



Celebrating 156 Years 1868 - 2024

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St. Patrick's Day & Lent

Obviously, St. Patrick's Day is a pretty big day in Savannah. Thousands of people visit our city to celebrate—many thanks to all who supported our youth breakfast yesterday by working, donating, or eating. I'm not real sure, unless you are Irish and even more specifically Irish Catholic, if all the celebration is really about St. Patrick or the arrival of spring or just a good reason to celebrate. I'm not sure if it's day for saints or sinners or both. I have been on both sides of the fence on St. Patrick's Day. After all, the Apostle Paul called us all saints, but he also called us all sinners. The reality is we who follow Jesus are both saints and sinners. We are called for our lives to be set apart for Him, but we are bound by our own desire and shaped by the culture in which we live. Those who know St. Patrick's story know his mission was to invite sinners to become saints.

With the arrival of St. Patrick's Day, Lent is winding down. One week from today, we will remember the arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, and then we will enter Holy Week and count down the last days of His life and mourn our sin which led to His death. Spring has arrived a bit early, and the earthly signs of resurrection have already made us forget the darkness that fell on "Good Friday" and the coldness of his tomb on Holy Saturday. As we follow him along in the last days of this Lenten journey, we hear his call to "die every day" to self and sin so that we might be raised to a new life of service and holiness.

Remember that during Holy Week, we will have services each day at lunch and an evening Maundy Thursday communion service and meal instead of our normal Wednesday night dinner. We hope you will make plans to join us.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024
8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

Chiming of the Hour (11:00) Hannah Conger

Opening Voluntary Robert Schumann
Fugue in G Minor (on B-A-C-H)

Introit (11:00) In the Garden
Derek Llamas, tenor

* **Hymn No. 292** What Wondrous Love Is This WONDROUS LOVE

* **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.

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. 286 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded PASSION CHORALE

Offertory Prayer Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) Frederic Chopin
Prelude in B Minor, Op. 28, No. 6

Offertory Anthem (11:00) arr. William Dawson

Soon-a Will Be Done

Soon-a will be done-a with the troubles of the world.
Goin' home to live with God.

No more weeping and a-wailing.
I'm goin' to live with God.

I want to meet my mother.
I'm goin' to live with God.

I want to meet my Jesus,
I'm goin' to live with God.

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, NT, pg. 51) Mark 14:1-11

Sermon "Back to Basics Part 29 - The Space Between" Ben Martin

- * **Hymn** No. 301 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross NEAR THE CROSS

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) I Would Be True arr. John Rutter

I would be true for there are those who trust me;
I would be pure for there are those who care.
I would be strong for there is much to suffer.
I would be brave for there is much to dare.
I would be friend of all, the foe, the friendless.
I would be giving, and forget the gift.
I would be humble, for I know my weakness,
I would look up and laugh and love and live.

Closing Voluntary Kathleen Turner
Toccata and Fughetta on Lift High the Cross

- * *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 from Susan and Tom Colgrove in remembrance of Peggy and Robert Rothenberger, parents of Susan.

Messenger Brigade

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, March 21 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205.

Lilies & Caladiums for Easter Sunday

Lilies and Caladiums will be placed around the altar to the glory of God on Easter Sunday, March 31 and may be taken home following the 11:00 a.m. Easter Service. Please place your orders for plants in memory or in honor of loved ones by next Sunday, March 24. The cost is \$15.50 per plant and order forms may also be found at all Sanctuary entrances or you can order and pay online www.wesleymonumental.org/2024-easter-flowers/

Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

Most needed this week are canned meats, such as Vienna sausages. Please place donations in marked boxes in the Wayne/Gordon Street foyers and Oliver Hall.

Administrative Board Meeting - Monday, March 25

The Administrative Board will meet Monday, March 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. The agenda items and Zoom link will be emailed to the Board members on Friday, March 22. (2024 Administrative Board Dates: March 25, May 20, August 26, October 28, and December 9)

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Becky Pullin, Jeralyn Wilson

Offering Steward: Jeff Miller

Partners in Prayer: Mark Lindsay

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Addison Conger, Adair Thomas

Children's Worship: Katy Eichholz, Sarah Labrot, Stephanie Parker,
Mandy Roberts

Sunday School: Rachel Suttles

Greeters: Karen & Jim Pannell

Offering Steward: Chris Donegan

Ushers: Chris Donegan, Jake Coakley, Jerry Cohn, Bob Cole, Sam Daniel,
Peter Delters, Michael Donovan, Justin Dunn

Partners in Prayer: Sandra McGowen

Monica Dekle

We are so excited that demolition on the Education Building has begun! Thank you, Wesley Congregation, for making this dream a reality for the children and the choir for God's glory.

