



Celebrating 157 Years 1868 - 2025

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IT'S GROUNDHOG DAY AGAIN

Today, we gather to worship on a unique day in the Christian calendar, Groundhog Day. Well, actually, Groundhog Day is not on the Christian calendar, but maybe it should be. On this Sunday when our sermon series on ONE turns its focus to "One Hope," it seems that Groundhog Day is appropriate. Tradition says if the Groundhog sees his shadow, we will have six more weeks of winter. After our recent winter snow and ice storm, I am hoping for an early spring. Most of us have heard the saying, "Hope springs eternal." It is a line from an Alexander Pope poem written in the early 1700s. The phrase has been turned into movie, song, play, and album titles.

For Christians, hope truly springs eternal. Hope is the great gift of God in Christ and the fruit of our faith. Hope is the motivation to keep us growing, reaching, and believing we can become who God made us to be. Hope is the "anchor for our soul" in the face of death.

You might call Groundhog Day a "hope-filled" practice. So is being a Christian. Ours is a hope-filled practice and centers on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. One place we come back to again and again to be reminded of our hope is the communion table. Here, we remember how Jesus modeled self-giving love by laying down his own life and forgiving those who wounded him. Here, we examine ourselves, confess our failure to love like Him, and recommit ourselves to the path of self-giving love. Then we get up from this altar, make our way back into our everyday lives, and try, once again, to "get it right," to live in faith and hope, and to love well.

It is important to remember that all are welcome at this table. It is the table of Christ, and he welcomed all; saints and sinners alike have a place. So come once again to this table as a hope-filled reminder. Here, we open our hearts to these timeless symbols that remind us that the resurrected Christ is with us and in us. And as we leave, remember the world is hungry for hope, and it needs us as a witness to it.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

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 on the second floor of the Education Building.*

Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Ellie Muenckler

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

Introit (11:00) O Be Joyful in the Lord, All Ye Lands Jan Yarrington
Psalm 100: 1-2

* **Hymn No. 117** O God, Our Help in Ages Past ST. ANNE

* **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

(Dismissal for Children's Worship)

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 on the second floor. Following the service, they can be picked up from the second floor.

11:00 Children ages 3 - 3rd grade leave through the doors at the front of the sanctuary and go to Children's Worship on the second floor. Following the service, they can be picked up from the second floor.

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.

Commissioning of Honduras Mission Team (11:00)

Scott Cleaveland, Jake Coakley, Jo Anne Garcia-Melendez,
Lisa Gottwals, Rusty Holt, Sharlene & Pat Monahan,
Jim Pannell, Hannah & Christian Swails

Baptismal Covenant (8:45)

Capers Row Campbell
son of Alex and Whit Campbell

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Capers 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.

Pastoral Prayer

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

- * **Scripture Lesson** (Pew Bible, NT pgs. 193, 155)
Ephesians 4:1-6, Romans 5:1-5

Sermon "ONE: Part 3—One Hope" Ben Martin

Holy Communion

Invitation and Confession

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love Him,
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in
peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our
sin before God and one another.

All: Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law,
we have rebelled against Your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Pastor: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
That proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Congregation: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Duet (8:45) Jesus Loves Me
Ori Hayes, soprano
Emily Davis, mezzo soprano

Offertory Anthem (11:00) Panis Angelicus César Franck

Thus Angels' Bread is made the Bread of man today:
the Living Bread from heaven with figures dost away:
O wondrous gift indeed!
the poor and lowly may
upon their Lord and Master feed.

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

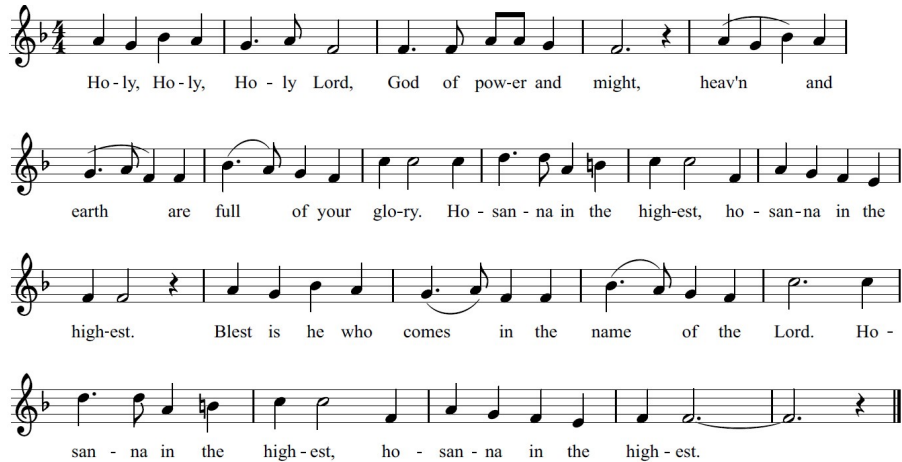
Congregation: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to our Lord and God.

Congregation: **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth...

And so, with Your people on earth, and all the company of heaven we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:




Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the
high-est. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ...

On the night in which He gave himself up for us, He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over He took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died; Christ is ri - sen; Christ will come a - gain.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
That we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by His blood.

Checks and Registration Due Today for WCC Love Walk, 2/8, 9 a.m.

Give checks made out to Wesley Community Center to Nelle today. Questions, tbordeaux@prodigy.net. Meet 1601 Drayton St., program at 8 a.m., walk/run at 9 a.m., 3.6-mile route in Historic District on uneven sidewalks.

