



**Celebrating 155 Years 1868 - 2023**

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April 9, 2023

**CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!**

As the Apostle Paul wrote long ago, *"If Christ is not risen, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those who have hoped in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died."* (1 Corinthians 15:17-20)

Welcome to Wesley Monumental on the Holiest day of the year. We are so glad you are in worship with us this morning. Hope compels us to be here. This is what our faith is based upon: that Christ is risen and we are delivered; that Christ is risen and we are not alone; that Christ is risen and we have hope in the darkest of days; that Christ is risen from the grave and through Him, we will rise too. This is the ground of our hope and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

It is our prayer that today you experience the presence of the risen Christ through worship. Through inspiring music and sacred scripture, through joyous children and aging saints, through an ancient creed and newly blooming lilies. May the risen Christ speak to our minds, encourage our hearts, inspire our bodies, and bring peace to our souls.

As we prepare to worship today, hear these words of Hymn writer Brian Wren.

*"Christ is Alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.*

*Christ is Alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,  
He comes to claim the here and now and dwell in every place and time.*

*Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains,  
But daily, in the midst of life, our Savior in the God-head reigns.*

*In every insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
He suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, though ever crucified.*

*Christ is alive, and come to bring good news to this and every age,  
Till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise."*

HAPPY EASTER! CHRIST IS RISEN.  
THE TOMB IS EMPTY, BUT OUR HEARTS ARE FULL.

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023  
8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.  
*Easter Sunday*

Andrea Albritton, trumpet	Mark Spradley, trombone
Mat Graham, trumpet	Joel Hayes, tuba
Debra Sherrill-Ward, French horn	Ray McClain, timpani

**Prelude**

Trumpet Tune in G	Jeremy Bankson
Fugue in D Major, BWV 532	Johann Sebastian Bach
Flourishes	Carlyle Sharpe

**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)**

Parker Hunt

**Lighting of the Candles**

The Acolytes

**Opening Voluntary**

Solemn Processional

Richard Strauss

**Introit**

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives (Easter Fanfare)

Mark Shepperd

\* **Hymn No. 302**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today  
Stanzas 1-4

EASTER HYMN

\* **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**

GREATOR EX

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 (8:45)**

Avery Graye Justice and John William Justice V  
children of Babsi and John Justice

**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**

Nelle Bordeaux

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. 322** Up from the Grave He Arose CHRIST AROSE

**Offertory Prayer**

Nelle Bordeaux

**Offertory Anthem**

Most Glorious Lord of Life

John Rutter

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day

Didst make Thy triumph over death and sin,

And having harrow'd hell, didst bring away

Captivity thence captive, us to win.

This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,

And grant that we may for whom Thou diddest die,

Being with Thy dear blood clean wash'd 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, that all like dear didst buy,

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.

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;

The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.

From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,

Our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory. Amen.

Edmund Spenser, 1595

John of Damascus (675-749)

**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. 33-34, 156) Matthew 28:1-20, Romans 6:1-11

**Sermon**

"Dying and Rising"

Ben Martin

- \* **Hymn No. 304** Easter People, Raise Your Voices REGENT SQUARE

**Benediction**

Ben Martin

**Closing Response**

Hallelujah Chorus

G. F. Handel

**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 lilies and caladiums around the altar today are given to the glory of God and in memory and honor of loved ones. Please see the insert in your Order of Worship for a complete listing.

The flowers in the Narthex today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Hughes Farrow by Camille O'Neill.

**Usher Roses**

The roses worn by the ushers today are given in loving memory of Bob Farrow by his children and grandchildren.

**Eli's Place & Church Office Closed**

Eli's Place and the church office will be closed tomorrow Monday, April 10.

**Monumental Messenger Deadline**

The deadline to submit announcements for the May Messenger is tomorrow, Monday, April 10. Send to [jennifer@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:jennifer@wesleymonumental.org).

**New Sunday School Class for Adults 25-40 Years Old Beginning April 16**

"The Millennial Blend," a Sunday School class for all millennial adults led by Aaron and Ashley Higgins, is beginning next Sunday, April 16 in the Oliver Hall Parlor. Together, we'll begin studying the book *What if Jesus was Serious About Prayer?* by Skye Jethani. Coffee and breakfast bites will be available. We'll 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)

**Enrichment Class and Parents' Night Out**

On Saturday, April 22, we will host our second free Enrichment Class led by Amanda Baskin of Waters Edge Counseling. The topic will be *Children's Mental Health*, and the presentation will cover the most common mental health issues elementary-age children face. Amanda will explore ways to know the differences between typical behaviors or signs that a child needs extra help, and review steps you can take as a parent to support your child and help them lead their best life. The class will meet from 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Following the class, parents will be able to enjoy an evening out from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Childcare (birth through 5th grade) will be available from 4:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. with child-friendly supper provided. To register, visit:

