



Celebrating 156 Years 1868 - 2024

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GROUNDHOG DAY AGAIN

As I write this cover on the verge of another Groundhog Day, being no fan of winter and cold weather, I hope the groundhog does not see his shadow, and that spring comes early. However, when I think of Groundhog Day, it is not spring or winter I think about most often, but rather, Bill Murray. I mean the movie Groundhog Day, starring Bill Murray. I've mentioned this too many times, and I would imagine quite a few of you have seen the movie. Murray, a self-absorbed T.V. news reporter, ends up stuck in time, living the same day over and over. The story is centered around his repeated experiments in what makes for a truly meaningful life. In the end, he discovers it is found in self-giving and a life of service. Somehow, I think the makers of this movie were familiar with the life and teachings of Jesus.

As followers of Jesus, every day is another opportunity to grow in the virtues of selflessness, humility, kindness, and generosity and to discover the source of true joy. It takes practice. In the words of John Ortberg, trying is not enough; it takes training. What we do together in spiritual formation, and its' many spiritual practices is what we might think of as training. We are training ourselves in faith, hope, and love. We are preparing ourselves to live in the world as instruments of grace as we discover Christ in ourselves and others.

One of those critical practices that Jesus invited us to return to again and again is the communion table. Here, we remember how Jesus modeled self-giving love in laying down His own life and in forgiving those who wounded Him. Here, we examine ourselves, confess our failure to love like Him, and recommit ourselves to the path of self-giving love. Then we get up from this altar, make our way back into our everyday lives, and try once again to "get it right" to love well.

It is important to remember that all are welcome at this table. It is the table of Christ, and He welcomed all, saints and sinners alike had a place. So, come once again to this training table for a life of faith, hope, and love. Here, we open our hearts to these timeless symbols that remind us the resurrected Christ is with us and in us. And as we leave, remember the world needs us.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.
Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

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) Millie Hunt

Lighting of the Candles (11:00) The Acolytes

Introit (11:00) O Be Joyful in the Lord, All Ye Lands Jan Yarrington
Psalm 100: 1-2

* **Hymn No. 64** Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty NICAEA

* **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed Carolyn Hale Cubbedge
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

(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.

Commissioning of Honduras Mission Team (11:00)

Pastoral Prayer Nelle Bordeaux

* **Scripture Lesson** (Pew Bible, NT pgs. 46-47) Mark 10:32-45

Sermon "Back to Basics Part 24:
Life with a Purpose" 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

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

Offertory Duet (8:45)

I Waited for the Lord Felix Mendelssohn
Alysa Smith, soprano
Claire Watts, mezzo-soprano

Offertory Anthem (11:00)

arr. Mack Wilberg

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love!

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 wesleymunc to 77977 or place your offering in the offering plate. Online giving is also available on our website.

* Doxology No. 95

OLD HUNDRETH

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:



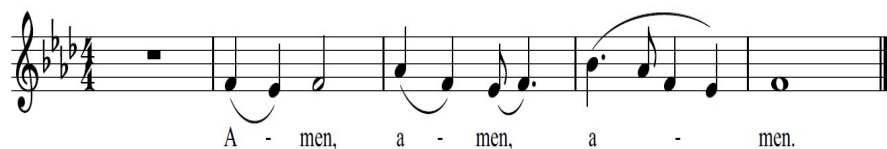
Christ has died; Christ is ri-sen; Christ will come a-gain.

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.



A-men, a-men, a-men.

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 Urban Hope. If you would like to give a donation, please place your offering in the chancel rail when you come to be served.

Communion Music (11:00)

I Waited for the Lord Felix Mendelssohn
Alysa Smith, soprano
Claire Watts, mezzo-soprano

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.

* **Hymn No. 530** Are Ye Able BEACON HILL
Stanza One

* **Benediction** Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) Amen Peter Lukin

Closing Voluntary Toccata Georges MacMaster

* *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 memory of W. Waldo Bradley by his family.

The flowers in the narthex today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the wedding of Drake and Allison Reinke who were married in the sanctuary on February 3, 2024.

Grocery Item Needed This Week is cereal.

Bible Study Topics - All Are Welcome

- Young Mothers' Bible Study. Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., Oliver Hall, room 310, nursery provided. Currently studying "Women in the Bible." Verses this week will be about "Esther," Esther, chapters 1-10.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study via Zoom. Thursdays from noon-12:30 p.m. Verses this week will be Hosea, chapters 13 and 14.

Wesley Community Center Love Walk
Saturday, February 10 at 9:00 a.m.
Forms are due today.

Merry Makers

Merry Makers will celebrate friendship at the February Valentine's Day Luncheon in the Parlor of Oliver Hall on Monday, February 12 at 11:00 a.m. Wear your finest Valentine attire and come prepared to be wowed! Cost is \$7.00 per person. Call the church office to make your reservation.

Urban Hope Family Mission Project

Please sign up in advance with Nelle to cook a dish at home and deliver (needed are ham, macaroni and cheese, green beans, sweet potato souffle, salad, rolls, cut fruit, cookies, paper plates in large and small sizes, plastic cutlery, napkins, and paper cups). Please meet at Independent Presbyterian Church, 207 Bull Street, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 12; the Urban Hope children and families will arrive at 6 p.m. All ages are welcome. We expect 75 guests. Please sign up, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Spiritual Practices Gathering

Join us each Sunday afternoon for our weekly spiritual practices gathering at Wesley Gardens Retreat. For anyone interested in engaging their heart in deeper transformation and those looking for tools to walk out their faith, join Christian Swails this afternoon from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome, and feel free to bring a friend!

