



Celebrating 156 Years 1868 - 2024

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CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

As the Apostle Paul wrote long ago, *"If Christ is not risen, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those who have hoped in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died."* (1 Corinthians 15:17-20)

Welcome to Wesley Monumental on the Holiest day of the year. We are so glad you are in worship with us this morning. Hope compels us to be here. This is what our faith is based upon: that Christ is risen and we are delivered; that Christ is risen and we are not alone; that Christ is risen and we have hope in the darkest of days; that Christ is risen from the grave and through Him, we will rise too. This is the ground of our hope and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

It is our prayer that today you experience the presence of the risen Christ through worship. Through inspiring music and sacred scripture, through joyous children and aging saints, through an ancient creed and newly blooming lilies. May the risen Christ speak to our minds, encourage our hearts, inspire our bodies, and bring peace to our souls. As we prepare to worship today, hear these inspiring words from one of our hymns of the day, "Easter People, Raise Your Voices":

*Easter people raise your voices, sound of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choicest; heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.*

*Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.*

*Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.*

HAPPY EASTER! CHRIST IS RISEN.
THE TOMB IS EMPTY, BUT OUR HEARTS ARE FULL.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024
8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
Easter Sunday

Mat Graham, trumpet	Mark Spradley, trombone
Andrea Albritton, trumpet	Joel Hayes, tuba
Debra Sherrill-Ward, French horn	Michael Carp, timpani

Prelude

The Lord is Risen Indeed	William Billings
Jesus Christ is Risen Today	arr. Robert Hobby
Flourishes	Carlyle Sharpe

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 in the Fellowship Hall.*

Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Cole Green

Lighting of the Candles

Opening Voluntary	Solemn Processional	Richard Strauss
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Introit	Easter Anthem	William Billings
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* **Call to Worship**

Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

Glory and honor, dominion and power, be to God for ever and ever.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

* Hymn No. 302	Christ the Lord Is Risen Today	EASTER HYMN
	Stanzas 1-4	

* Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles' Creed	Nelle Bordeaux
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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 in the Fellowship Hall. Following the service, they can be picked up from the Fellowship Hall.

11:00 Children ages 3 - 3rd grade leave through the doors at the front of the sanctuary and go to Children's Worship in the Fellowship Hall. Following the service, they can be picked up from the Fellowship Hall.

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

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. 322** Up from the Grave He Arose CHRIST AROSE

Offertory Prayer Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Anthem Easter Rejoicing Jonathan Willcocks

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, NT pgs. 54-55) Mark 16:1-8

Sermon "Looking in the Wrong Place" Ben Martin

- * **Hymn No. 303** The Day of Resurrection LANCASHIRE

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Response Hallelujah Chorus G. F. Handel

Closing Voluntary Charles-Marie Widor
 Toccata from Symphony No. 5

- * *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 lilies and caladiums around the altar today are given to the glory of God and in memory and honor of loved ones. Please see the insert in your Order of Worship for a complete listing.

The flowers in the Narthex today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Hughes Farrow by Camille O'Neill.

Eli's Place & Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed tomorrow Monday, April 1, and Eli's Place will be closed April 1 through 5.

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.

Y'all Haul for Heavy AC Unit

Please email Nelle at tbordeaux@prodigy.net if you can help move a heavy AC unit.

Family Promise - Supper Cooks Needed April 21-27

Please cook supper at home for about 15 homeless guests and deliver at 5:30 p.m. to White Bluff Presbyterian Church. Sign up with Nelle at tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

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 the "Samaritan Woman," John 4:7-42.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying Jonah, chapters 2 and 3. Questions or to sign up, please email Nelle at tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Judy Cleveland, Ann and Melvin Croft

Offering Steward: Paul Cleveland

Partners in Prayer: Henry Whitfield

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Adair Thomas, Camille Wilkes

Children's Worship: Amy Daniel, Katie Knight, Sarah Labrot, Stephanie Parker

Sunday School: Rachel Suttles

Greeters: Frank Anderson, Woody and Nancy Brown

Offering Steward: Adam Hess

Ushers: Adam Hess, Ryan Kelly, Bobby Lee, Todd Livingood, Bates Lovett, Pratt Mathews, Bill Mattocks, Robert McCorkle, Matt Merritt

Partners in Prayer: Adam Kobek

Youth Group (6th-12th Grade)

Youth Local Mission Night

Sunday, April 7, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Please bring pruning shears and gardening gloves for pruning and weeding at the Living Vine Christian Maternity Home. We'll travel in the church van and return to the church at 7:00 p.m.

