



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

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October 8, 2023

**CO-CREATION SPIRITUAL RETREAT DAY  
OCTOBER 28 AT WESLEY GARDENS RETREAT**

During the summer, Spiritual Director Christian Swails began leading a spiritual practices time before our evening worship. Those of us who participated found this experience very meaningful and refreshing. We decided to extend the experience throughout the year on 4th Sunday evenings. These 1-1/2 hour sessions are just a taste of the practice of spiritual formation. On Saturday, October 28, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., we will have an opportunity to experience a fuller experience of spiritual practices.

The Spiritual Retreat Day will be led by Christian and Hannah Swails as an offering of their ministry Co-Creation. If you've never taken a day retreat or if you have done it many times, I would encourage you to sign up for the event. It promises to be a transformative experience of



self-discovery, growth, and connection. You can use the QR code to register for the event, or if you need help, call the church office, and we will get you signed up. The cost for the day is \$49, which includes lunch. Give yourself or someone else the gift of a day apart with God to help equip you for a life with God.

*Ben*

# MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

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

*Nineteenth 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.*

## Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Olivia Wanager

## Lighting of the Candles

The Acolytes

## Opening Voluntary

Processional

Grayston Ives

## Introit (11:00)

Zion's Walls

Aaron Copland

Come fathers and mothers, Come sisters and brothers,  
Come join us in singing the praises of Zion.  
O fathers, don't you feel determined  
To meet within the walls of Zion?  
We'll shout and go round The walls of Zion.

\* **Hymn** No. 152 I Sing the Almighty Power of God FOREST GREEN

\* **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** 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.

## Baptismal Covenant (11:00)

Walker Lee Hughes son of Leah and Clay Hughes

### *Congregational Response:*

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Walker 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.

## 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. 391 O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice HAPPY DAY

**Offertory Prayer** Nelle Bordeaux

**Offertory Voluntary** (8:45) I Must Tell Jesus arr. Joel Raney

**Offertory Anthem** (11:00) Lead Me, Lord Samuel Sebastian Wesley  
Katie Krull, mezzo-soprano

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness;  
make Thy way plain before my face  
For it is Thou, Lord, only,  
that makest me dwell in safety.  
- Psalm 5:8 and Psalm 4:9

**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, pgs. 39) Mark 5:1-20

**Sermon** "Back to Basics Part 10: Smells Like Money" Ben Martin

- \* **Hymn** Insert O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus EBENEZER

**Benediction** Ben Martin

**Closing Response** (11:00) The Peace of God John Rutter

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding  
Keep your hearts and minds,  
In the knowledge and love of God,  
And of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost  
Be amongst you and remain with you always.  
Amen.

**Closing Voluntary** "Gigue" Fugue in G Major, BWV 577 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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**Altar Flowers**

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of L. Michael Donovan, Jr. from Carolyn, Catherine, and Michael Donovan.

**Usher Roses**

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

### **Acolytes - Training Today**

Any rising 6th grader or above who is interested in becoming an acolyte is invited to a brief training session today 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.

### **Messenger Deadline**

The deadline to submit announcements for the November Monumental Messenger is tomorrow, Monday, October 9. Please email to jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.

### **Christmas Greenery - Orders Due Next Sunday, October 15**

The Altar Guild of Wesley Monumental UMC is excited to offer fresh balsam greenery from Vermont for the Christmas season! For details and to order, visit [www.wesleymonumental.org/2023-greenery/](http://www.wesleymonumental.org/2023-greenery/) or pick up an order form located at all sanctuary entrances.

### **Wesley Christmas Bazaar**

The Wesley Christmas Bazaar is returning this year and will feature the creative talents of Wesley folks. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) will be the recipient of some of the funds from the Christmas Bazaar scheduled for November 4 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in Oliver Hall. UMCOR is the humanitarian relief and development arm of the United Methodist Church. As such, UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters: famine, hurricanes, war, flood, fire, or other events.

There will be an Equal Exchange Fair Trade booth for sampling and selling coffee, tea, chocolate, and other fair trade food products. A portion of the coffee sales will support UMCOR. Grace Grund is organizing this effort.

