



Celebrating 156 Years 1868 - 2024

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BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY

For the last few years, our Evangelism Committee has promoted a "Bring a Friend" Sunday. It is a day to be intentional about inviting to worship friends, family members, co-workers, or neighbors who might not have a church home. If you are new here at Wesley this morning, we pray you feel a sense of welcome here and find a place where you are valued and accepted for who you are.

I would remind all of us that really every week is "Bring a Friend" Sunday. We are called to live and share our faith in a way that makes it inviting, and to pay attention to people who need a friend or simply someone who notices people. We live in an increasingly isolated and lonely world. The post-COVID culture of working, shopping, and living more and more in the isolation of our homes has left many people relationship poor. The Church was always about being part of a welcoming community where fellowship/friendship is a critical part of following Jesus. In the book of Acts, after the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit fell upon those first followers of Jesus they are described as "daily they spent much time together." Our faith is nurtured in community. While solitude, silence, and prayer are important spiritual practices, they are never a substitute for community, but rather a tool to enhance our ability to be in community. As our hearts are nurtured by time with God, they are enlarged with compassion and care for people.

If you didn't "invite a friend" today, there is always next week and the week after that. Start paying attention to the people God puts in your path. Better yet, ask God at the beginning of each day to put someone in your path who needs to meet someone who is compassionate and caring, who will make room in their lives for someone who needs a friend and a faith community. Start being intentional about paying attention to people; it's what made Jesus so unique and the model for how we are to live and love in this world.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024

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

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

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.*

Lighting of the Candles

Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Brantley Parker

Opening Voluntary (8:45)

arr. Roger House

Since I Have Been Redeemed

Opening Anthem (11:00)

He's My Lord

Introit (11:00)

Zion's Walls

Aaron Copland

Come fathers and mothers,
Come sisters and brothers,
Come join us in singing the praises of Zion.
O fathers don't you feel determined
to meet within the walls of Zion.
We'll shout and go round the walls of Zion!

* **Hymn** Insert

Since Jesus Came Into My Heart

* **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)

Miles Bennett Yarbrough

son of Carol Lee and Miles Yarbrough

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Bennett 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.

Morning 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. 717** USA Campmeeting Tune
 The Battle Hymn of the Republic

Offertory Prayer

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) My Savior's Love arr. Roger House

Offertory Anthem (11:00) arr. Craig Courtney

I Am Bound for the Promised Land

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
 To Canaan's fair and happy land, Where my possessions lie.

I am bound for the promised land.
 Oh, who will come and go with me?

Oh, the transporting, rapturous scene that rises to my sight!
 Sweet fields arrayed in living green, and rivers of delight.

Filled with delight my raptured soul would here no longer stay;
 Though Jordan's waves around me roll; fearless, I'd launch away.

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 wesleymunc 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. 162, 198)
 Romans 12:9, Philippians 3:7-16

Sermon "Holding On Park 7: To the Goal" Ben Martin

- * **Hymn No. 707** Hymn of Promise PROMISE

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!

- * *Please stand as you are able.
 Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you.
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Just Born

Congratulations to Amy and Rob Martin, IV on the birth of a son, Robert Vincent Martin, V, on September 20, 2024. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Vince.

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.

Messenger Brigade

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, October 24 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205.

Next Administrative Board Meeting

The Administrative Board will meet next Monday, October 28.

Poinsettia Orders— Orders Due 10/31

Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary and may be taken home following the last Christmas Eve service. Please place your orders for plants (\$16) in memory or honor of loved ones by Thursday, October 31. For details, pick up an order form located at all sanctuary entrances.

Meet and Mingle

Meet and Mingle at Wesley Gardens for a Low Country Boil will be on November 3, at 5:00 p.m. Reservations are being received. Your payment of \$15.00 per person secures your reservation. The deadline for signing up is Wednesday, October 30.

Advent 2024

The theme for the 2024 Advent devotional book is "O Come, All Ye Faithful." If you would like to be one of twenty-five writers, please see Carolyn Hale Cubbedge or Evonne Mobley. In your writing, you are being asked to share a specific experience of God's faithfulness to you. You will receive guidelines for your writing. The deadline for submission is Sunday, November 10.