Out-of-Town Mission Trip - Chaperone Needed ASAP

We need 1 male chaperone for the mission trip to Blue Ridge, NC the Week of June 30-July 5. If you are able to help, please let Sheila Watts know ASAP!

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Senior Adults and Pastoral Care

Merry Makers - Note re: Program Change

Merry Makers will meet at Wesley Gardens on Monday, April 8, at 11:00 a.m. The program will be presented by Jennifer Baker about her woodwork. Her website is called "Footprints in the Sawdust." Lunch will be served. Cost is \$7.00. Please call the church office to make your reservation.

The program previously scheduled for April has been rescheduled for May 20. Join us then for "Downsizing: Declutter, Destash and Dump."

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Widow's Mite Boxes

On February 25, the Bible text for the sermon and the Children's Worship lesson was about The Widow's Mite. We talked about the season of Lent and how we remember and try to help poor people during this season. The children made Mite Boxes using a small Pringles can and were to save loose coins in them until Easter. Remember to bring your Mite Box this Sunday so we can give them to Ms. Nelle to use to help poor people.

Thank You!

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt last Sunday. Over 250 children and their families enjoyed being together. Watch for pictures in the Wesley Weekly and in the Monumental Messenger.

Children's Easter Program

Mark your calendar and invite your family and friends to our children's Easter program on Wednesday, April 17 at 6:15 p.m. Rehearsals are underway and the children are excited about their singing and speaking parts. The program is being presented during the season of Easter and it will be a joyful celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, our Savior.

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

Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager

Fourth Friday Retreat at Wesley Gardens

On April 26, join us in the Main House and chapel for some time of guided retreat and solitude. In addition to morning prayer and Lectio Divina (meditation on Holy Scripture), this liturgically-based retreat will feature teaching and discussion. Coffee and tea is provided in the Great Room from 8:30 a.m. The retreat is from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. with the remainder of the afternoon available for self-guided personal retreat. Feel free to bring your own lunch or snack. For questions and further details email, hello@wesleygardensretreat.com.

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

Our weekly Spiritual Practices Gathering will not be held today, Sunday, March 24 or next Sunday, March 31. We will resume Sunday, April 7 from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. 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: (03/24/24)

8:45 AM Worship	XX	Nursery	14
11:00 AM Worship	619	Children's Worship	96
Online Worship Views	160	Sunday School	73
Total Worship	XXX		

Finances (3/24/24):

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,126,355.46
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$550,350.22
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$501,806.47

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 Dekle.....Director of Music & Organist	David Lindquist.....Maintenance Tech
Julia Flowers..... Music Assistant	Betty Dudley.....Housekeeper
Charli Weeks..... Director of Children's Ministry	Micah Sprünger..... 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
March 31, 2024**

Sermon Extended

Monday	Mark 16:1-8	What does Mark want us to know about Jesus and the resurrection?
Tuesday	Matthew 28:1-15	What does Matthew want us to know about Jesus and the resurrection?
Wednesday	Luke 24:1-42	What does Luke want us to know about Jesus and the resurrection?
Thursday	John 20:1-23	What does John want us to know about Jesus and the resurrection?
Friday	Mark 16:9-20	What does the longer ending of Mark want us to know about Jesus and the resurrection?

Sermon Notes

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This Week at Wesley

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

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday
8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
9:30 AM Coffee & Refreshments, FH
9:45 AM Sunday School, FH & OH
11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC

Monday, April 1

Eli's Place on Spring Break this Week
Church Office Closed
6:00 PM Trombone Choir Rehearsal, SNC

Tuesday, April 2

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Sunnyside Up
9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH 213
9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH 207
11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 205
5:30 PM Evangelism Comm. Mtg, Zoom

Wednesday, April 3

9:00 AM Eli's Place, FH & OH
11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 205
No Wednesday Night Supper or Programs

Thursday, April 4

12:00 PM Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom

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 Bordeaux912-234-9245

No Wednesday Night Supper or Programs this Week.

We will resume on Wednesday, April 10.
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In Our Prayers....

Noel Cooper, Wayne Thomas, Family of Logan Spencer (friend of Charles Stewart), John Martin Sr., Jim Coakley (brother of Jake Coakley), Rachel Spence, Jan Pullin, Rosemary Beasley, Becky Fazzini (sister of Debra Ellis), Dean Muenckler, Evonne Mobley, Julia Holliday, 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, Saddle 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 Stuenkel, 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 Hale and Cubbedge Families
on the death of Freda Hale,
mother of Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

The Stack Family
on the death of Norma Stack,
mother of Don Stack

The Butler Family
on the death of *Stanley Butler*,
brother of David Butler