



Celebrating 157 Years 1868 - 2025

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BACK TO "NORMAL"

The Advent-Christmas-Epiphany (New Year) schedule at Wesley is full of special worship and fellowship events. During that time, we step out of our "normal" schedule of worship, study, fellowship, and service. This week, we finally return to "normal," both in our personal schedules (school is back in, and vacations are mostly over) and in our church schedule.

This afternoon, our Spiritual Practices at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center, led by Christian Swails, will resume with a revised pattern of practices. Each week of the month will feature a particular spiritual practice, including the new Book Club, which will be the last Sunday of the month. The first classic book is "The Practice of the Presence of God" by Brother Lawrence (written in 1692).

This Wednesday evening, we will resume our Wednesday Night at Wesley program. It features a weekly dinner, our children's choirs, youth group, adult studies (there are four to choose from; see the insert), and chancel choir rehearsal. We hope you will make Wednesday night a brief spiritual respite in the middle of busy weeks to keep us grounded in our faith.

All our mid-week Bible Studies will meet this week (Tuesday morning Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Sunnyside Up restaurant on Derene Ave, Tuesday morning Young Mothers' study at Wesley, Wednesday morning Bible Study with Ben at Wesley, and Thursday Noon Bible Study with Nelle online).

Our commitment to a "routine" or "habit" of spiritual practices is a meaningful path to a deeper relationship with Christ and growing consistently into who God has made us to be.

And remember, worship happens every week. I am beginning a new series of sermons entitled "One." based on Ephesians 4:1-6. I look forward to seeing you at Wesley in 2025!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ben".

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

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

First Sunday After Epiphany

Welcome and Announcements

Nelle Bordeaux

*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.*

Lighting of the Candles

Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Abbott Scoggins

Opening Voluntary

J. S. Bach

Allegro from Brandenburg Concerto No. 3

Introit (11:00)

Sanctus

Lindsay Norden

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high.

* **Hymn No. 140** Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

* **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** GREATOR EX

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 (8:45)

Nelle Bordeaux

Cohen Kennedy Scally

son of Shelby and Braeden Scally

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Cohen 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 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.*

Christian Swails

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.

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| * Hymn No. 383 | This Is a Day of New Beginnings Stanzas 1-4 | BEGINNINGS |
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Offertory Prayer

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

Offertory Voluntary (8:45)

arr. Cameron Cody

I Need Thee Every Hour

Offertory Anthem (11:00)

Carolyn Jennings

Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain

Climb to the top of the highest mountain,
joyous tidings proclaim to the world,
Lift up your voice, shout the good news:
behold, your Lord comes to you.
He will feed His flock like a shepherd,
He will carry the lambs in His arms,
He will ever keep them safe from harm.
Behold, your Lord comes to you.
He who made the stars in the heaven,
He who fashioned the earth and the sea,
From time eternal He was God, the Alpha and Omega, He.
Behold, your Lord!
He will come in power and glory, He will rule with mercy and truth,
Hope of the nations, light of all the world.
He will love the little children, He will hold them in his arms.
Love Him and trust Him as a little child.
Behold, your Lord comes to you.

- Adapted from Isaiah 40: 9-12

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 weslwymc 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, OT pg. 672) Isaiah 43:18-19

Sermon

"In the (New) Beginning"

Nelle Bordeaux

- * **Hymn** No. 117 O God, Our Help in Ages Past CRIMOND

Benediction

Nelle Bordeaux

Closing Response (11:00)

EDELWEISS

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever;
grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.

Lift up your eyes and see God's face, full of grace forever;
may the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Congregation and Choir

Closing Voluntary

Fantasia

W. A. Mozart

- * 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 honor of the wedding of Jennifer Thomasson Baker and Glen Tadahiko Doki who were married on January 11, 2025.

Usher Roses

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

Stock Donation

We have received 54 shares of WALMART INC stock. Please email tom@wesleymonumental.org if you made this donation.

Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

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

Monumental Messenger Deadline

The deadline to submit announcements for the February Messenger (our monthly newsletter) is tomorrow, Monday, January 13. Please email announcements to jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.

GriefShare

One of our Wednesday evening offerings beginning on January 15, is a program called GriefShare. A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way. Rhonda Ratliff and Rev. Carolyn Hale Cubbedge will lead the group.

Next New Member Course, Sundays, January 19 and 26 at 10:00 a.m.

The class will join as a group on January 26. Come to both parts of this two-part series. Nursery provided. Call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.

Altar Flowers – Spring Dates Available

If you would like to give Sunday altar flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please email Jennifer Brookins in the church office, jennifer@wesleymonumental.org. The cost is \$120, and the Altar Guild will purchase and arrange the flowers for you. The following spring dates are available: March 16 & 23 and May 4 & 25.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Ann & Melvin Croft

Offering Steward: Jimmy Hill

Ushers: Andrew Wall, Henry Whitfield

Partners in Prayer: Carmine Cowart

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Michael Grabowski, Julia Grabowski

Children's Worship: Volunteers Needed

Sunday School: Volunteers Needed

Greeters: Youth Group

Offering Steward: Jason Pedigo

Ushers: Jason Pedigo, Robert McCorkle, Matt Merritt, Matthew Mobley, Richard Moore, Bobo Mullens, Jeff O'Connor, Aaron Pederson

Partners in Prayer: Gaye Holt

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

We are excited for Children's Choir to begin again this Wednesday. In addition to the Easter Play and singing on Palm Sunday and Mother's Day, the first through fifth grade choristers will have the special opportunity to lead the worship of the Service of Holy Communion on March 2. All are welcome to join.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members**Bible Studies**

- Young Mothers' Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Oliver Hall Parlor with Bible Buddies meeting in the barrel vault room. Currently studying "What Children Teach Us about God." This week's lesson is "Faithfulness: Joseph," Genesis 37-50.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying "All About Paul." This week's lesson is 1 Corinthians, chapter 15.

Children's New Tennis Shoes Needed by February 1

Our church's team of missionaries will serve in Santa Elena, Honduras, building homes and teaching the Bible to children. Please assist them by bringing new children's tennis shoes (any size, toddler through youth) to the box in the Oliver Hall lobby.

Save the Date of Saturday, March 8 for Day of Service

Mark that new 2025 calendar with this date, 9:00 a.m. to noon, for a Day of Service with other United Methodist congregations in the area, culminating in a cookout at noon at Wesley Gardens Retreat. All ages are welcome.

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

Merry Makers, our senior adult fellowship, will meet tomorrow, Monday, January 13, at 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor of Oliver Hall. Denise Grabowski, VP of the Savannah Chatham County School Board, will be the speaker. Please call the church office to make your reservation. Lunch (\$7) will be served following the program. Marcia Thompson will speak at the February 10 gathering.

Meet and Mingle

The Meet and Mingle trip to Hope Ranch Zoo in Effingham County has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 8. Reservations are required. Please call the church office to sign up. The cost is \$20 per person. Children 2 and under are free. You will pay at the gate. Visit their Facebook page for lots of information about the zoo. Search for Hope Ranch GVS. Directions will be provided for all who sign up. Questions? See Carolyn Hale Cubbedge.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

As you begin to make plans for summer camps and vacations, be sure to reserve these weeks for Vacation Bible School and Summer Fun Daze.

- June 2-6 Vacation Bible School from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon for children 3 years old - 5th grade
- July 14-18 Summer Fun Daze from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for children who have completed Kindergarten - 3rd grade

Registration for both events will open Monday, January 20.

