



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

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**IT IS STILL EASTER**

After pushing through the forty days of fasting and penitence for Lent, parading through the celebration of Palm Sunday, trudging through the painful days of Holy Week, and dancing through the resurrection victory of Easter, we usually want to stop and catch our breath on the other side. (Note the post-Easter falloff in worship.) This year with such an early Easter Sunday, it is easy to move on and quickly forget it is still Easter.

What is sometimes lost on us during this season is Easter, which is not just a day in the church; it is a season. The "Great Fifty Days" is how the season of Easter is described in the church year. The fifty days represent the time between the resurrection of Jesus on Easter and the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. The Scriptures tell us that for forty days after the resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples and other believers, and then, on the fortieth day, he "ascended into heaven."

That means for the church, the days after Easter should be one of great expectation. Like the first followers of Jesus after Easter morning, we should practice our spiritual disciplines of prayer, study, worship, and study expecting that the resurrected Christ will meet us in a renewed and meaningful way. Instead of a time to catch our breath, it should be a season that leaves us with breathless anticipation.

Christ is risen, which means Christ is with us. Like frightened disciples locked away behind doors of fear, He is with us in our fear. Like discouraged disciples wandering aimlessly down the Emmaus road, He is with us in our confusion and discouragement. Like hopeless disciples who returned to the boats and nets only to catch nothing, He is with us in our failures. Like doubting disciples who can't believe unless we see and touch, He is with us in our skepticism and doubts. Wherever the days of Easter find us, remember the message, "I am with you always even to the end of the age." Happy Easter, Christ is risen.

*Ben*

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024  
8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

**Welcome and Announcements**

Nelle Bordeaux

*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)**

Olivia Wanager

**Lighting of the Candles**

**Opening Voluntary**

arr. Adolphus Hailstork

There is a Balm in Gilead

**Introit (11:00)**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Glen Doki, tenor

Anne Hawks, pianist

\* **Hymn No. 89** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee HYMN TO JOY

\* **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

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)**

Stafford Jameson Smith

son of Mary Kathryn and Chris Smith

*Congregational Response:*

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Stafford 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 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**

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. 496 Sweet Hour of Prayer SWEET HOUR

**Offertory Prayer**

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

**Offertory Solo** (8:45) Leaning on the Everlasting Arms  
Glen Doki, tenor  
Anne Hawks, pianist

**Offertory Anthem** (11:00) Sicut Cervus Palestrina

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,  
ita desiderat anima mea ad Te, Deus.

Like as the hart desireth the water brooks,  
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

- Psalm 42:1-3

**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 pg. 3 ) Matthew 4:1-11

**Sermon** "Temptation" Nelle Bordeaux

\* **Hymn** No. 700 Abide with Me EVENTIDE

**Benediction** Nelle Bordeaux

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

**Closing Voluntary** Charles-Marie Widor  
Finale from Symphony No. 6

\* *Please stand as you are able.*  
*Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you.*  
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### **Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission**

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

### **2024 National Day of Prayer**

The National Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Thursday in May. This day observance, designated by the United States Congress, asks people "to turn to God in prayer and meditation." This year's National Day of Prayer will be held Thursday, May 2, and Wesley Monumental will offer two ways to participate: (1) The sanctuary will be open from 7:30 a.m. to noon, so members and visitors can stop by and pray. Due to construction, please use the main entrance facing Taylor Square or the Gordon Street door if you need access to the elevator. Restrooms will not be available. (2) A suggested prayer schedule for Wesley Monumental groups (e.g., Administrative Board, Sunday school classes, etc.) will be available in the sanctuary.

### **Cookie Call for Massie School May Day - Still Need 30 Dozen Cookies!**

Each year Wesley Monumental provides cookies for the students who participate in the Massie School May Day festivities. This year's May Day will take place Wednesday, May 15, and we still need 30 dozen cookies. If you would like to provide cookies or help hand out cookies and lemonade to the students, please complete the sign up slip located on the insert. The slip will have details on the type of cookies needed, how to package, and when to deliver to the church.

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

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks

**Greeters:** Pat Killewald, Sharlene Monahan

**Offering Steward:** David Butler

**Partners in Prayer:** Charlie Clarke

### **11:00 Service**

**Acolytes:** Michael Cooler, Hannah Green

**Children's Worship:** Laura Blake, Sarah Labrot, Emily Robinson,  
Ashley Wanager, Olivia Wanager

**Sunday School:** Elizabeth Cobb

**Greeters:** Jim & Cynthia Waldrop

**Offering Steward:** Jim Willis

**Ushers:** Jim Willis, Glen Willard, Allen Williams, Brad Aiken, Jesse Bentley,  
David Blake, Tom Bordeaux, Fred Bozeman

**Partners in Prayer:** Gaye Holt

### **Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members**

#### **Youth Local Mission Week - Adults Needed to Help**

July 22-26, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adults needed to help all or part of any day you choose, to work alongside wonderful youth in construction or sacking groceries or Living Vine yard work or sorting school uniforms. Choose any day that fits your schedule. Please sign up with Nelle at [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto: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 "Tabitha and Lydia," Acts 9:36-43; 16:14-40; Philippians 1:3-5; 4:8-10.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying Micah, chapters 6 and 7. Questions or to sign up, please email Nelle at [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net).