All proceeds from the Bake Sale table will go to UMCOR. You can help with this portion of the project by donating your baked goods. Florence Anderson is serving as chair for the bake sale. If you are willing to donate, please complete the tear-off located on the insert or call Florence at 912-657-6640.

### **Advent Devotional Book**

The theme for the 2023 Advent devotional book is *A Name Above All Names*. Through it we will focus on twenty-three names for God found in scripture. If you are willing to write one of the devotions this year, please contact Evonne Mobley at 912-663-3530 or Carolyn Hale Cubbedge at 912-308-3385 for a list of available names and dates. Writings will be due on Friday, November 10.

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

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks  
**Greeters:** Linda Butler, Jeralyn Wilson  
**Offering Steward:** David Butler  
**Partners in Prayer:** Henry Whitfield

### **11:00 Service**

**Acolytes:** Jordan Hess, Michael Cooler  
**Children's Worship:** Sarah Labrot  
**Sunday School:** Volunteers Needed  
**Greeters:** Mary Anne Hill, Linda Sapp  
**Offering Steward:** Jim Willis  
**Ushers:** Jim Willis, Christopher Cay, Jerry Cohn, Sam Daniel,  
Peter Delvers, Greg Dotson  
**Partners in Prayer:** Mickey Rountree

**Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist**  
**Cabaret Under the Stars ~ Dinner, Dancing, and Music**

**Thursday, October 19. 6:00 – 9:00 PM, 429 Abercorn Street, Savannah**



Enjoy a beautiful October evening with a backdrop of one of Savannah's breathtaking squares entertained by The Fabulous Equinox Orchestra—an 11-piece "fiery hot and soulful Southern big band." Invite your friends and neighbors to an enchanting and elegant evening with scrumptious heavy d'oeuvres, delectable wine, dancing in Wayne Street, and captivating music! All proceeds support the capital campaign.

Tickets and details: [equinoxorchestra.com](http://equinoxorchestra.com), scan the QR code, or call Monica 912-232-0191.

**Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members**  
**Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission**

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

**Bible Study Topics**

- Young Mothers' Bible Study. Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., nursery provided. Currently studying "Women in the Bible." Verses this week will be about Leah and Rachel, Genesis 28-31; 33; 35.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study via Zoom. Thursdays from noon - 12:30 p.m. Currently studying the Gospel of Mark. Verses this week will be March, chapter 14. Sign up for either study with Nelle, [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net).

**Items Needed for a Newly Arriving Syrian Refugee Family are:**

small rugs (kitchen mat, bath mat, 5x7); pillows; laundry detergent; large trash container with lid and bags; dishwasher tablets; mop; broom; tooth-pastes; 3 drawer plastic containers (to put in closet to store clothes); lamps. Please drop off at church with Nelle.

**Grassy Guys and Gals**

Help with lawn care at The Living Vine Christian Maternity Home, the only licensed maternity home in the state of Georgia. Don Riddle leads this ministry. Please sign up with Nelle.

**Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Senior Adults and Pastoral Care**  
**October Merry Makers**

The Merry Makers will meet tomorrow, Monday, October 9, at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Julie Roberts, LCSW, from Water's Edge Counseling, will be the guest speaker. Lunch (\$7) will be provided.

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

Worship Education is not meeting today to give the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders an opportunity to sit through the service and practice what they have learned in our classes. Be sure they pick up a Listening Guide from the ushers. The Listening Guide includes some prompts that Mr. Ben has written to help them listen for important points in the sermon.

**Children's Worship Training**

4th and 5th graders who would like to help with Children's Worship will have a make-up training session on October 22 after the 11:00 service. The training session will last about 30 minutes and sign up information will be given to all who attend.

**Second Grade Bible Presentation - Sunday, October 15**

Bible Presentation for our second graders will take place next Sunday, October 15. Please email [charli@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:charli@wesleymonumental.org) to confirm we have your child on our list.

**Youth Group**

**Sunday, October 8**

Youth Group and Youth Choir will not meet today, Sunday, October 8.

**Sunday, October 15**

- Youth Choir will meet next Sunday, October 15 from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Youth Group will meet next Sunday, October 15 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with Rev. Ben Martin leading Youth Group. Youth parents are invited and encouraged to meet with Rev. Martin from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to discuss the future of Youth Group and how the parents can help.