Youth Super Bowl Party

Whether you are watching the game or just to see the commercials, we hope that your student will join in the fun! We are having a Super Bowl Party this year at the clubhouse in Neilie Dunn's neighborhood. The clubhouse address is 6407 Ralstons Way. Neilie Dunn and Hattie Thomas will be providing dinner. The youth will meet on February 11 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. and have dinner and watch the first half of the football game!

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 14 at 6:15 p.m. in the sanctuary.

A Record of Our Faithfulness
Sunday Attendance: (01/28/24)

8:45 AM Worship	127	Nursery	17
11:00 AM Worship	315	Children's Worship	53
Online Worship Views	159	Sunday School	26
Total Worship	601		

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Communion Stewards: Byron Boyd, Gilmore MacGregor

Greeters: Ken Griner, Lori Miller **Offering Steward:** Jeff Miller

Partners in Prayer: Henry Whitfield

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Charlie Kraeuter, Charlie Glidewell

Children's Worship: Laura Farless, Sarah Labrot, Alix Lane,
Hannah MacGregor, Emily Robinson, Ellen Williams

Communion Stewards: Shayna Stancil-Wier & Allen Wier

Sunday School: Elizabeth Cobb, Laura Farless, Lindsey Wiggins

Greeters: Kim & Mehmet Ergul **Offering Steward:** Brian West

Ushers: Brian West, Mehmet Ergul, Ted Moore, Jim Pannell, Jon Pannell,
Johnny Phelps, Willie Roberds, Kenneth Spriggs

Partners in Prayer: Grace & Art Greene

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church
February 4, 2024

Sermon Extended

Monday	Mark 10:32-34	Why does Jesus have to repeatedly tell them what will happen to Him? Do I often remember this?
Tuesday	Mark 10:35-37	What do I want Jesus to do for me?
Wednesday	Mark 10:38-40	Am I able to walk the self-giving path that Jesus walked? Am I willing? How am I doing it?
Thursday	Mark 10:41	Are there other disciples who make me angry? Is there anyone I need to forgive?
Friday	Mark 10:42-45	If Jesus was a "ransom" for my life, what can I give in exchange for my life?

Sermon Notes

This Week at Wesley

****Visit wesleymonumental.org/events/ to view the calendar online.****

Sunday, February 4

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee & Refreshments, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, EB & OH
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 4:00 PM Spiritual Practices Gathering, WGR

Monday, February 5

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:30 AM Eli's Place Chapel
- 6:00 PM Trombone Rehearsal, SNC

Tuesday, February 6

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Sunny Side Up
- 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
- 5:30 PM Evangelism Comm. Mtg, Zoom

Wednesday, February 7

- 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 Exodus Bible Study, Led by Ben, FH
- 6:00 PM Letters of John Bible Study, Led by Carolyn, OH
- 6:00 PM The Universal Christ Study, Led by Christian, OH 310
- 6:00 PM Women's Small Group, Led by Katie, OH Parlor
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, February 8

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 12:00 PM Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom
- 4:30 PM Monica Cleaveland Celebration of Life Service, SNC/FH

Friday, February 9

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place

Saturday, February 10

- 9:00 AM WCC Love Walk
- 11:00 AM Taylor Square Dedication

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

Pastors on Call This Week

All days except Wednesdays & Fridays
 Ben Martin912-547-1835
 Wednesdays
 Nelle Bordeaux912-234-9245
 Fridays
 Carolyn Cubbedge ..912-308-3385

Wednesday Night Supper

February 7, 2024

Menu: BBQ Pork

In Our Prayers....

Rosemary Beasley, Becky Fazzini (sister of Debra Ellis), Jan Pullin, Dean Muenckler, Evonne Mobley, Julia Holliday, Stanley Butler (brother of David Butler), Ann Lytle, Emily Davis, Emery Warnock, Penny Harper, Danielle Robertson, Camille Searcy, Roger Lemay, Jason Horton, Kevin Wilson, Archie Davis, Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Adam Corey, Saddle Kurtz (aunt of Dan Kurtz), Dolly Caylor (mother of Rhonda Radcliff), Sharon & Terry Knepper (parents of Holly Conger), Karen Nickles, Lloyd Chapman, Will Weeks, Lindsey Goldberg, Pat Monahan, Mary Hohnerlein (friend of Ken & Deanne Rimes), Heather Neisler, McCarthy Family, Byron Rogers, Katie Adrian, John Birkheimer, Eleanor McCurry, Lynn & Dan Kurtz, Sara Hardwick (sister of Cassie Beckwith), Dennis Deal (cousin of Patricia Jacobs), Connie Kurtz (mother of Dan Kurtz), Ashley Post, Angela Chancey (niece of Cynthia Willett), Ken Brownfield, Oscar Cook, Doris Rothenberger (mother of Susan Colgrove), Suzette Parker, Tim Mooney, Camille Herring (sister of Wade Herring), 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), 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....

The Beasley-Spinks Family
 on the death of *Angela Beasley*,
 mother of Alyson Beasley-Spinks

The Cleaveland Family
 on the death of *Monica Cleaveland*,
 mother of Scott Cleaveland