



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

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October 13, 2024

**LAITY SUNDAY**

All Christians are called to ministry in our baptism. We are claimed by God and called by God to a life of love and service. A few of us have a vocational calling in which our life is given to full-time service in the church. But, we all made a commitment to serve in the ministry of the church through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. One of the main tenets of the Protestant Reformation (which is celebrated on the last Sunday of October) is the Priesthood of All Believers. It affirms that all Christians are called by God to mediate Christ to the world. In I Peter 2:9, he writes to the church, "you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

For many years the United Methodist Church has recognized the third Sunday in October as Laity Sunday. It is a day to celebrate and highlight the ministry of all lay Christians in the church. In a way, it seems like every Sunday should be Laity Sunday. Without the laity, there is no church, and the ministry of the church would be impossible. On any given Sunday morning, the laity worship, greet, usher, sing in the choir, care for children in the nursery, teach Sunday School, prepare communion, count the offering, prepare refreshments, run the sound system, video the service, collect and sort mission supplies, etc., and during the week the list goes on. Countless laity from our church represent Christ in mission to various local service organizations, and every layperson seeks to reflect the love of Christ in their various settings at home, work, school, and neighborhood.

This morning, we are celebrating Laity Sunday here at Wesley Monumental UMC. All the people leading in worship today will be lay members of our congregation. Scott Cleaveland will share the morning message. Scott is the Lay Leader for the Coastal District of the South Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church and was a Lay Delegate from our Conference to this year's General and Jurisdictional Conference. In 2025, he will begin serving as our church's Lay Leader. I am grateful for Mickey Rountree who served as our Lay Leader for the last 16 years. While I am away this morning, I will be thankfully praying for every one of you and all you do to make Wesley Monumental UMC a vital part of the "body of Christ" here in Savannah and beyond. I think of that little song many of us learned as children, "*I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we are the church together.*"

*Ben*

# MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024

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

*Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost*

*Laity Sunday*

## Welcome and Announcements

Aaron Higgins (8:45)

Johnny Phelps (11:00)

*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 (8:45)

### Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Laurel Gattis

### Opening Voluntary (8:45) Old Time Religion arr. Robin Thomas

**Introit (11:00)** We Are in God's House Joyful Noise Choir  
Holy, Holy, Holy

\* **Hymn No. 170** O How I Love Jesus O HOW I LOVE JESUS

\* **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed Ashley Barnwell (8:45)  
Johnny Phelps (11:00)

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

Ericka Stack (8:45)

Emily Davis (11:00)

*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

Britt Griffin (8:45)

Maggie Hatchett (11:00)

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. 558                      We Are the Church                      PORT JERVIS

**Bring a Friend Sunday Announcement**                      Nelle Bordeaux (8:45)  
Pat Duffy and Don Riddle (11:00)

**Offertory Prayer**                      Todd Livingood (8:45)  
Derek Llamas (11:00)

**Offertory Voluntary** (8:45)                      Robin Thomas  
When They Ring Those Golden Bells

**Offertory Anthem** (11:00)                      arr. Alice Parker

Hark! I Hear the Harp Eternal  
Hark! I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore.  
As I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.  
Hallelujah, praise the lamb.  
Hallelujah, glory to the great I am.  
And my soul though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day.  
Passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away.  
Souls have crossed before me saintly to that land of perfect rest.  
And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.

#### **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. 164)                      Romans 16:1-2

**Sermon**                      "Called By Name"                      Scott Cleaveland

\* **Hymn** No. 569                      We've a Story to Tell to the Nations                      MESSAGE

**Benediction**                      Scott Cleaveland

**Closing Response** (11:00)                      Choral Amen in A                      John Rutter

#### **Closing Voluntary**

\* *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 loving memory of L. Michael Donovan, Jr. from Carolyn, Catherine, and Michael Donovan.

#### **Usher Roses**

The roses worn by the ushers today are given in loving memory of Bob Farrow by his children and grandchildren.

#### **Wesley Gardens Retreat—Storm Damage Cleanup Days**

Our beautiful retreat center sustained some damage—mostly fallen trees and other natural debris—following Helene. If you're available this week, we would love your help in cleaning up! Please contact Micah at micah@wesleygardensretreat.com with any questions or if you plan to be there. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (10/15-10/17) from 10am to 3pm.

### **Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission**

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

### **Christmas Greenery—Orders Due Today!**

The Altar Guild is excited to offer fresh balsam greenery from Vermont for the Christmas season! For details and to order, visit [www.wesleymonumental.org/2024-greenery/](http://www.wesleymonumental.org/2024-greenery/) or pick up an order form located at all sanctuary entrances. Orders are due today.

### **November Messenger Deadline**

The deadline to submit announcements for the Messenger is tomorrow, Monday, October 14. Send to [jennifer@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:jennifer@wesleymonumental.org).

### **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.

### **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.

### **Meet and Mingle Update**

The Meet and Mingle event at Hope Ranch Zoo was cancelled due to damage at the zoo (no animals were harmed!). This event will be rescheduled when they reopen. Meet and Mingle at Wesley Gardens for a Low Country Boil will take place on November 3, at 5:00 p.m. Reservations are being received. Your payment of \$15.00 per person secures your reservation. Please call the church office.