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

**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 main 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.

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

**Acolyte:** Michael Cooler

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks

**Greeters:** Linda Butler, Ethel Burriss, Becky Pullin

**Offering Steward:** David Butler

**Ushers:** Ken Griner, Jimmy Hill, Jeff Miller, Pat Monahan, Henry Whitfield, Richard Wilson

**Partners in Prayer:** Mark Lindsay

**11:00 Service**

**Acolytes:** Charlie Kraeuter, Lincoln Kraeuter

**Children's Worship:** Ellen O'Connor

**Greeters:** Barbara & Johnny Phelps, Bootsie Swicord

**Offering Steward:** Brian West

**Ushers:** Brian West, Jason Pedigo, Don Riddle, Jacob Sigmon, Travis Thomas Vin Thomas, Matt West, Mark Wilcox, Drew Wilkes, Glen Willard

**Partners in Prayer:** Sandra McGowen

**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](mailto:monica@wesleymonumental.org).

**Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members**  
**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.

**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 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**

**April Merry Makers - RSVP Today!**

Our resident artist, Ivan Chow, will be our speaker at our April Merry Makers. Ivan will share with us about his love for art, show us some of his exhibits, offer us a demonstration, and talk about what he has been doing to prepare for retirement. The program will begin in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow, Monday, April 10, and lunch will follow. Let Jennifer Thompson know today if you plan to attend. Cost \$7.

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

**Thank You!**

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt last Sunday. Over 250 children and their families enjoyed being together. Watch for pictures in the Wesley Weekly and in the Monumental Messenger.

**Children's Easter Program**

Mark your calendar and invite your family and friends to our children's Easter program next Wednesday, April 19 at 6:15 p.m. Rehearsals are underway and the children are excited about their singing and speaking parts. The program is being presented during the season of Easter and it will be a joyful celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, our Savior.

**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)

**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: (4/2/23)**

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$2,083,655.68
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$626,849.56
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$567,480.95

**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday Attendance: (4/2/23)

8:45 AM Worship	125	Nursery	13
11:00 AM Worship	482	Children's Worship	93
Online Worship Views	177	Sunday School	46
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>784</b>		

**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Ben Martin..... Senior 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 Baker.....Administrative  
 Assistant, Reception

Jennifer Brookins ..... Administrative Assistant to  
 Pastoral Staff, Media Communications  
 Ashley Higgins ..... Communications Director  
 Suzanna King ..... Director of Hospitality  
 Betty Dudley ..... Housekeeper  
 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 9, 2023

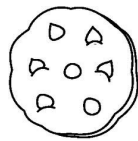
### Sermon Extended

Monday	Matthew 28:8-10, 16-20	Is my Christian life more focused on worshiping Jesus or following Jesus?
Tuesday	Matthew 28:1-20	What does the resurrection of Jesus mean to me? Why did "some doubt"?
Wednesday	Romans 6:1-11	What does it mean to me to be "united with Jesus in a death like his"?
Thursday	Romans 6:1-11	How can I go about dying to sin?
Friday	I Corinthians 15:42-49	What does Paul teach us about the resurrection? Does it give me hope?

### Sermon Notes

#### As a Praying Church...

We ask You, Lord Jesus, to fill our hearts with Easter joy! Let us feel Your presence in a special way, and help us to deeply consider the significance of this day.



## 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 9**

**Easter Sunday**

- 7:00 AM Sunrise Service, WG
- 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, April 10**

Church Office & Eli's Place Closed

- 11:00 AM Merry Makers, FH
- 7:00 PM Trombone Choir Concert, SNC

**Tuesday, April 11**

- 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

**Wednesday, April 12**

- 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
- 6:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir, EB
- 6:00 PM Children's Choir, EB
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
- 6:00 PM Philippians Study, Led by  
Ben Martin, FH
- 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 13**

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

**Friday, April 14**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place

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

<p><b>Wednesday Night Supper</b>  <b>4/12/23</b>  Menu: French Onion Chicken</p>
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*In Sympathy....*

Kraeuter Family on the death of  
*Lincoln Kraeuter,*  
father of Scot,  
grandfather of Caroline, Lincoln,  
and Charlie Kraeuter

Family of Karen Davis

**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 Stuenckel, Doug Stutzman, Mark Thomas, Cindy Telljohann, Lois Wooten

**Military Serving Abroad/Stateside**

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