### **Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry**

#### **Infant Recognition Sunday**

Each year, on Mother's Day, we look forward to recognizing the babies born into our congregation and this year is no exception! On Sunday, May 12 we will be honoring more than 20 families who welcomed babies into the world this past year. If you are a member of Wesley Monumental or attend regularly, please contact [charli@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:charli@wesleymonumental.org) to confirm we have your child on our list.

#### **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–5<sup>th</sup> 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

Register for both today at [www.myvbs.org/wesleymonumental](http://www.myvbs.org/wesleymonumental)

### **Youth Group (6th-12th Grade)**

#### **Out-of-Town Youth Mission Trip**

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!

#### **Graduate Recognition**

We will be recognizing our graduating seniors on May 19. If your student is graduating this spring, please send their name and school they are graduating from to Sheila Watts or Jennifer Brookins. Graduate names will be printed in the bulletin, so please send the students name as you wish it to appear in print. **This information is needed by Tuesday, May 14.**

**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**

For anyone interested in engaging their heart in deeper transformation and those looking for tools to walk out their faith, join Christian Swails from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. today, Sunday, April 28 at Wesley Gardens Retreat. Everyone is welcome, and feel free to bring a friend!

**Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Senior Adults and Pastoral Care**

**Merry Makers**

Mark your calendar for May 20 for the last Merry Makers meeting for this spring. The program will be "Downsizing: Declutter, Destash and Dump." Come prepared to share your own tips and experience if you have already gone through this process. Note that this meeting will be on the third (not the second) Monday in May and will be held at Wesley Gardens Retreat.



**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday Attendance: (04/21/24)

8:45 AM Worship	111	Nursery	20
11:00 AM Worship	325	Children's Worship	46
Online Worship Views	152	Sunday School	109
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>588</b>		

**Finances (4/14/24):**

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$2,126,355.46
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$709,883.38
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date .....	\$690,177.15

**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Dr. Ben Martin ..... Senior Pastor  
 Rev. Dr. Nelle Bordeaux ..... Outreach & New Members  
 Rev. Carolyn Hale Cubbedge ..... Senior Adults and Pastoral Care  
 Dr. Monica Dekle .... Director of Music & Organist  
 Julia Flowers ..... Music Assistant  
 Charli Weeks ..... Director of Children's Ministry  
 Jimmy Flowers ..... Church Administrator  
 Tom Anderson ..... Financial Manager  
 Jennifer Baker ..... Administrative Assistant, Reception

Jennifer Brookins ..... Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff, Media Communications  
 Ashley Mays Higgins .... Communications Director  
 Suzanna King ..... Director of Hospitality  
 David Lindquist ..... Maintenance Tech  
 Betty Dudley ..... Housekeeper  
 Micah Sprünger ..... Wesley Gardens Property Manager  
 Ernie Banks ..... Wesley Gardens Groundskeeper/Maintenance  
 Christian Swails ..... Wesley Gardens Spiritual Direction/Reservations

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church**  
**April 28, 2024**

**Sermon Extended**

Monday	Matthew 4:1-15	What tempts me?
Tuesday	Matthew 4:6-11	How does Jesus handle temptation?
Wednesday	Matthew 6:13	How has God helped me amidst temptation?
Thursday	James 1:12-16	Do I trust Him to protect me when tempted?
Friday	1 Corinthians 10:13	Where is God showing me a way out now?

**Sermon Notes**



**Cookie Call**

Yes! I am willing to help with Massie May Day.

I will bake \_\_\_\_\_ dozen and deliver them to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 12.

\_\_\_\_\_ I can help serve cookies and lemonade on Wednesday, May 15 from 10-12.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Cookies must be sugar cookies (NO Peanut Butter, Nuts, Almond Extract or decorations of any kind).
- Place cookies in snack-sized zip-lock bags, two cookies per bag.

*Tear off, and place this form in the offering plate or return to the Church Office.*

## This Week at Wesley

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

### Sunday, April 28

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  
4:00 PM Spiritual Practices, WGR  
4:00 PM Youth Choir, Choir Loft  
5:00 PM Youth Group, FH & OH

### Monday, April 29

9:00 AM Eli's Place, FH & OH  
9:30 AM Eli's Place Chapel, SNC

### Tuesday, April 30

9:00 AM Eli's Place, FH & OH  
9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH 213  
9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH 207  
5:30 PM Youth Comm. Mtg, OH 205  
6:00 PM Pacesetters, OH Parlor

### Wednesday, May 1

9:00 AM Eli's Place, FH & OH  
4:45 PM Call to Prayer, OH Parlor  
5:30 PM Dinner, Mickve Israel  
6:00 PM Honduras Missionary Speakers, MI  
6:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir, FH  
6:00 PM Children's Choir, OH  
6:00 PM Youth Bible Studies, OH  
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, May 2

7:30 AM National Day of Prayer, SNC open until Noon  
9:00 AM Eli's Place, FH & OH  
12:00 PM Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom

### Friday, May 3

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

Sun (4/28) - Wednesday (5/1)  
Nelle Bordeaux..... 912-234-9245  
Thursday (5/2) - Saturday (5/4)  
Carolyn Cubbedge.. 912-308-3385

### **Wednesday Night Supper**

May 1, 2024

Menu: Honduran Inspired Meal of  
Chicken, Rice, and Beans

## In Our Prayers....

Effie and Nic Allsbrooks, Courtney Fetz, Michael Baggott, 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, 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 Kos Family  
on the death of  
*Jarmila (Jaro) Kos*,  
mother of Chet Kos

The Clarke Family  
on the death of  
*Ed Clarke*,  
brother of Charlie Clarke