



Celebrating 156 Years 1868 - 2024

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FLEXIBILITY, UNDERSTANDING, AND THANKFULNESS

The last few weeks around here have been adventurous, to say the least. It is challenging enough to be in the middle of a major renovation of our physical space and all the inconveniences it brings, but then to be hit with summer storms, lightning strikes, and power outages on top of it, well, let's just say it tries our patience. Two weeks ago, a lightning strike damaged our sound system, video/live streaming capability, elevator, and air conditioning. Last week, a power outage from another storm left us having both morning services "in the dark."

In the middle of such circumstances, I have found it easy to become frustrated and impatient, so I'm trying to choose to be thankful instead. It is so easy to take for granted the things we have in life. We get accustomed to having things like we want them: convenient, comfortable, and fitting into our taste and schedule. Gratitude is the virtue that protects us from self-focus, impatience, frustration, and inflexibility—reminding me that we are so blessed in this nation, community, and church. We have so much that we become vulnerable to unrealistic and unhealthy expectations. There is a reason why the scriptures talk so often about thanksgiving and praise.

So, let me apologize that we are dealing with so many "broken things" around here that don't make it easy or comfortable to be in worship. Thank you for being understanding as we try to get many things repaired as soon as possible. I am reminded that God is always dealing with "broken things," that is the consequence of sin and suffering. But I trust that God is patient, understanding, and flexible with us, and as followers of Jesus, we are called to model those same virtues. Thank you for being here and committed to Christ and Wesley Monumental. We do not take you for granted.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024

8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Opening Voluntary (8:45) Triumphal March Edward Elgar

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) Olivia Wanager

Lighting of the Candles

Introit (11:00) The Glory of God in Nature Beethoven
Harmon Shinall, bass

The heavn's are ringing with praises eternal,
Exalting God in joyful strain,
Both earth and sea, sound His glory supernal,
O Man, give ear to nature's claim.

* **Hymn No. 98** To God Be the Glory TO GOD BE THE GLORY

* **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 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. 390 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive DETROIT

Offertory Prayer Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Solo (8:45) Be Thou My Vision
Lucas Iddings, tenor

Offertory Anthem (11:00) Great Day Warren Martin

Great day, the righteous marching.
God's going to build up Zion's walls.
We want no cowards in our band,
We call for valiant hearted men.
This is the day of jubilee.
The Lord has set His people free.

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 pgs. 226, 157)
Hebrews 12:1-2, Romans 7:14-25

Sermon "Relinquishment Part 4: Sin" Ben Martin

* **Hymn** No. 362 Nothing but the Blood PLAINFIELD

Reception into Church Membership (11:00)
Taylor and Chase Cowart with infant son, Wilder Cowart

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) Be Thou My Vision
Lucas Iddings, tenor

Closing Voluntary John Williams
"The Olympic Fanfare and Theme"

* *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 celebration of Roz Evans' 83rd birthday from her daughter and son-in-law Rosalind and Steve Weiss.

Thank You

The Eller family wishes to express their gratitude for the cards, condolences, and prayers after the passing of Anne's father, Robert F. Hood.

Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

Most needed this week is peanut butter. Please place donations in marked boxes in the Wayne/Gordon Street foyers and Oliver Hall.

Home Medical Aids Available

If you are in need of a walker, wheelchair, rollator, hospital bed, bedside commode or other device, contact Carolyn Hale Cubbedge for further details.

Wesley Monumental Car Magnets Will Benefit Capstone Campaign for Children's Ministry and Music Suite Renovation

Car magnets are available in the church office with a cash donation of \$10 to Wesley Monumental for the capital campaign. The Evangelism Committee had the magnets designed and created, supported by a grant for Evangelism from the Coastal District.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Linda Butler, Ethel Burriss

Offering Steward: David Butler

Partners in Prayer: Anne Thompson

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Avery West, Couper Howard

Children's Worship: Ashley Wanager, Olivia Wanager, Lesli Glenn

Sunday School: Volunteers Needed

Greeters: Linda Sapp, Joy Garvin

Offering Steward: Chris Donegan

Ushers: Chris Donegan, Todd Livingood, Bates Lovett, Bill Mattocks, Robert McCorkle, Matt Merritt, Matthew Mobley, Bobo Mullens

Partners in Prayer: Gaye Holt

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Bible Studies - New Topic in the Young Mothers' Bible Study This Week

- 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 "A Praying Life: Connecting with God in a Distracting World."
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying Zechariah, chapters 8 and 9. Questions or to sign up, please email Nelle at tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Prayer Partners, Please Take Home Your Bible Bookmark Today

If you signed up to pray for a specific Urban Hope or refugee child and donated all the school uniforms for that child, please take home the Bible bookmark with your name on it and your Prayer Partner child's photo on it. Bookmarks are alphabetized by Wesley members' last names near the narthex. Thank you for providing uniforms for 89 children who will start school this week.