This week the church received two donations for the building fund from two children in our church, and they handwrote letters to me accompanying their donations. They had been saving up their money since Christmas and their birthdays. I wanted to share this inspiring story and a precious quote from each of the letters.

"I am really excited for the building construction, and I hope this will help towards it!"

"I am excited to see where my money can make a difference."

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Bible Studies

- Young Mothers' Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. on the second floor of Oliver Hall, room 213 (parlor); the Bible Buddies nursery meets in room 207 (barrel-vault room). Currently studying "Women in the Bible." This week's lesson will be about Herodias, the Canaanite Woman, and Jairus's Daughter," Matthew 14:3,6; 15:21-28; Luke 8:40-42;49-56.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying Amos 8 and 9. Questions or to sign up, please email Nelle at tbordeaux@prodigy.net

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Easter Egg-stravaganza

Our annual Easter Festival and Egg Hunt is scheduled for next Sunday, March 24 at 4:00 p.m. at Wesley Gardens Retreat. There will be lots of eggs, treats, games, art activities, and more. Our youngest children will gather in the main house and our elementary children will gather at the pavilion. It will be a fun afternoon for everyone. We'll have bags to decorate for egg collecting and lots of bug spray. Watch for more details on Instagram @CMatWesleyUMC.

VBS and Summer Fun Daze - Registration Now Open

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 3 - 7 Vacation Bible School** - 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon for children 3 years old-5th grade. Join us for Scuba VBS and dive into a friendship with God!
- **July 15 - 19 Summer Fun Daze** - 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for children who have completed Kindergarten - 3rd grade.

Register for both today at www.myvbs.org/wesleymonumental

Youth Group (6th-12th Grade)

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the St. Patrick's Day Pancake Breakfast! Also, thank you to all who donated food and paper products and volunteered their time to make this event possible! Your support of the youth group as they prepare for their summer missions projects is greatly appreciated.

No Youth Tonight

There will be no youth group or youth choir this afternoon. Thank you youth for volunteering with the Pancake Breakfast!

Easter Egg Hunt at Wesley Gardens Retreat

The youth will be volunteering at the Easter Egg Hunt at Wesley Gardens on March 24. Any students able to attend should contact Ms. Charli at charli@wesleymonumental.org.

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Senior Adults and Pastoral Care Merry Makers

The Merry Makers will meet on Monday, April 8, at 11:00 a.m. at Wesley Gardens Retreat. The program is "Downsizing: Declutter, Destash and Dump." Come prepared to share your collective wisdom. Lunch will be served. Cost is \$7.00. Call the church office to make your reservation.

Christian Swails, Wesley Gardens Spiritual Director



Spiritual Direction is an ancient, Christian art form dating back to the desert mothers and fathers from the 3rd century AD. It is a practice of holy listening with a trained director to name and notice the big questions you are holding and the stuck places with God, yourself, and others. Wesley Monumental is now offering our members an opportunity to meet 1-on-1 with Christian Swails, MA, a trained Spiritual Director with a Masters Degree in Spiritual Formation. If you would like to learn more about this ancient practice, you can set up a meeting with Christian at Wesley Gardens by following the QR code.

Weekly Spiritual Practices Gathering Today!

Join us each Sunday afternoon from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. for our weekly spiritual practices gathering with Christian at Wesley Gardens Retreat. Everyone is welcome, and feel free to bring a friend!

CoCreation Weekend Retreat April 12-14 at Wesley Gardens

If you've been attending weekly spiritual practices or meaning to, this is the perfect opportunity to jump in. Meals will be provided, and we'll start with a dinner on Friday evening and end around 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. Staying overnight at Wesley Gardens is optional, or you can go home and return each day. The cost is \$100 per person, and the retreat will be limited to 15 people. If interested, please email Christian at christian@cocreationlife.com or visit <https://www.wesleymonumental.org/retreats/>



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (03/10/24)

8:45 AM Worship	72	Nursery	12
11:00 AM Worship	353	Children's Worship	49
Online Worship Views	158	Sunday School	105
Total Worship	583		

Finances (3/10/24):

Total Budget for the Year.....	\$2,126,355.46
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date.....	\$490,135.42
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$448,013.92

