



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

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May 28, 2023

### **Pentecost**

Today the church celebrates the Day/Feast of Pentecost and remembers the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to the disciples, *"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* Acts 1:8. Fifty days after the resurrection and ten days after the Ascension of Jesus on the Jewish festival of Pentecost, that promise came true and those first followers of Jesus were filled with the Holy Spirit and empowered to bear witness to the hope there is in the Risen Christ. In the physical absence of Jesus with them, they now were empowered by the Spirit of the risen Christ in them. The witness they bore was in the courageous and persuasive way they witnessed in the face of opposition, in the unity they found that cut across boundaries of race, gender, age, economics, and religion, in the generosity they showed to all who had need, and in the compassion and healing they offered to all who were sick and suffering. For a brief time in history, that fledgling church bore a witness to the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven. Ever since then the church has tried to live up to that example with varying degrees of success. Here at Wesley we continue in that stream of a Spirit-empowered Church and rejoice that just as daily the Lord was adding to their number, so Christ continues to lead people here and add to our number.

The last several weeks in our church have born witness to the work of the Spirit among us. Baptisms, professions of faith, confirmations, graduates, scores of children, majestic music from our choir, new members and new guests, and then an outpouring of generosity for our Capstone Capital Campaign to renovate our Education Building. How blessed we are here at Wesley. Let's not ever take this wonderful season of the Spirit for granted. We are called like those first disciples to continue to bear witness to the risen Christ in the world and at work among and within us.

*Ben*

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023  
8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.  
*Pentecost 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.*

**Lighting of the Candles**

The Acolytes

**Opening Voluntary**

Clay Christiansen

Prelude on My Country 'Tis of Thee

**Introit (11:00)**

I'm Goin' to Sing

Parker/Shaw

\* **Hymn No. 697**

My Country 'Tis of Thee

AMERICA

\* **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**

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. 334** Sweet, Sweet Spirit Doris Akers

**Offertory Prayer** James P. Owens

**Offertory Voluntary** (8:45) arr. Michele Murray  
Patriotic Medley (in the style of Bach)

**Offertory Anthem** (11:00) Moses Hogan  
I'm Gonna Sing 'Til the Spirit Moves in My Heart

**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, pgs. 118-119) Acts 1:1-2:11

**Sermon** "Getting Ready For Something New" Ben Martin

\* **Hymn** No. 420 Breathe on Me, Breath of God TRENTHAM

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

Kelsey Kicklighter Bartlett and Trey Bartlett with son, Beau Bartlett  
Leah and Clay Hughes  
Kim and Mickey Kicklighter, Jr.  
Jenny Parker with son, Charlie Guyer  
Katy and Matt White with children, Pate and Evie White

**Benediction** Ben Martin

**Closing Response** (11:00) For the Fallen Douglas Guest

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.

- Laurence Binyon (1914)

**Closing Voluntary** Sun Dance from Organ Dances Bob Chilcott

\* *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 loving memory of Paul Painter by Judi Painter and family.

### **Just Born**

Congratulations to Christa and Kyle Kerby on the birth of a son, Rhys Oliver Kerby, on May 22, 2023. Grandson of Edd and Elane Finley. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Rhys.

### **Church Office and Eli's Place Closed**

The Church Office and Eli's Place will be closed tomorrow, Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.

### **Children's Ministry Assistant Position**

As our Children's Ministry continues to grow, a part-time Children's Ministry Assistant is needed to assist with the various children's programs offered by our Church. A copy of the Job Announcement outlining the duties and qualifications for the position may be found on our website, wesleymonumental.org, under News & Events then Announcements.

After reviewing the Job Announcement, if you are interested in applying for the position, please mail or email your resume to the contact information on the Job Announcement.

### **Sound Help**

Our church is in need of people to help set up and monitor the sound for our worship services. Prior experience with audio electronics and sound reinforcement is helpful but not required, training will be available. For more information, please email Nick Hitt at nickhitt@comcast.net. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

### **2023 Offering Envelopes**

If you are a member of Wesley and have not received your 2023 offering envelopes, please contact Jennifer Baker, bakerj@wesleymonumental.org in the church office. Any remaining envelopes not picked up by June 30, will be recycled.

### **Save the Date!**

Summer Sunday Evenings at Wesley Gardens Retreat will begin Sunday, June 11. Details will be available in the June Messenger and upcoming bulletins.

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

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks

**Greeters:** TBD

**Offering Steward:** David Butler

**Partners in Prayer:** Carmine Cowart

### **11:00 Service**

**Acolytes:** Anna Livingood, Michael Cooler

**Children's Worship:** Donessa Gattis

**Greeters:** TBD

**Offering Steward:** Adam Hess

**Ushers:** Adam Hess, Jacob Sigmon, Travis Thomas, Vin Thomas, Matt West, Mark Wilcox, Drew Wilkes, Glen Willard, Allen Williams

**Partners in Prayer:** Grace & Art Greene

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

**My Country 'Tis of Thee**

This morning's opening hymn, My Country 'Tis of Thee, was first performed by a children's choir! The Children's Choir at Park Congregational Church in Boston, Massachusetts sang the song, originally five stanzas long, on July 4, 1831. At the top of the order of service were the words, "Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation." Thank you to those who gave their lives so we can worship and serve God freely.

**Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members**

**Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission**

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

**Helpers Needed for Youth Local Mission Week, July 24-28, 9 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](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net).

**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](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net) or 912-234-9245.

**James P. Owens, Congregational Life**

**Merry Makers Dutch Treat**

Who doesn't love breakfast for lunch!? Join the Merry Makers at 11:00 a.m. at The Original Pancake House (7201 Hodgson Memorial Dr. - in the Kroger shopping center) on Thursday, June 22 for a yummy lunch out. Please let James P. Owens ([james@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:james@wesleymonumental.org)) or Jennifer Baker ([bakerj@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:bakerj@wesleymonumental.org)) know if you will be attending by Friday, June 16 so that we can confirm reservations. See you there!

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

**VBS - We Need Your Help!**

It takes a village to shepherd our children through the learning centers and activities that are planned for VBS June 5-9 at Wesley Gardens Retreat. From making and serving snacks, to helping put welcome packets together, there are tasks for everyone. To sign up to help, visit [www.myvbs.org/wesleymonumental](http://www.myvbs.org/wesleymonumental) or email [charli@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:charli@wesleymonumental.org).

**Summer Fun Daze at Wesley Gardens**

Wesley children, who have completed kindergarten through third grade, can attend our Summer Fun Daze camp at the Wesley Gardens Retreat the week of July 17 - 21. It will be a fun week full of games, crafts, science, and water fun along with some time spent studying God's Word. Monday - Wednesday we'll start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. On Thursday, we'll start at 9:00 a.m., and we will be spending the night at Wesley Gardens! Our tired campers will be ready to be picked up at noon on Friday. The cost for the week is \$85. Space is limited. At this time registration is open for members of Wesley Monumental. You can register for VBS and/or Summer Fun Daze 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**  
**Fourth Friday Retreat**

On June 23, 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 from 8:30 a.m. The retreat is 9:00 a.m.-1:00 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: (5/21/23)**

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$2,083,655.68
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$912,836.57
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date .....	\$854,139.15

**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday Attendance: (5/21/23)

8:45 AM Worship	89	Nursery	11
11:00 AM Worship	329	Children's Worship	60
Online Worship Views	137	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>555</b>		

**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. 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 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**

**May 28, 2023**

**Sermon Extended**

Monday	Acts 1:1-11	Am I waiting on God for something? What am I learning?
Tuesday	Acts 1:12-26	Am I "devoted to prayer"? Why or why not?
Wednesday	Acts 2:1-13	How have I experienced the Holy Spirit in me?
Thursday	Acts 2:14-36	How has Peter been changed? How have I?
Friday	Acts 2:37-47	How did/does the Holy Spirit affect the church?

**Sermon Notes**

**As a Praying Church...**

We thank you, Jesus, for all of the work being done by Family Promise and the Wesley Monumental members who are volunteering with them. We ask for your blessing over the teams who will soon finish their work on houses for homeless families, for the Family Promise staff who are working to secure apartments for temporary housing, and workers who will be preparing a playground for the housing site. And most of all, we ask that you would be with all families that are in need of secure housing, food, and employment. We pray in the name of Jesus, who came to bring good news to the poor. Amen.

**This Week at Wesley**

**Sunday, May 28**

- 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
- 10:00 AM VBS Training
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC

**Monday, May 29**

Memorial Day  
Church Office & Eli's Place Closed

**Tuesday, May 30**

- 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, May 31**

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

**Thursday, June 1**

- 12:00 PM Bible Study with Nelle, Zoom

**Friday, June 2**

- 5:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal, SNC

**Saturday, June 3**

- 5:00 PM Wedding, SNC

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

**Wednesday Night Supper**

and programs will resume this fall.

**Sunday Night Supper and Worship**

at Wesley Gardens Retreat begins Sunday, June 11. Details will be available in the June Messenger and upcoming bulletins.

**In Our Prayers....**

Carlyle Buelvas (sister of Madge Edwards), Pat Besser, Archie Davis, Rodney Scott, Robin Brinkley, Ken Rimes, Pat Monahan, Robin Wyatt, Aaron Higgins, Pat Killewald, McCarthy Family, Sally Davis, John Birkheimer, Eleanor McCurry, John Beal (brother-in-law of John Birkheimer), 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), 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, Mark Thomas, Cindy Telljohann, Lois Wooten

**Military Serving Abroad/Stateside**

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

*In Sympathy....*

The Stutzman Family  
on the death of  
*Doug Stutzman,*  
husband of Sandy