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

- ♦ Youth Group resumes today, Sunday, January 12, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- ♦ Midweek Bible Study starts back this Wednesday, January 15
- ♦ Super Bowl at Wesley Gardens Retreat February 9

Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager
Fourth Friday Retreats—Join us Friday, January 24

♦ **Prayer & Solitude Retreat**

Craving set apart time and space to connect with God? If so, you might find this retreat meaningful. It's free and requires no previous retreat experience, offering a mix of solitude and time with Scripture (via Daily Office & Lectio Divina). You can shape the retreat as your soul needs it—we'll simply provide an optional framework. Spiritual Direction with a local pastor is available throughout. For those desiring a bit of caffeination before meditation, freshly roasted coffee will start pouring at 8:45 a.m. in the Main House, and the retreat thereafter from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Following the retreat, lunch is served for any who'd like to join! Friday, January 24th. All are welcome.

♦ **Artist Retreat**

There is a new monthly collaboration with a favorite local artist, Allison Hall of Small Creative. Following the Prayer & Solitude Retreat, lunch is provided, and then Allison will guide a retreat for creatives—no cost, and all are welcome. (If you're a SCAD student and need a ride, please let us know.) Lunch is served at 12:45 p.m. with the guided retreat from 1:30 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. "Structured time" ends at 3:00 p.m., but you're welcome to linger and continue creating on your own until sunset. Join us January 24!

Christian Swails, Wesley Gardens Spiritual Director
Spiritual Formation Schedule for 2025

Starting in 2025, we will have some incredible offerings each week at Wesley Gardens Retreat, including a book club on the 4th Sunday of every month! This is a place to learn and practice some ancient spiritual practices that have cultivated a deep inner life of peace, healing, and clarity for disciples of Jesus for thousands of years. There is no need to come every week; just pop in and check out one of the practices below that you feel drawn to. Each week is a new practice, so you can join anytime. This schedule will continue throughout the year.

- ♦ 1st Sunday (every month) - Christian Meditation (begins 2/2)
- ♦ 2nd Sunday (every month) - Lectio Divina (begins 1/12)
- ♦ 3rd Sunday (every month) - God in Nature/Reflective Writing (begins 1/19)
- ♦ 4th Sunday (every month) - Book Club (begins 1/26) - We will be reading *The Practice of the Presence of God* (written in 1692) by Brother Lawrence

Questions or interested in joining, please email Christian Swails at christian@cocreationlife.com (or just show up).

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (1/05/25)

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| 8:45 AM Worship | 121 | Nursery | 15 |
| 11:00 AM Worship | 363 | Children's Worship | 43 |
| Online Worship Views | 147 | Sunday School | 156 |
| Total Worship | 631 | | |

Finances (01/05/25):

Total Budget for the Year.....\$2,190,241.30
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date.....\$151,838.23
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date\$49,205.05

CHURCH STAFF

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| Rev. Dr. Ben Martin.....Senior Pastor | Jennifer BakerAdministrative |
| 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 Henry.....Communications Director |
| Julia FlowersMusic Assistant | Suzanna King.....Director of Hospitality |
| Charli WeeksDirector of Children's Ministry | David Lindquist.....Maintenance Tech |
| Ericka StackChildren's & Music Assistant | Betty Dudley.....Housekeeper |
| Maggie Hatchett ...Director of Student Ministries | Micah SprüngerWesley Gardens Property Manager |
| Jimmy Flowers.....Church Administrator | Christian Swails.....Wesley Gardens Spiritual Direction/Reservations |
| Tom Anderson.....Financial Manager | |

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church
January 12, 2025

Sermon Extended

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| Monda | Isaiah 43:1-4 | How has God held me amidst fires in my life? |
| Tuesday | Isaiah 43:18-19 | What new thing is He doing now? |
| Wednesday | Lamentations 3:21-23 | Jot down an example of His faithfulness to me. |
| Thursday | 2 Corinthians 5:17 | How am I a new creation in Christ? |
| Friday | Revelation 21:1-4 | In this New Year, what new thing am I doing for Him? |

Sermon Notes

This Week at Wesley

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

Sunday, January 12

Family Promise Week

- 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
- 12:15 PM Mission Comm. Mtg, OH Parlor
- 4:00 PM Youth Choir & Handbells, SNC
- 4:00 PM Spiritual Formation, Lectio Divina, WGR
- 5:00 PM Youth Group, OH 4th Flr