Spanky's Lunch Today to Benefit Honduran Children's Field Trip

Box lunch with chicken fingers and fries, \$10 each, funds to take children on their first field trip. Fellowship Hall, noon. Please sign up in advance, tbordeaux@prodigy.net. Sponsor a box lunch for a resident of Magdalene or Grace House if you prefer.

Trip to the Zoo - February 8

Meet and Mingle trip to Hope Ranch Zoo is Saturday, 2/8. Reservations are required. Call the church office to sign up. \$20/person. Children 2 and under are free, and you will pay gate. Directions will be provided for all who sign up. Questions? See Carolyn Cubbedge.

Merry Makers - February 10

Merry Makers will celebrate friendship with a Valentine's Day luncheon on Monday, 2/10, at 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor of Oliver Hall. Speaker will be Marcia Thompson. Reservations are required.

Eli's Place Open House

Eli's Place Open House will be on Thursday, February 6 at 5:30 p.m.

Youth Group

- Youth Group will not meet tonight, Sunday, February 2.
- Super Bowl Party at Wesley Gardens, next Sunday, 2/9, from 6:00 p.m. until halftime. Be sure to bring your favorite snack to share!

Family Bingo Night

Friday, 2/28, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., presented by the Susanna Wesley Circle. There will be dinner, dessert, bingo, a silent auction, and exciting prizes with proceeds benefitting charities within our community. Scan the QR code for additional details and to register.

Today at Wesley Gardens

Come learn how to quiet your anxious mind and experience the presence of God through:

- CHRISTIAN MEDITATION We will start at 4:00 p.m. with a short teaching and then PRACTICE together.

Come Learn How to Ring Handbells

with Ericka starting Sunday, 2/9, from 12:30-1:15 p.m. in the back of the Sanctuary. We will be starting a new group for beginning handbell ringers with Erica teaching you the basics of reading and ringing handbell music. This group welcomes ages high school and up.

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (01/26/25)

8:45 AM Worship	101	Nursery	21
11:00 AM Worship	371	Children's Worship	53
Online Worship Views	148	Sunday School	138
Total Worship	620		

Finances (01/26/25):

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,190,241.30
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$285,033.66
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$197,199.57

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Communion Stewards: Diane & Byron Boyd

Greeters: Lori Miller, Ethel Burriss

Offering Steward: Jeff Miller

Ushers: Melvin Croft, Jimmy Hill

Partners in Prayer: Anne Thompson

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Marshall Pedigo, Ansley Pedigo

Children's Worship: Volunteers Needed

Sunday School: Volunteers Needed

Communion Stewards: TBD

Greeters: Kim & Mehmet Ergul

Offering Steward: Brian West

Ushers: Brian West, Mehmet Ergul, Rusty Holt, Jim Pannell, Jon Pannell, Johnny Phelps, Willie Roberds, Kenneth Spriggs

Partners in Prayer: Adam Kobek

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church
February 2, 2025**

Sermon Extended

Monday	Ephesians 4:1-6	What is the "one hope of my calling"?
Tuesday	Romans 5:1-5	Has my hope ever disappointed me? Why?
Wednesday	Romans 8:24 -25	What does hope have to do with my salvation?
Thursday	Hebrews 6:13-20	Is hope an "anchor for my soul" why or why not?
Friday	Philippians 3:4-14	What does Paul's testimony have to do with hope?

Sermon Notes

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This Week at Wesley

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

Sunday, February 2

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee & Refreshments, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, FH/EB/OH
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 4:00 PM Spiritual Formation,
Christian Meditation, WGR

Monday, February 3

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:30 AM Eli's Place Chapel, SNC
- 6:00 PM Pacesetters, OH Parlor

Tuesday, February 4

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Sunnyside Up
- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH
- 9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH
- 11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 205
- 5:30 PM Evangelism Comm. Mtg, Zoom
- 6:00 PM Adult Handbells, SNC

Wednesday, February 5

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH
- 4:45 PM Call to Prayer, OH Parlor
- 5:30 PM Dinner, FH
- 6:00 PM Children's Choirs, EB
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Studies, OH 4th Flr
- 6:00 PM Ruthless Elimination of
Hurry Study
- 6:00 PM Anxious Generation Study
- 6:00 PM Grief Share
- 6:00 PM Young Women's Small
Group, Led by Katie Knight
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal,
EB 4th Flr

Thursday, February 6

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

Friday, February 7

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place

Saturday, February 8

- Meet & Mingle - Hope Ranch Zoo
- 9:00 AM Love Walk, WCC

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

February 5, 2025

Menu: Chicken Enchiladas

In Our Prayers....

Dewayne Barfield (brother of Shirley Turner), John Conner, Carolyn Mills and Mark Mills (mother and brother of David Mills), Ed Derst, Khadra Turley (mother of Corie Turley), Adeline Hayes, Meghan Hitt, Joey Herndon (father of Erica Timmons), Berta Botkin, Terry Franz, Vicki Worden, Lulu Gribbins, Barbie Lientz, Dolores Park (mother of Jeff Endsley), Aaron Berkebile, Doug Moore, Debbie Andrews, Katie Townsend, Raine Rude, John Walter, Melissa McDonald and Family, 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, Mary Hohnerlein (friend of Ken and Deanne Rimes), Byron Rogers, John Birkheimer, Eleanor McCurry, Ken Brownfield, Oscar Cook, Doris Rothenberger (mother of Susan Colgrove), 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, 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 Royal Family
on the death of
Daniel Royal,
father of Aaron Royal

The Kirksey & Croft Families
on the death of
Bob Kirksey,
brother of Ann Croft