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Senior Adults and Pastoral Care

Merry Makers August Event

Join the Merry Makers for The Best of Broadway at the Savannah Theatre on Saturday, August 17, at 3:00 p.m. Thirty tickets are available at a cost of \$50.00 each. Payment will reserve your ticket. See Carolyn Hale Cubbedge to reserve.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Summer Sunday School - Come Join Us!

Do you know what life was like when Jesus walked on the earth? Come join us on Sunday mornings this summer as we have fun learning about Life in Bible Times. We'll build model houses, cook interesting food, make cloth for clothing, and play the games children played. Sunday school begins with a time of conversation at 9:45 a.m., with the lesson starting at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School children go to the 11:00 service together and sit on the front row. Questions? Please email charli@wesleymonumental.org.

Promotion Sunday

Summer is flying by, and it's time to begin planning for the fall. Be sure to put Sunday, August 18, on your calendar for Promotion Sunday!

Youth Group (6th-12th Grade)

Fun with Skip and Sheila

Do you like Fun? Do you like Skip and Sheila? Join us today, Sunday, July 28 for a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament at Wesley Gardens Retreat. We will meet from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at the basketball court. If you have a 3 -person team already that is awesome! If not, no worries, we are glad to make teams when you arrive. This event will also feature a special guest referee, Adam Hess! So, grab your friends, and let's have a ball!

Christian Swails, Wesley Gardens Spiritual Director

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, July 28 at Wesley Gardens Retreat. Everyone is welcome, and feel free to bring a friend!



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (07/21/24)

8:45 AM Worship	82	Nursery	XX
11:00 AM Worship	227	Children's Worship	XX
Online Worship Views	128	Sunday School	87
Total Worship	437		

Finances (07/14/24):

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,126,355.46
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,164,678.11
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,210,736.07

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Ben Martin.....Senior Pastor	Jennifer Baker	Administrative
Rev. Dr. Nelle Bordeaux..... Outreach & New Members		Assistant, Reception
Rev. Carolyn Hale Cubbedge..... Senior Adults & Pastoral Care	Jennifer Brookins.....	Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
Dr. Monica Dekle.....Director of Music & Organist	Ashley Mays Higgins	Communications Director
Julia Flowers	Suzanna King.....	Director of Hospitality
Charli Weeks	David Lindquist.....	Maintenance Tech
Ericka Stack	Betty Dudley.....	Housekeeper
Maggie Hatchett ...	Micah Sprunger	Wesley Gardens
Jimmy Flowers.....		Property Manager
Tom Anderson.....	Christian Swails.....	Wesley Gardens
Financial Manager		Spiritual Direction/Reservations

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Sermon Extended

Monday	Hebrews 12:1-2	What is the difference in a “weight” in life and the “sin that clings so close”?
Tuesday	Romans 7:14-20	How do I define sin?
Wednesday	Romans 7:14-20	What is it that seems to “own” me in life?
Thursday	Romans 7:21-25	What am I doing to overcome the power of sin in my life?
Friday	Psalms 51	Pray through this Psalm and ask God to show me my sin and give me forgiveness and victory over it.

Sermon Notes

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This Week at Wesley

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

Sunday, July 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
- 3:00 PM Youth Group, WGR
- 4:00 PM Spiritual Practices, WGR
- 5:30 PM Worship, WGR Chapel
- 6:15 PM Dinner, WGR Main House

Monday, July 29

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place Summer Camp

Tuesday, July 30

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Sunnyside Up
- 9:00 AM Eli's Place Summer Camp
- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study
- 9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH
- 11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 205

Wednesday, July 31

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place Summer Camp
- 11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 205
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, FH

Thursday, August 1

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place Summer Camp

<p>OH = Oliver Hall EB = Education Building SNC = Sanctuary FH = Fellowship Hall WGR = Wesley Gardens Retreat</p>

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

Sunday Nights at Wesley Gardens Retreat

Sunday, July 28

- 3:00 PM Youth Group
- 4:00 PM Spiritual Practices, Main House
- 5:30 PM Worship, Chapel
- 6:15 PM Dinner, Main House

Preaching: Christian Swails
Meal: Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Rolls

In Our Prayers....

Raine Rude, John Walter, Helen Weitz (sister of Bonnie Delvers), Bob Franz, Melissa McDonald and Family, 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., 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, David Chow, Roz Evans, Sandrae McCorkle, Toni Olds, 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 MacGregor Family
on the death of
Beverly MacGregor,
mother of Gilmore MacGregor