**Micah Sprunger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager**

**Wesley Gardens Bible Study**

Join us in October for an in-depth study by Bible scholar and ESV commentator Dr. Scott Hafemann. We will be looking closely at the Exodus/Passover-Redemption, which is the foundation for all of God's saving actions, including the life and death and resurrection of the Messiah. Tuesdays, October 10 and 24, from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the Main House. For details, contact: hello@wesleygardensretreat.com for details.

**Artist Retreat: November 10 & 11**

Knowing God's heart and handiwork for all things beautiful, it has long been our desire to host an artists' retreat at Wesley Gardens. Our goal is to give you space to pause and create at no cost (donations gladly accepted). All are welcome, and the commitment can be as small as a couple of hours or as full as a weekend retreat, booking a room at Wesley Gardens on Friday and Saturday and soaking up every sunrise and session. Meals will be simple, thoughtful, and tasty. Streams to choose from will be writing, visual arts, and songwriting (plus a special stream for children). The full scoop can be found on the Eventbrite page, linked below or by scanning the QR code. It would help us planning-wise for you to RSVP). We hope to see many of you there!



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/artists-retreat-a-time-set-apart-tickets-713117472557>



**Capstone Capital Campaign (10/01/23):**

Pledges Received	174
Total Pledged or Given	\$1,660,060
Campaign Goal	\$2,500,000

**Finances (10/01/23):**

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,083,655.68
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,505,083.86
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,570,447.35

**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday Attendance: (10/1/23)

8:45 AM Worship	78	Nursery	15
11:00 AM Worship	263	Children's Worship	41
Online Worship Views	169	Sunday School	42
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>510</b>		

**CHURCH STAFF**

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

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church**  
**October 8, 2023**

**Sermon Extended**

Mark 5:1-20 Read the entire passage before focusing on each day's reading.

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| Monday    | Mark 5:1-5   | Are there people or places I think about as unclean or unholy? Why?      |
| Tuesday   | Mark 5:6-9   | What possesses me?   |
| Wednesday | Mark 5:10-13 | Do I ever bargain with Christ to have my transformation on my own terms? |
| Thursday  | Mark 5:14-17 | Why might we want Jesus to leave my neighborhood?                        |
| Friday    | Mark 5:18-20 | Who is at "home" that my transformation needs to witness to?             |

**Sermon Notes**

**This Week at Wesley**

**\*\*Visit [wesleymonumental.org/events/](http://wesleymonumental.org/events/) to view the calendar online.\*\***

**Sunday, October 8**

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, EB & OH
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 12:10 PM Acolyte Training, SNC

**Monday, October 9**

- 11:00 AM Merry Makers, FH
- 6:00 PM Trombone Choir Rehearsal, SNC

**Tuesday, October 10**

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Sunny Side Up
- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study & Bible Buddies, OH 310/308
- 11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 310
- 6:30 PM Bible Study, WG

**Wednesday, October 11**

- 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 & OH
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Studies, EB 4th Flr
- 6:00 PM Book of James Study, Led by James, FH
- 6:00 PM Book Study, Led by Ben, OH 310
- 6:00 PM Women's Small Group, Led by Katie, OH Parlor
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th Flr

**Thursday, October 12**

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

**Friday, October 13**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place

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

**Pastors on Call This Week**

All days except Wednesdays  
 Ben Martin ..... 912-547-1835  
 Wednesdays  
 Nelle Bordeaux ..... 912-234-9245

**Wednesday Nights at Wesley**  
 October 11  
 Menu: Chicken Enchilada Casserole

**In Our Prayers....**

Adam Corey, Anne Holley, Saddle Kurtz (aunt of Dan Kurtz), Tommy & Harriett Gattis (parents of Clayton Gattis), Dolly Caylor (mother of Rhonda Radcliff), 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), 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), 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), 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

**Christmas Bazaar Bake Sale Sign-Up**

Please tear off and place in offering plate.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to contact \_\_\_\_\_

Bake sale item \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Please contact Florence Anderson at 912-657-6640.