### **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 912-352-7833, or Carolyn Hale Cubbedge at 912-308-3385.

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

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks

**Greeters:** Linda Butler, Jeralyn Wilson

**Offering Steward:** Jimmy Hill

**Ushers:** David Gaskin, Richard Wilson

**Partners in Prayer:** Mark Lindsay

### **11:00 Service**

**Acolytes:** Charlie Glidewell

**Children's Worship:** Sarah Labrot

**Sunday School:** Volunteers Needed

**Greeters:** Youth Group

**Offering Steward:** Brian West

**Ushers:** Brian West, Christian Valdez, Matt West, Jeff O'Connor,

Drew Wilkes, Glen Willard, Allen Williams, Brad Aiken, Jesse Bentley

**Partners in Prayer:** Mickey Rountree

### **Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist**

Our gorgeous Noack pipe organ, built in 1985, is a valuable part of worship. Our organ is special because it has mechanical action (sometimes called tracker action). This means that every single key and pedal on the organ is connected to the pipes via a thin wooden tracker and a system of levers and pulleys. This is an old-fashioned and wonderful historical design. Bach's organs were mechanical action. Mechanical action allows great sensitivity in music making because the organist has great control over the rate and time at which the valves to the pipes open and close. This is opposed to modern, electric action pipe organs where electricity is used to open and close the pipes at only one rate and only at one time. The only two organs in Savannah that are mechanical action are ours and the one at the Cathedral.

With the recent extended power outage, followed by power restoration, and then another AC outage, you can imagine the great amount of swelling and shrinking of the interior fine wooden action components in the organ. It will need time to reacclimate when a steady climate-controlled environment is restored. The organ can then be assessed.

We have been thankful to enjoy our beautiful Steinway Model D concert grand piano in worship. While heat and humidity are not its friend either, it is less temperamental than the pipe organ—the King of Instruments.

### **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](mailto:ericka@wesleymonumental.org).

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

#### **Bring A Friend Sunday**

Please pray for a friend and then invite your friend to worship next Sunday, October 20. Please take an invitation for your friend from an Evangelism Committee member in the narthex today after worship.

#### **Youth Local Mission Day-Adult Helpers Needed tomorrow, October 14**

Please tell Nelle, [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net). Please come for all or part of the day, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please bring a sack lunch and work gloves and meet at Oliver Hall. Youth sign-up deadline was October 9.

### **Urban Hope Supper**

Monday, October 28, 5:30 p.m. at Independent Presbyterian Church. Please sign up to cook at home and bring ham, green beans, salad, sweet potato souffle, cut fruit, cookies, rolls, lemonade, paper plates (large and small), plastic cutlery, and napkins. We anticipate 75 guests. Urban Hope guests arrive at 6:00 p.m., and we usually finish clean-up by 7:45 p.m. All ages are welcome. Tell Nelle, [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 "A Praying Life: Connecting with God in a Distracting World," by Paul E. Miller. This week's lesson is "Prayer Work," chapters 28-30, 1 Peter 5:10, Ephesians 4:1-6; Galatians 5:22-23.
- 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 6. Questions or to sign up, please email Nelle at [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net).

### **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 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.

**Youth Group**

- High Schoolers only will meet at Wesley Gardens Retreat from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. for a bonfire and Capture the Flag this Sunday!
- Service day is tomorrow! We hope to see all of you there! We have lots of things planned. Be sure to bring a lunch.
- Encounter Retreat at Epworth will be November 22-24. All youth, 6th-12th grade, are invited. Sign up is on the youth website until November 1.

**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!

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

**Merry Makers October Event**

Merry Makers will meet tomorrow, Monday, October 14, at 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor of Oliver Hall. Liz Palles, owner of Cents and Sensibility in Sandfly, will be the speaker. She will address the process of finding new homes for household items that are being downsized. Lunch will be served following the program. Cost is \$7.00.



**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday Attendance: (10/06/24)

8:45 AM Worship	93	Nursery	12
11:00 AM Worship	364	Children's Worship	53
Online Worship Views	154	Sunday School	139
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>611</b>		

**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 .....	David Lindquist.....	Maintenance Tech
Charli Weeks .....	Betty Dudley.....	Housekeeper
Ericka Stack .....	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		

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church  
October 13, 2024**

**Sermon Notes**

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## This Week at Wesley

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

### Sunday, October 13

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 14

Eli's Place Teacher Conferences  
9:00 AM Youth Missions  
11:00 AM Merry Makers, OH Parlor  
6:00 PM Trombone Choir Rehearsal, SNC

### Tuesday, October 15

Eli's Place Teacher Conferences  
7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Sunny Side Up  
9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH Parlor  
9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH 207  
6:00 PM Adult Handbells, SNC

### Wednesday, October 16

9:00 AM Eli's Place, EB & OH  
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 17

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

### Friday, October 18

9:00 AM Eli's Place, EB & 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**  
October 16  
Menu: Thai Chicken Curry

## In Our Prayers....

Vicki Worden, Lulu Gribbins, Gary Kornegay, Barbie Lientz, Dolores Park (mother of Jeff Endsley), Suzette and Jimmy Fincher (parents 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), Bob Franz, Melissa McDonald and Family, Effie and Nic Allsbrooks, 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/Statedside

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

### In Sympathy....

The Thornton Family  
on the death of *Stan Thornton*,  
husband of Frankie Thornton