Monday, January 13

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:30 AM Eli's Place Chapel, SNC
- 11:00 AM Merry Makers, OH Parlor

Tuesday, January 14

- 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
- 1:00 PM Helen Weitz, Funeral Svc, Fox & Weeks, Hodgson Chapel
- 6:00 PM Adult Handbells, SNC

Wednesday, January 15

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH
- 4:45 PM Call to Prayer, OH Parlor
- 4:45 PM Youth Handbell Choir, SNC
- 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, Led by Ben Martin & Christian Swails
- 6:00 PM Anxious Generation Study, Led by Glen Doki
- 6:00 PM Grief Share, Led by Carolyn Cubbedge & Rhonda Radcliff
- 6:00 PM Young Women's Small Group, Led by Katie Knight
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, January 16

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

Friday, January 17

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place

Pastors on Call This Week

Sunday & Wednesday
Nelle Bordeaux 912-234-9245
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
Ben Martin..... 912-547-1935
Friday
Carolyn Cubbedge.. 912-308-3385

Wednesday Night Supper

January 15, 2025

Menu: Lemon Chicken

In Our Prayers....

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 (grand-daughter 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 Weitz & Delvers Families
on the death of
Helen Weitz,
sister of Bonnie Delvers

The Burrows Family
on the death of
Daphne Burrows

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT WESLEY

Join us Wednesday nights this
spring for dinner and programs!



Begins January 15

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

Call to Prayer (4:45 - 5:15 PM)

Join the Prayer Committee each Wednesday evening for a time of prayer in the Oliver Hall Parlor.

Youth Handbell Choir (4:45 - 5:15 PM)

For students in sixth through twelfth grades.

For details, email ericka@wesleymonumental.org.

Supper in the Fellowship Hall (5:30 - 6:15 PM)

- Children younger than first grade can be dropped off in the Nursery.
- Children in first through fifth grade eat in the Fellowship Hall with a parent/guardian.
- If you have a permanent reservation, you are still on the list, but you will need to pay for the new semester this week. Prices will be available at the door or email bakerj@wesleymonumental.org.

Children's Choirs (6:00 - 7:00 PM)

- Joyful Noise Choir (for children three years old through kindergarten)
For details, email ericka@wesleymonumental.org.
- Children's Choir (for first through fifth graders)
For details, email monica@wesleymonumental.org.

Youth Midweek Bible Study (6:00 - 7:00 PM)

Youth Bible Study will meet every Wednesday night following church supper. For details, email maggie@wesleymonumental.org.

Small Group Studies for Adults (6:00 - 7:00 PM)

For spring semester, we will offer 4 studies from which to choose.

- 1. The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry** by John Michael Comer. Christian Swails and Ben Martin will teach this book study on "How to stay emotionally healthy and spiritually alive in the chaos of the modern world." For details, email ben@wesleymonumental.org.
- 2. The Anxious Generation** by Jonathan Haidt. Taught by Glen Doki. This book study focuses on "How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness." For details, email glen_doki@hotmail.com.
- 3. Grief Share** A group experience of processing grief and loss. Led by Carolyn Hale Cubbedge and Rhonda Radcliff. For details, email carolyn@wesleymonumental.org.
- 4. Young Women's Small Group** A supportive fellowship and study group for women led by Katie Knight.

Save the Date

Meaningful Marriage *Tools for Connection*

Date Nights

Jan. 25 & Feb. 22

4:30-8 p.m.

Weekend Retreat

March 28 & 29

**Life is hard! And having a meaningful marriage
takes practice and work.**

Save the date for the Meaningful Marriage series with Christian and Hannah Swails. During date nights, hear a short message about tools you can use to connect with your spouse, then go out to dinner to put those new skills into practice. In March, we'll spend Friday evening and all-day Saturday at Wesley Gardens for a weekend retreat.

**\$30 Suggested Donation per Couple
Childcare for all events is included!**



Register online at
WesleyMonumental.org/Meaningful-Marriage
or call the church office.
912-232-0191