Wesley Christmas Bazaar

The annual Wesley Christmas Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, November 2. The bazaar will showcase all sorts of handwork including but not limited to woodwork, monogrammed clothing and linen items, photography, jewelry, notecards, candles, scroll-sawn ornaments, needlework, picture frames, toys, paintings, and lathe-turned bowls to mention a few. The bazaar will provide an excellent opportunity to learn about the gifts of our fellow church members and to shop for Christmas. We are looking for vendors and you are invited to reserve your space now. There will also be a bake sale, and donations are needed. If you have any questions, contact one of the co-chairs: Woody Brown at 912-433-4683, or Carolyn Hale Cubbedge at 912-308-3385.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Ann & Melvin Croft

Offering Steward: Jeff Miller

Ushers: Henry Whitfield, Patrick Graham

Partners in Prayer: Britt Griffin

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Sarah Cate Green, Hannah Green

Children's Worship: Sarah Labrot, Katie & Sly Knight

Sunday School: Volunteers Needed

Greeters: Frank Anderson, James Cubbedge

Offering Steward: Brian West

Ushers: Brian West, David Blake, Jon Boothe, Tom Bordeaux,
Fred Bozeman, Tim Edwards, Doug Carroll, Jake Coakley

Partners in Prayer: Gaye Holt

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Thank you to the 1st - 5th graders for leading worship today. They amaze us week after week with what they are capable of learning.

Thank you to their parents for faithfully getting your kids to rehearsal week after week and for the opportunity to teach your children about Jesus and His Word through sacred music.

Thank you to their faithful, loyal teachers: Blair Beasley, Katricia Campbell, Ash Grimmett, Kim Grimmett, Lee Green, Anne Hawks, Jo Anna Hayes, Ori Hayes, Raymond Patricio, Ken Rimes, Carolyn Roth, Julia Flowers. Thank you Rev. Nelle Bordeaux for substituting.

Adult Handbells

We invite you to ring with us on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We have some fabulous pieces picked out and plan to play on November 10 at the 11:00 service. We would love to have you ring with us! Please reach out to Ericka Stack if you have any questions. ericka@wesleymonumental.org.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

New Member Course Starts Today, October 20

This course is a two-part series; please come to both, at 10:00 a.m. October 20 and 27. The class will join as a group on October 27. Please call the church office to sign up at 912-232-0191.

Urban Hope Dinner, Monday, October 28--Please Meet at 5:30 p.m.

Please cook at home and bring a dish (needed are ham, green beans, salad, sweet potato souffle, macaroni and cheese, cut fruit, cookies, lemonade, rolls, large and small plates, plastic cutlery, and helpers. All ages are welcome. Meet at Independent Presbyterian Church at 5:30 p.m.; children arrive at 6:00 p.m.; clean-up will be finished by 7:30 p.m. 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 "A Praying Life: Connecting with God in a Distracting World," by Paul E. Miller. This week's lesson is "Real-Life Praying," chapters 31-32; Psalm 16:1-11; Isaiah 61:1-3; Luke 4:16-30.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying "Paul." This week's lesson is 1 Corinthians, chapter 7. Questions or to sign up, please email Nelle at tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Senior Adults and Pastoral Care **Veterans Day Breakfast**

The Annual Veterans Day breakfast is scheduled for Monday, November 11, at 8:00 a.m. This year's featured speaker is Sergeant Marolyn Lou Hale, Air Force veteran. Her topic is the Honor Flight Program for veterans. Please call the church office to make your reservation. Donations will be received to cover the costs. Veterans and active military will be the guests of the church. Questions? See Carolyn Hale Cubbedge.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Fall Festival - Sunday, October 27

Our annual Fall Festival will take place Sunday, October 27 at Wesley Gardens Retreat. The petting zoo is returning this year along with lots of games, Ms. Suzanna's Nacho Bar, and S'mores at the pavilion. The festival is from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Maggie Hatchett, Director of Student Ministries (6th-12th Grade)

Youth Group

- ★ Thank you to everyone who helped make Youth Service Day happen! We had so much fun serving our community and church.
- ★ Tonight, we will have youth at the church with dinner, pumpkin carving, and more! Be there 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.!
- ★ Join us for our MDWK Bible Study on Creation and Covenant on Wednesday evenings.
- ★ Sign up for the Epworth Encounter Retreat, November 22-24! Sign up closes October 31!

Youth Choir

Come sing and ring with us on Sundays at 4:00 p.m., right before youth! We have an amazing group of musicians learning to ring and sing. We have scheduled our first performance for October 27 at the 11:00 service. We would love to have you make beautiful music with us! If you have any questions, please email Ericka Stack at ericka@wesleymonumental.org.

Christian Swails, Wesley Gardens Spiritual Director

Weekly Spiritual Practices Gathering

Seek wisdom and peace in community during our Spiritual Practices Gathering from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. every Sunday at Wesley Gardens Retreat. This time is dedicated to meeting together to experience spiritual practices in the way of Jesus. We do this through journaling, connecting with nature, practicing silence and solitude, centering prayer, and more. Come not just to learn *about* God but to learn how to be *with* God. All are welcome!



