



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

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November 17, 2024

### **THE DISCIPLINE OF THANKSGIVING**

*"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances. For this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Thanksgiving may be largely an American holiday, but its roots go back much further. The people of Israel practiced "harvest" festivals to give thanks to God and the "thanksgiving offering" was the most often practiced sacrifice. The Bible teaches consistently from start to finish that we are the beneficiaries of God's grace and that the practice of thanksgiving is critical for our relationship with God. It is so easy in times of abundance and prosperity to forget how blessed we are and where it all comes from. In the book of Deuteronomy, Moses is warning the Israelites just before they enter the promised land that the prosperity of the land could be their downfall. In times of abundance, he warns they could too quickly forget the true source of their blessings. On the other hand, in times of adversity, it is easy to overlook our blessings because they are easily lost in the face of trouble. Not surprisingly, Paul, a man whose life had frequent adversity, taught that we should *"give thanks in all circumstances."* For Paul, thanksgiving or gratitude is a spiritual discipline to be practiced whether we are experiencing blessings or adversity.

As Thanksgiving Day approaches and we look forward to being together with family and friends, I pray we all find time to practice thanksgiving. It doesn't matter if it is a time of adversity or blessing practicing being thankful will protect our hearts and our faith.

One historic way we practiced thanksgiving is through generosity. As we bring our fall stewardship campaign to a close, we hope you will prayerfully consider how our giving can be an act of faith and gratitude for what God has done for us.

### **GIVING THANKS FOR OUR RENOVATION COMPLETION- OPEN HOUSE AND LUNCH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, AFTER THE 11:00 SERVICE**

RSVP for lunch, [www.wesleymonumental.org/capstone-celebration/](http://www.wesleymonumental.org/capstone-celebration/)

### **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

Each year, we participate in a Community Thanksgiving Service with several other downtown historic communities of faith. This year's service will be Tuesday night, November 26, at 7:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Savannah, 325 Habersham Street. We hope those who are able will represent Wesley Monumental at the service.

## MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024

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

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

Savannah Trombone Choir  
Mark Spradley, director and founder  
Gabbrielle Bryant  
Christopher Colon-Rodriguez  
Pedus Eweama  
Ayven Gumataotao  
Franklin Mayers  
James McCarn  
Grayson McHugh  
Benjamin Phillips  
Reese Scott  
Campbell Tunney

### 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) Langston Jones

**Opening Voluntary** Abide With Me  
Savannah Trombone Choir

**Introit (11:00)** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee  
Mavis Lindquist, chorister  
Teagan Pennington, chorister

\* **Hymn No. 715** Rejoice, the Lord Is King DARWALL'S 148th

\* **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.

### 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. 140 Great is thy Faithful ness FAITHFULNESS

**Offertory Prayer** Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

**Offertory Voluntary** Beati Quorum Via  
Savannah Trombone Choir

**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. 205, 148-149)  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Acts 27:13-38

**Sermon** "Thanks for Nothing" Ben Martin

- \* **Hymn** No. 144 This is my Father's World TERRA BETTA

**Benediction** Ben Martin

**Closing Voluntary** Ode to Joy  
Savannah Trombone Choir

- \* *Please stand as you are able.  
Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you.  
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**Savannah Trombone Choir**

Please welcome to both Worship Services the Savannah Trombone Choir. Founded in 2017 by Savannah native Mark Spradley, the Savannah Trombone Choir is comprised of high school students from around the city of Savannah. This ensemble provides an opportunity for a younger generation to perform in a chamber music setting. They rehearse on Monday evenings at Wesley Monumental and perform frequently around Savannah.

**Altar Flowers**

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Georgia Youngblood from her family.

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

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

### **Messenger Brigade**

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, November 21 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205.

### **New Member Course Starts Today Sunday, Nov. 17 & Continues Nov. 24**

Please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191, to come to both parts of this course, 10:00 a.m. both Sundays, Oliver Hall lobby. Class will join as a group on November 24. Nursery provided.