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 Mays Higgins.... Communications Director
Rev. Carolyn Hale Cubbedge.....Senior Adults and Pastoral Care	Suzanna King Director of Hospitality
Dr. Monica DekleDirector of Music & Organist	David LindquistMaintenance Tech
Julia Flowers..... Music Assistant	Betty DudleyHousekeeper
Charli Weeks.....Director of Children's Ministry	Micah Sprünger.....Wesley Gardens Property Manager
Jimmy Flowers.....Church Administrator	Ernie BanksWesley Gardens Groundskeeper/Maintenance
Tom AndersonFinancial Manager	Christian SwailsWesley Gardens Spiritual Direction/Reservations
Jennifer BakerAdministrative Assistant, Reception	

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church
March 17, 2024

Sermon Extended

Monday	Mark 14:1-2	What is about Jesus that causes so much hostility?
Tuesday	Mark 14:3-8	What have I been willing or unwilling to "pour out" for Christ?
Wednesday	Mark 14:3-8	Why will we always have the poor with us? What do I do for them?
Thursday	Mark 14:9	What made this woman's actions so memorable? How does she reflect Christ?
Friday	Mark 14:10-11	What could cause Judas' betrayal? What could turn me away from or against Christ?

Sermon Notes

This Week at Wesley

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

Sunday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day
8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
9:30 AM Coffee & Refreshments, FH
9:45 AM Sunday School, FH & OH
10:00 AM New Member Course, OH 205
11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
4:00 PM Spiritual Practices, WGR

Monday, March 18

9:00 AM Eli's Place, FH & OH
9:30 AM Eli's Place Chapel
2:00 PM Courtney Gaines Circle, FH

Tuesday, March 19

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Sunnyside Up
9:00 AM Eli's Place, FH & OH
9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study,
OH 213
9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH 207
11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 205

Wednesday, March 20

9:00 AM Eli's Place, FH & OH
11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 205
4:45 PM Call to Prayer, OH Parlor
5:30 PM Dinner, Mickve Israel
6:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir, FH
6:00 PM Children's Choir, OH
6:00 PM Youth Bible Studies, OH
6:00 PM Exodus Bible Study,
Led by Ben, Mickve Israel
6:00 PM Surrender to Love Study,
Led by Christian, OH 205
6:00 PM Women's Small Group,
Led by Katie, OH Parlor
7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, FH

Thursday, March 21

9:00 AM Eli's Place, FH & OH
10:00 AM Messenger Brigade, OH 205
12:00 PM Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom

Friday, March 22

9:00 AM Eli's Place, FH & OH

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

Pastors on Call This Week

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

Wednesday Night Supper

March 20, 2024

Menu: Baked Ziti

In Our Prayers....

Wayne Thomas, Family of Logan Spencer (friend of Charles Stewart), John Martin Sr., Jim Coakley (brother of Jake Coakley), Freda Hale (mother of Carolyn Hale Cubbedge), Janice Wintzer (mother of Dana Barnwell), Rachel Spence, Jan Pullin, Rosemary Beasley, Becky Fazzini (sister of Debra Ellis), Dean Muenckler, Evonne Mobley, Julia Holliday, Stanley Butler (brother of David Butler), Ann Lytle, Emily Davis, Emery Warnock, Danielle Robertson, Camille Searcy, Roger Lemay, Jason Horton, Kevin Wilson, Archie Davis, Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Adam Corey, Saddy Kurtz (aunt of Dan Kurtz), Dolly Caylor (mother of Rhonda Radcliff), Sharon and Terry Knepper (parents of Holly Conger), Karen Nickles, Will Weeks, Lindsey Goldberg, Pat Monahan, Mary Hohnerlein (friend of Ken and Deanne Rimes), Byron Rogers, John Birkheimer, Eleanor McCurry, Connie Kurtz (mother of Dan Kurtz), Ken Brownfield, Oscar Cook, Doris Rothenberger (mother of Susan Colgrove), Suzette Parker, Tim Mooney, Jane Bostwick (mother of Meb Ryan), Walter Thomas (brother of Mark Thomas), 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, David Chow, Roz Evans, Bob Harman, Sandrae McCorkle, Toni Olds, Edith Roszkowiak, Elton Stuenckel, Mark Thomas, Cindy Telljohann, Lois Wooten

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

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

In Sympathy....

The Holleman Family
on the death of *Marilyn Holleman*,
mother of Susan Holleman,
grandmother of Yates Holleman