



***Celebrating 155 Years 1868 - 2023***

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**WELCOME TO WESLEY MONUMENTAL; WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE**

One of the blessings of this time of year is as summer comes to a close and a new school year begins; we begin to see an increase of guests who come worship with us at Wesley. Some have moved to our area over the summer and, as they settle into more of a school-year routine, find it a good time to look for a church home. We are honored to have new individuals and families make the time to worship with us.

One of the things that we hope sets us apart is the experience of not only meaningful traditional worship in a historical sacred space with an incredible music program but also of a welcoming environment where everyone who comes through our doors is made to feel valued and welcome. Keeping a welcoming environment takes intentionality from all of us. From our staff's attention to guests in worship with us and the communication of a message of grace to our congregation's paying attention to people you've not yet met and reaching out with a smile, a word of welcome, and an introduction (wearing your name tags really helps!).

As our pews begin to fill up again, be aware of the space on the pew where you are sitting. Slide down, make some room, and invite someone who is venturing down the aisle, hoping to find a place to sit to join you. You never know; God might have planned that encounter for you to be an instrument of grace through a small act of hospitality and kindness that make a huge difference in someone's life. The message of the gospel, the unconditional and sacrificial love of God in Christ, is shared through each of us. What happens on the sidewalk, at the door, in the pews, in the nursery, children's worship, or Sunday School class is just as important to the gospel message as a soaring anthem by the choir or Biblically based spirit-inspired message from the pulpit. The United Methodist tagline from a few years ago, "Open Hearts, Open Doors, Open Minds," is still a good guide for how we practice Christian hospitality here.

If you are new to Wesley, please know we are so glad you are here. We do not take lightly the privilege and responsibility God gives us to meet you and, through our words and actions, share the light of Christ and love of the Father with you. If you have questions about the church, activities, where things are, etc., please ask; we will be happy to help (and if you don't mind, sign the attendance registration pad in the pew and leave us an email address, phone number, or mailing address so we can extend our welcome and appreciation to you.

*Ben*

# MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

*Thirteenth 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

The Acolytes

## Opening Voluntary

Alexandre Guilmant

Andante maestoso: Marche sur un Thème de Handel

## Introit (11:00)

Holy, Holy, Holy

Franz Schubert

\* **Hymn No. 340** Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy RESTORATION

\* **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** 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.

## 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.

\* **Hymn** No. 386      Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown      CANDLER

**Offertory Prayer**      Nelle Bordeaux

**Offertory Voluntary** (8:45)      arr. Joel Raney  
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

**Offertory Anthem** (11:00)      arr. Larry Shackley  
Wonderful Grace of Jesus  
Elane Finley, pianist

**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.

\* **Scripture** (Pew Bible, pg. 36)      Mark 2:1-17

**Sermon**      "Back to Basics Part 4: Sin and Sickness"      Ben Martin

\* **Hymn** No. 371      I Stand Amazed in the Presence      MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

**Reception into Church Membership** (11:00)

Kimberly and Marshall Angle  
Lesli-Anne and Bill Glenn with children,  
William, Lily, and Bear

**Benediction**      Ben Martin

**Closing Response** (11:00)      Jerusalem the Golden  
Claire Watts, mezzo-soprano

Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blest,  
beneath your contemplation sink heart and voice oppressed;  
I know not, O I know not what joys await me there,  
what radiancy of glory, what bliss beyond compare!

They stand, those halls of Zion, all jubilant with song,  
and bright with many an angel, and all the martyr throng;  
the Prince is ever in them; the daylight is serene;  
the pastures of the blessed are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David; and there, from care released,  
the shout of those who triumph, the song of those who feast;  
and they, who with their Leader have conquered in the fight,  
forever and forever are clad in robes of white.

**Closing Voluntary**      Alexandre Guilmant  
Più mosso: Marche sur un Thème de Handel

\* *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 honor of Don's August birthday from Carolyn.

## **Volunteers Needed**

- **Acolytes**

Any rising 6th grader or above who is interested in becoming an acolyte is invited to a brief training session on Sunday, September 10 or Sunday, October 8 immediately following the 11:00 service. Acolytes serve by lighting the candles, assisting with baptisms, and collecting attendance rosters during our worship service. Acolytes usually serve one Sunday per quarter. Any questions, please contact Caroline Livingood at calivingood75@gmail.com.