### **Connect Sunday School Class—Advent Study Begins Today—Join Us!**

Connect Sunday School invites anyone looking for a small group study to join us on Sunday mornings during the Sunday school hour from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. We are beginning an Advent Study today, Sunday, November 17 through Christmas. In January, we will start a study of Hebrews with a book/video guide called *Better* by Jen Wilkin. Connect Sunday School is a small group of all ages, couples and singles, some with extensive Bible knowledge and some just starting their journey. We would love for you to join us any Sunday! We meet in the barrel-vaulted room in Oliver Hall, the first room to the right on the 2nd floor.

### **Education Building Open House—Next Sunday—RSVP for Lunch**

We are having a Capstone Celebration Lunch and Education Building Open House next Sunday, November 24 following the 11:00 worship service! The Capstone Project is nearing completion, and we want you to see all the work that's been done. There will be no cost for lunch, but please register ahead of time so we will know how much food to prepare. [www.wesleymonumental.org/capstone-celebration/](http://www.wesleymonumental.org/capstone-celebration/)

### **Calling All Advent Decorators!**

The Wesley Monumental Altar Guild is in need of additional volunteers to help decorate during the Advent and Christmas season. We have brass to polish, greenery to hang, trees to decorate, and so much more. The transformation of our beautiful sanctuary on December 7 at 9:00 a.m. takes many hands, so if you enjoy decorating or would love to learn more about the Altar Guild, please contact Caroline McDermott, wesleymonumentalaltarguild@gmail.com.

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

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks

**Greeters:** Jeralyn Wilson, Becky Pullin

**Offering Steward:** Jeff Miller

**Ushers:** Richard Wilson, Jeff Endsley

**Partners in Prayer:** Charlie Clarke

### **11:00 Service**

**Acolytes:** Couper Howard, Cameron Howard

**Children's Worship:** Katie & Sly Knight, Sarah Labrot,  
Meghan & Brent Scoggins

**Sunday School:** Volunteers Needed

**Greeters:** Bebe Cole, James Cubbedge

**Offering Steward:** Jason Pedigo

**Ushers:** Jason Pedigo, Bates Lovett, Bill Mattocks, Robert McCorkle,  
Matt Merritt, Matthew Mobley, Richard Moore, Bobo Mullens

**Partners in Prayer:** Gail Brannen

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

**Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols: Sunday, December 15, 11:00 AM**

Mark your calendar for the annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 15 at 11:00 featuring the Wesley Monumental Chancel Choir, Strings, Brass, and Timpani. The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is a traditional service of Christian worship that dates back to 1918. It traces the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus in nine short Bible readings (Lessons) from the King James Version of the Bible, interspersed with the singing of Carols and Choir Anthems.

**Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members**

**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 "Parenting in the Bible," Isaac & Rebecca, Jacob & Rachel, Genesis 24:62-67; 27:1-46; 30:1-24; 35:16-21; Hebrews 11:20-21.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying "Paul" 1 Corinthians 10. Questions or to sign up, please email Nelle at [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net).

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

**January Meet and Mingle**

Wesley Meet and Mingle is a new program that provides opportunities for Wesley members to spend some social time with other Wesley members they already know or want to meet. Tickets for the Ghost Pirates game (our January Meet and Mingle event) on January 5, 2025, will be available until December 5. Cost is \$30 per ticket. Your payment reserves your seat. Make checks payable to Wesley Monumental UMC and give them to Carolyn Hale Cubbedge or drop them off in the church office. Questions? Call Carolyn at 912-308-3385.

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

There are lots of fun events planned for our children over the next few weeks. Be sure to put these dates on your calendar.

November 17 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday Fun, 12:15–2:00 p.m.

November 22 Eli's Place Thanksgiving Program & Street Party, SNC, 10:00 a.m.

November 24 Capstone Celebration Lunch and Open House

December 7 Christmas Baking Day for 1<sup>st</sup>–3<sup>rd</sup> Graders, FH, 1:00–4:00 p.m.

December 14 Christmas Fun Day for Babies–Kindergarteners, FH, 9:00–4:00 p.m.

December 15 Joyful Noise Christmas Celebration Program, SNC, 5:00 p.m.

December 16 Children's Choir Dress Rehearsal, FH, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

December 18 Children's Choir Nativity Pageant, Sanctuary 6:15 p.m.

