children from the Sanctuary to their classroom after the Children's Sermon, help serve snack, and help the children with their art activity. It is a fun and busy 40 minutes.

Please consider serving in our Children's Ministry for the weeks that fit your schedule.



Scan the QR code to sign up.

### A Record of Our Faithfulness

#### Attendance: (6/25/23)

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| 8:45 AM Worship       | 92         |
| 11:00 AM Worship      | 267        |
| Online Worship Views  | 123        |
| <b>Total Worship</b>  | <b>482</b> |
| Nursery               | 12         |
| Children's Worship    | 44         |
| 9:45 AM Sunday School | 119        |

### Capstone Capital Campaign (as of 6/25/23):

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| Pledges Received       | 169         |
| Total Pledged or Given | \$1,637,500 |
| Campaign Goal          | \$2,500,000 |

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

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks  
**Communion Stewards:** Art & Sandra McGowen  
**Greeters:** Linda Butler, Ethel Burriss  
**Offering Steward:** David Butler  
**Partners in Prayer:** Dorie Gaskin

### 11:00 Service

**Acolytes:** Andrew Wilkes, Camille Wilkes  
**Children's Worship:** Reanna Hamilton, Sarah Labrot, Rhonda Radcliff  
**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:** Mickey Rountree

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church  
July 2, 2023**

**Sermon Extended**

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| Monday    | Psalm 16:8           | How do I practice "keeping the Lord always before me?" |
| Tuesday   | John 1:35-43         | What motivated me to "follow Jesus"?                   |
| Wednesday | Matthew 10:24-25     | What am I doing to become more like Jesus?             |
| Thursday  | John 14:23-24, 15:7  | How are Jesus' words shaping my life?                  |
| Friday    | John 13:15-16, 15:15 | Am I a servant or a friend of Jesus? or both?          |

**Sermon Notes**

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**This Week at Wesley**

**Sunday, July 2**

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, July 3**

**Eli's Place Closed this Week**

**Tuesday, July 4**

**Church Office Closed**

**Wednesday, July 5**

11:00 AM    **Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310**

**Thursday, July 6**

12:00 PM    **Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom**

**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

**Sunday Nights at Wesley Gardens Retreat**

(June 11 - August 6)

**Sunday, July 2**

We will not meet at Wesley Gardens Retreat this afternoon. Join us as we gather again on July 9!

**Sunday, July 9**

**Youth Night**

3:30 PM Youth, WG Boathouse  
4:30 PM Spiritual Formation, Chapel  
5:30 PM Worship, Chapel  
6:15 PM Dinner, Main House  
Preaching: James P. Owens  
Providing Side Dishes: Epworth and Journey Classes

**Sunday, July 16**

**Wesley Gardens Night**

Preaching: Christian Swails  
Providing Side Dishes: Compass Class

**Sunday, July 23**

**Family Fun Night**

Preaching: Charli Weeks  
Providing Side Dishes: Ivy Class

**Sunday, July 30**

**Construction Ministry Night**

Preaching: Nelle Bordeaux  
Providing Dinner: Jimmy Flowers

**Sunday, August 6**

**Youth Night**

Preaching: James P. Owens  
Providing Side Dishes: Pastor's Class

**In Our Prayers....**

Chuck Holt, Gail Brannen, Marie Fritts, Pat Beasley, Heather Neisler, Carlyle Buevas (sister of Madge Edwards), Archie Davis, Rodney Scott, Robin Brinkley, Pat Monahan, Aaron Higgins, Pat Killewald, McCarthy Family, 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), David Gelaude, Ashley Post, Angela Chancey (niece of Cynthia Willett), Katie Adrian, Ken Brownfield, Shari and Mel Hubbard, 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 (grand-daughter of Rusty Holt), 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, Toni Olds, Edith Roszkowiak, Elton Stuenkel, Mark Thomas, Cindy Telljohann, Lois Wooten

**Military Serving Abroad/Stateside**

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

**In Sympathy....**

Besser and Bross Families  
on the death of *Pat Besser*,  
wife of Gary Bross

Lassiter and Weeks Families  
on the death of  
*Hope Lassiter*,  
sister of Will Weeks