- **Communion Stewards**

Additional Communion Stewards are needed to help prepare communion for our monthly Communion Sunday services. This is a great way to serve our church from behind-the-scenes, and training is provided. If you would like to learn more, please contact Amelia Wells (Communion Team Leader) at 912-665-2902 or amelia.wells@gulfstream.com.

- **Offering Counters**

Additional offering counters are needed following the 11:00 Service on Sundays. The time commitment is about one hour once a month, and you will be paired with another member. For additional details or to sign up, please email Riley Smith jrsmith119@gmail.com.

## **Wesley Christmas Bazaar**

The Wesley Christmas Bazaar is returning this year and will feature the creative talents of Wesley folks. The Bazaar will showcase handwork, including but not limited to woodwork, monogrammed clothing and linen items, photography, jewelry, hand-painted notecards and local landscapes, calligraphy, candles, scroll-sawn ornaments, wooden pens, needlework, picture frames, dried flowers, toys, lathe turned bowls, and furniture--to mention a few. The Bazaar will provide an excellent opportunity to learn about the gifts of our fellow church members and shop for Christmas.

The Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Oliver Hall. We are looking for vendors, and you are invited to reserve your space now. If you have any questions, contact one of the co-chairs: Woody Brown at 912-352-7833, or Carolyn Hale Cubbedge at 912-308-3385.

## **August Administrative Board Meeting**

The next Administrative Board Meeting will take place tomorrow, Monday, August 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. If you are a board member and did not receive the emailed agenda packet and Zoom link on Friday, please email jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.

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

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks

**Greeters:** Linda Butler, Sharlene Monahan

**Offering Steward:** TBD

**Partners in Prayer:** Dorie Gaskin

### **11:00 Service**

**Acolytes:** Harris Glidewell, Charlie Glidewell

**Children's Worship:** Sarah Labrot, Ellen Williams

**Sunday School:** Sally Mathews, Anne Tyree

**Greeters:** Barbara & Johnny Phelps

**Offering Steward:** Jim Willis

**Ushers:** Jim Willis, Rusty Holt, Bill Hunter, Ryan Kelly, Bobby Lee, Todd Livingood, Bates Lovett, Pratt Matthews, Bill Mattocks

**Partners in Prayer:** Sue Ellis

**Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist**

**Children's Choir Registration**



Children's Choirs begin Wednesday, September 6 with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and choir from 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. We look forward to our annual Nativity Pageant, Easter Play, and lots of opportunities to lead worship throughout the year. This year the oldest children have an option for intensive singing lessons, and we will play chimes and have lots of fun, traditional hymn singing. Please register by scanning QR code.

**Youth Choir**

Exciting news! Youth Choir for students grades 6th - 12th begins Sunday, September 10 at 4:00 p.m. with dinner and youth group following. We're excited for an awesome year of singing and worshipping!

**Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members**

**Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission**

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

**Family Mission Project this Friday, September 1**

All ages are welcome to help pack groceries for Old Savannah City Mission this Friday, September 1 from 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Please bring a canned good or a box of your favorite cereal to the Oliver Hall lobby. Sign up with Nelle at [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net).

**Bible Study New Topics**

"Women in the Bible," Young Mothers' Bible Study, Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., nursery provided. New topics starts September 12.

"Mark's Gospel," Thursday Noon Bible Study via Zoom. Sign up for either, Nelle, [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net).

**James P. Owens, Congregational Life**

**September Merry Makers**

Our senior adults' fellowship, the Monumental Merry Makers, will meet Monday, September 11 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall with Ben Martin speaking. Lunch (\$7) will be provided by Suzanna. Email [bakerj@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:bakerj@wesleymonumental.org) by Friday, September 8 to RSVP.

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

**Sunday School Teachers Needed**

Sunday School teachers are still needed for our preschool and elementary classes. Lessons and art activities are prepared by staff each week and adults serve 2-3 times a month. Call or email Charli if you feel God is calling you to this important work.