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (10/13/24)

8:45 AM Worship	76	Nursery	12
11:00 AM Worship	366	Children's Worship	65
Online Worship Views	153	Sunday School	99
Total Worship	595		

Finances (10/06/24):

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,126,355.46
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,559,697.60
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,644,148.08

CHURCH STAFF

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

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Sermon Extended

Monday	Philippians 3:4-7	Has any event ever significantly changed my priorities or goal in life?
Tuesday	Philippians 3:8-9	As I look back at my life, what did I once think was so important that now I realize didn't really matter?
Wednesday	Philippians 3:10-11	This is Paul's life mission/purpose/goal: write mine out in a couple of lines.
Thursday	Philippians 3:10-11	What does it mean to "know Christ"? What is the power of His resurrection? How can I become like Him in His death?
Friday	Philippians 3:12-14	What do I need to "forget" that is behind me? What do I need to keep always before me as my highest priority?

Sermon Notes

This Week at Wesley

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

Sunday, October 20

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 & Handbells, SNC
5:00 PM Youth Group, FH & OH 4th Flr

Monday, October 21

9:00 AM Eli's Place, EB & OH
2:00 AM Courtney Gaines Circle, FH
5:30 PM Board of Trustees
5:30 PM CPR Training EP
6:00 PM Pacesetters, OH 205

Tuesday, October 22

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Sunny Side Up
9:00 AM Eli's Place, EB & OH
9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH Parlor
9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH 207
11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 205
6:00 PM Adult Handbells, SNC

Wednesday, October 23

9:00 AM Eli's Place, EB & OH
10:30 AM Jane Shirah Circle, OH Parlor
11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 205
4:45 PM Call to Prayer, OH Parlor
4:45 PM Youth Handbell Choir, SNC
5:30 PM Dinner, OH
6:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir
6:00 PM Children's Choir, SNC & OH
6:00 PM Youth Group Bible Studies, OH 4th Flr
6:00 PM A Long Obedience Study, OH
6:00 PM Mere Christianity Study, OH 205
6:00 PM Women's Small Group, OH
7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, FH

Thursday, October 24

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

Friday, October 25

9:00 AM Eli's Place, EB & OH
4:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal, SNC

Saturday, October 26

4:00 PM Wedding, SNC

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

October 23

Menu: TBD

In Our Prayers....

Jeralyn Wilson, Berta Botkin, Terry Franz, Vicki Worden, Lulu Gribbins, Gary Kornegay, Barbie Lientz, Dolores Park (mother of Jeff Endsley), Jimmy Fincher (father of Amy Green), Aaron Berkebile, Harriett Gattis (mother of Clayton Gattis), Doug Moore, Debbie Andrews, Katie Townsend, Raine Rude, John Walter, Helen Weitz (sister of Bonnie Delvers), Melissa McDonald and Family, Courtney Fetz, Michael Baggott, Foster Parks, Noel Cooper, Wayne Thomas, Family of Logan Spencer (friend of Charles Stewart), John Martin Sr., Rachel Spence, Jan Pullin, Rosemary Beasley, Dean Muenckler, Julia Holliday, Emily Davis, Emery Warnock, Danielle Robertson, Camille Searcy, Roger Lemay, Jason Horton, 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

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

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

In Sympathy....

The Fincher and Green Families on the death of *Suzette Fincher*, mother of Amy Green, grandmother of Hannah, Sarah Cate, and Cole



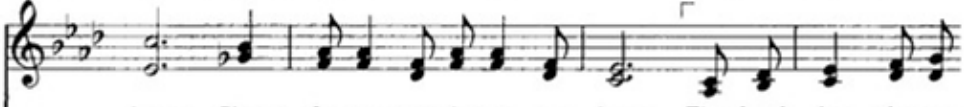
1. What a won - der - ful change in my life has been wrought Since Je - sus came
 2. I have ceased from my wan - d'ring and go - ing a - stray, Since Je - sus came
 3. I shall go there to dwell in that Cit - y, I know, Since Je - sus came



in - to my heart! I have light in my soul for which long I have sought,
 in - to my heart! And my sins, which were man - y, are all washed a - way,
 in - to my heart! And I'm hap - py, so hap - py, as on - ward I go,



Since Je - sus came in - to my heart! Since Je - sus came in - to my



heart, Since Je - sus came in - to my heart, Floods of joy o'er my



soul like the sea bil - lows roll, Since Je - sus came in - to my heart.

