



***Celebrating 156 Years 1868 - 2024***

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**AFTER EASTER? NOT YET**

I'm guessing that finding a seat this morning for worship will be a little easier than last Sunday. Easter is such a crescendo in the worship life of the church that the week following is very low-key, to say the least. It is something of a symbolic reminder of the life of faith. While we are "Easter People" whose faith is centered in the resurrection of Christ, we are not "Easter Sunday People." What I mean is we don't live life on the mountaintop all the time; most of it is lived in the valley, in normal life. Easter Sunday is our inspirational moment; being an Easter person is living in faithful hope in every circumstance and every setting of our lives, be it on the mountain or in the valley.

As far as the Church is concerned, Easter is a fifty-day season of the Christian year, so we are just getting started. Next Sunday, we will have a Confirmation service for a number of our students who will be professing their faith and joining the church. The following week, on Wednesday, April 17 at 6:15 p.m., our children will present their Easter program.

And if you want a very different kind of mountaintop experience, I would invite you to sign up for the retreat next weekend at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center. As opposed to the high energy and crowd of Easter Sunday morning, this will be a small group time of guided spiritual practices, time for some silence and solitude where we can escape the noise and busyness of life long enough to hear the still small voice of the resurrected Christ.

But this morning, we are here to "raise our voices as Easter people" and celebrate Christ is risen and is present with us in the hearts of worshipers, in the living word, and in the bread and cup. Welcome to Easter worship once again.

*Ben*

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024  
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.  
*Second Sunday of Easter*

Savannah Trombone Choir

Gabrielle Bryant	Benjamin Phillips
Ayven Gumataotao	Christopher Rodriguez-Colon
James McCarn	Reese Scott
Grayson McHugh	Campbell Tunney
Mark Spradley, founder and director	

**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)**

Abbott Scoggins

**Lighting of the Candles (11:00)**

The Acolytes

**Opening Voluntary**

Were You There

arr. Sonny Ausman

\* **Hymn No. 310**

He Lives

ACKLEY

\* **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 in the Fellowship Hall. Following the service, they can be picked up in 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.*

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.

**Pastoral Prayer**

Nelle Bordeaux

\* **Scripture Lesson** (Pew Bible, NT pg. 55)

Mark 16:9-20

**Sermon**

“Back to Basics Part 33:  
The Long and Short of It”

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 Voluntary**

Praise the Lord

arr. Sonny Ausman

**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!

## 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.



**Merry Makers Program Change**

Merry Makers will meet at Wesley Gardens tomorrow, April 8, at 11:00 a.m. The program will be presented by Jennifer Baker about her wood-work. Her website is called "Footprints in the Sawdust." Lunch (\$7) will be served. Please let Carolyn know today if you plan to attend.

**Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

This Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be prepared (\$5), and the Bible study will be taught and end by 8:00 a.m. Please call or email the church office if you would like to attend.

**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.

**Urban Hope Supper for 75 Guests on Monday, April 22**

Helpers needed at 5:30 p.m. Cook at home (or buy!) and bring an item for the Urban Hope at-risk children and youth. Sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net. We'll meet at Independent Presbyterian Church, 207 Bull Street.

**Youth Local Mission Night**

Today, 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 Youth Mission Trip Chaperone Needed ASAP**

We need 1 male chaperone for the youth 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!

**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 [www.wesleymonumental.org/retreats/](http://www.wesleymonumental.org/retreats/)

**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Easter Sunday Attendance: (03/31/24)

8:45 AM Worship	475	Nursery	32
11:00 AM Worship	844	Children's Worship	132
Online Worship Views	315	Sunday School	6
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>1634</b>		

**Finances: (03-31-24)**

Total Budget for the Year.....	\$2,126,355.46
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$594,759.85
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date .....	\$579,366.18

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

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks

**Communion Stewards:** Diane Boyd

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

**Partners in Prayer:** Anne Thompson

**11:00 Service**

**Acolytes:** Virginia Carroll, Catherine Cheshire

**Children's Worship:** Amy Daniel, Sarah Labrot, Emily Robinson, Ellen Williams

**Sunday School:** Lindsey Wiggins

**Communion Stewards:** Gilmore MacGregor, Byron Boyd

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

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

**Partners in Prayer:** Gail Brannen

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church**  
**April 7, 2024**

**Sermon Extended**

Monday	Mark 16:9-12	What would make me a believable witness to the risen Christ?
Tuesday	Mark 16:9-14	What gets in the way of my own believing?
Wednesday	Mark 16:15	What does "believing" mean to me? What do I believe and how does that "save" me?
Thursday	Mark 16:17-18	What kinds of "signs" accompany my own belief? Does my belief have evidence?
Friday	Mark 16:20	Where do I envision Christ being?

**Sermon Notes**

## This Week at Wesley

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

### Sunday, April 7

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  
3:00 PM Confirmation Class, OH 205  
5:00 PM Youth Mission Night

### Monday, April 8

9:00 AM Eli's Place, FH & OH  
9:30 AM Eli's Place Chapel, SNC  
11:00 AM Merry Makers, WGR  
6:00 PM Trombone Choir Rehearsal, SNC

### Tuesday, April 9

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, FH  
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  
5:30 PM Trustees Mtg, OH 205

### Wednesday, April 10

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

### Thursday, April 11

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

### Friday, April 12

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 & Fridays  
Ben Martin .....912-547-1835  
Wednesdays  
Nelle Bordeaux.....912-234-9245  
Fridays  
Carolyn Cubbedge ..912-308-3385

### **Wednesday Night Supper**

April 10, 2024

Menu: Gumbo with Chicken &  
Chicken Sausage

## In Our Prayers....

Virginia Davis, Foster Parks, 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, 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 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 Donegan Family  
on the death of  
*Anne Chaddock Donegan*,  
daughter of Staci & Chris Donegan

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