**James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries**

**Confirmation Class begins September 10!**

This year's Confirmation Class will hold its first meeting on September 10 during the Sunday school hour. Confirmation is a time when our young people learn more about the Christian faith and our United Methodist heritage, and they have the opportunity to make a profession of faith and become full members of the church. Any students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade or older who have not previously been confirmed are welcome! Our other fall meetings will be on October 15, November 12, and December 3, and I will offer make-up classes as needed.

**Christian Swails, Wesley Gardens Retreat Spiritual Direction**

**Monthly Spiritual Practices Gathering - Starting Today!**

For anyone interested in engaging their heart into deeper transformation and those looking for tools to walk out their faith. Join Christian Swails as he leads a Spiritual Practices Gathering once a month at Wesley Gardens Retreat. The first gathering will begin this afternoon, Sunday, August 27 at 4:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome and feel free to bring a friend!



**CoCreation Pages**

**A Weekly Email by Christian and Hannah Swails**

Sign up for a weekly dose of inspiration, resources, and tips on living out your authentic faith journey in Jesus. CoCreation Pages are short and easy reads for those early mornings, afternoon pick-me-ups, or any ordinary moment. We love ordinary but we especially love when it is met with the awareness of an extraordinary spirituality!



**Capstone Capital Campaign (8/21/23):**

Pledges Received	173
Total Pledged or Given	\$1,654,060
Campaign Goal	\$2,500,000

**Finances (8/20/23):**

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,083,655.68
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,314,078.77
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,323,507.28

**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday Attendance: (8/20/23)

8:45 AM Worship	101	Nursery	17
11:00 AM Worship	269	Children's Worship	70
Online Worship Views	129	Sunday School	178
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>499</b>		

**CHURCH STAFF**

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

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church**  
**August 27, 2023**

**Sermon Extended**

Monday	Mark 2:1-5	What have I done to help a friend encounter Jesus?
Tuesday	Mark 2:1-12	What does Jesus' initiative to offer the man forgiveness tell us?
Wednesday	Mark 2:1-12	Where or how is sin affecting my "wholeness"?
Thursday	Mark 2:13-14	Who would fill the role of the "tax collector" in this story today?
Friday	Mark 2:13-17	What does this story tell us about Jesus' mission?

**Sermon Notes**

**This Week at Wesley**

**Sunday, August 27**

- 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
- 4:30 PM Spiritual Practices Gathering, WG

**Monday, August 28**

- 5:30 PM Administrative Board Mtg, FH & Zoom

**Tuesday, August 29**

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Sunny Side Up
- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH 310
- 9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH 308
- 11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 310

**Wednesday, August 30**

- 11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th Flr

**Thursday, August 31**

- 12:00 PM Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom
- 5:30 PM Eli's Place Open House, EB

**Friday, September 1**

- 1:00 PM Family Mission Project, Grocery Sacking, OH Lobby

**Pastor on Call This Week**

Ben Martin .....912-547-1835

**Wednesday Night Programs  
and Dinner Begins  
Wednesday, September 6**

Watch for details in the September Messenger, Wesley Weekly email newsletter, and upcoming bulletins on details and ways to register for Children's Choirs, Small Group Studies for Adults, and Dinner. If you are not receiving the weekly email newsletter, please email [jennifer@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:jennifer@wesleymonumental.org) or call the church office, 912-232-0191.

*In Sympathy....*

The Lovett Family  
on the death of *Joyce Lovett*,  
mother of Bill Lovett

The Oliff Family  
on the death of *Foy Oliff*,  
grandfather of Wesley Oliff

The Boulter and Hart Families  
on the death of *Karen Boulter*  
mother of Donna Hart,  
grandmother of Evan and Emily Hart

The Hendrix Family  
on the death of *Florene Hendrix*,  
mother of Jewel Hendrix

**In Our Prayers....**

Dolly Caylor (mother of Rhonda Radcliff), William Gould (father of Kirby Mason), Sharon and Terry Knepper (parents of Holly Conger), Susan Wallace, Karen Nickles, Lloyd Chapman, Mary Odom, Richard Zehl, Will Weeks, Jeralyn Wilson, Mercedes Brenne and Jack Carman (friends of Anne Tyree), Georgia Kate Anderson, Lindsey Goldberg, Mary Hohnerlein (friend of Ken and Deanne Rimes), Chuck Holt, Gail Brannen, Heather Neisler, Carlyle Buelvas (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), 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 (granddaughter 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