December 24 Christmas Eve Family Service, Sanctuary 3:30 p.m.

January 3 – 4 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat at Wesley Gardens

Watch for more information in the December Messenger and on social media.

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

**Youth Group**

- ★ Youth tonight at the church from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- ★ Summer Mission Trip Interest meeting tonight, November 17, after youth at 7:00 p.m.
- ★ MDWK Bible study this Wednesday, November 20 from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- ★ Winter Retreat (formerly known as the Ski Trip) - sign ups are now open to members of the church.
- ★ Christmas Party will be held Sunday, December 8 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at Wesley Gardens Retreat.

**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!

**Practice Sabbath Study**

We have just begun a Sunday morning study on the Spiritual Practice of Sabbath. Sabbath means “to stop.” If you would like to learn how “to stop” in our culture of hustle, come and join us in the parlor of Oliver Hall on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.



**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday Attendance: (11/10/24)

8:45 AM Worship	112	Nursery	11
11:00 AM Worship	XXX	Children’s Worship	53
Online Worship Views	139	Sunday School	123
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>XXX</b>		

**Finances (11/10/24):**

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$2,126,355.46
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$1,764,802.47
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date .....	\$1,891,683.35

**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		

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church**  
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**Sermon Extended**

Monday	I Thessalonians 5:16-18	Memorize and repeat this verse several times a day this week.
Tuesday	Philippians 4:6-7	Why does praying with thanksgiving help access God's peace? Try it.
Wednesday	Acts 27:13-38	If I have any kind of a "storm" going on in my life, practice giving God thanks in the face of it.
Thursday	Luke 22:14-23	What is Jesus trying to teach his disciples and us about being thankful?
Friday	I Thessalonians 5:16-18	What is getting in the way of my being thankful today?

**Sermon Notes**

## This Week at Wesley

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

### Sunday, November 17

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  
12:15 PM 4th/5th Grade Event  
1:00 PM Trombone Choir Rehearsal, SNC  
4:00 PM Spiritual Practices, WGR  
4:00 PM Youth Choir/Handbells  
5:00 PM Youth Group

### Monday, November 18

9:00 AM Eli's Place, EB & OH  
9:30 AM Eli's Place Chapel  
2:00 PM Courtney Gaines Circle, FH  
7:30 PM Trombone Choir Concert, SNC

### Tuesday, November 19

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  
5:00 PM Trustees Mtg, OH 205  
5:30 PM Finance Mtg, OH 205  
6:00 PM Adult Handbells, SNC

### Wednesday, November 20

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  
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, November 21

9:00 AM Eli's Place, EB & OH  
10:00 AM Messenger Brigade, OH 205  
12:00 PM Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom  
5:30 PM Honduras Mission Team Mtg, OH 205

### Friday, November 22

Youth Epworth Retreat thru 11/24  
9:00 AM Eli's Place, EB & OH  
9:00 AM 4th Friday Retreat, WGR

### 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**

November 20

Menu: TBD

## In Our Prayers....

Anne Hawks, Adeline Hayes,  
Meghan Hitt, Joey Herndon (father of  
Erica Timmons), Jeralyn Wilson, Berta  
Botkin, Terry Franz, Vicki Worden,  
Lulu Gribbins, 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 Delters), Melissa  
McDonald and Family, Courtney Fetz,  
Michael Baggott, Wayne Thomas,  
Family of Logan Spencer (friend of  
Charles Stewart), John Martin Sr.,  
Rachel Spence, Jan Pullin, Dean  
Muenckler, Julia Holliday, Danielle  
Robertson, 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,  
Camille Searcy, Mark Thomas, Cindy  
Telljohann, Dick Wallace

### Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

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

### In Sympathy....

The Moore and Payne Families  
on the death of *Tracy Payne*,  
sister of Cindy Moore

The Bordeaux & McCorkle Families  
on the death of  
*William Dickins McCorkle*,  
father of Nelle Bordeaux,  
grandfather of Annie Lillian and  
Thomas Bordeaux

The Davis and Hite Families  
on the death of  
*Colonel Robert Hite*,  
father of Diane Davis