



Celebrating 157 Years 1868 - 2025

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LENT AGAIN?

I can't for the life of me figure out why we love Lent so much. Ash Wednesday and contemplating our mortality (because we are all in denial of death). Forty days of penitence and groveling in my guilt (because most of us do guilt and even shame pretty well). Forty days of fasting and self-denial (just what we all want, something to remind me of my weakness). Walking with Jesus down the sad road of the Via Dolorosa, "the way of sorrows" (remembering he died for my sin). Lent is a heavy season. Thank goodness it is only forty days. Forty days is, of course, a big Biblical number, but it is also long enough to change a habit and create a new one.

Maybe it's not that we love Lent, but rather, we know that we need it. Perhaps we recognize our vulnerability to self-indulgence. If nothing else, what Lent really amounts to is forty days of purpose. Forty days of paying attention to how sin works in my life and how undisciplined I can be. Forty days of stopping my rationalization, owning my weakness, and accepting my dependence on grace. Forty days to get me really ready to celebrate resurrection and new life.

Start Lent off right by joining us for our **Ash Wednesday Service this Wednesday, March 5, at 6:15 p.m. in the sanctuary.** On this day, we will contemplate the frailty or mortality of our lives. But ashes were also a sign of repentance. Repentance is a recognition of how or where I have fallen short of the image of God in which I am created and a decision to surrender myself to the grace of God that can transform me. May you have a holy Lent that begins with the simple but stark reminder, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return."

Lenten Prayer Guide 2025

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and consists of forty days (not counting Sundays) of self-examination, fasting, and prayer. What that requires is a commitment of time and attention to God and our inner self. I am grateful for Rev. Carolyn Cubbedge's gift of another Lenten Prayer guide to assist us in our spiritual journey with Jesus towards the cross.

This year's sermon series for Lent is entitled "An Opportune Time." Hence the title of this devotional book. During the six weeks of Lent, we will examine the temptations of Jesus and remember the tempter's promise to look for an "opportune" time to approach Jesus again. We all are vulnerable to "opportune times" when in our distraction, busyness, weariness, and desire we risk stumbling into sin (whatever separates me from Christ). I hope you will use this prayer guide as inspiration and direction into the quiet places where Christ is inviting us to come away and rest our souls. It may well protect us by turning an opportune time from a place of vulnerability to a place of growth. The prayer guides may be found at all sanctuary entrances and the church office.

May You have a Holy Lent!
Ben Martin

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.
Transfiguration Sunday

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)

Teagan Pennington

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary (11:00)

Tranquil Chiming

Introit (11:00)

Traditional Spiritual

Over My Head, I Hear Music in the Air

* **Hymn No. 159** Lift High the Cross CRUCIFER

* **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** GREATOR EX

(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.

Pastoral Prayer

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

* **Scripture Lesson** (Pew Bible, NT pgs. 193, 240; OT pgs. 163, 498)
Ephesians 4:1-6, Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Psalm 19:1-4, I John 3:1-3

Sermon "ONE: Part 7—One God and Father of Us All" 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 Voluntary (8:45) Blessed Assurance arr. Warren Angell

Offertory Anthem (11:00) This Little Light of Mine

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 weslerymumc to 77977 or place your offering in the offering plate. Online giving is also available on our website.

* **Doxology** No. 95

OLD HUNDRETH

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.

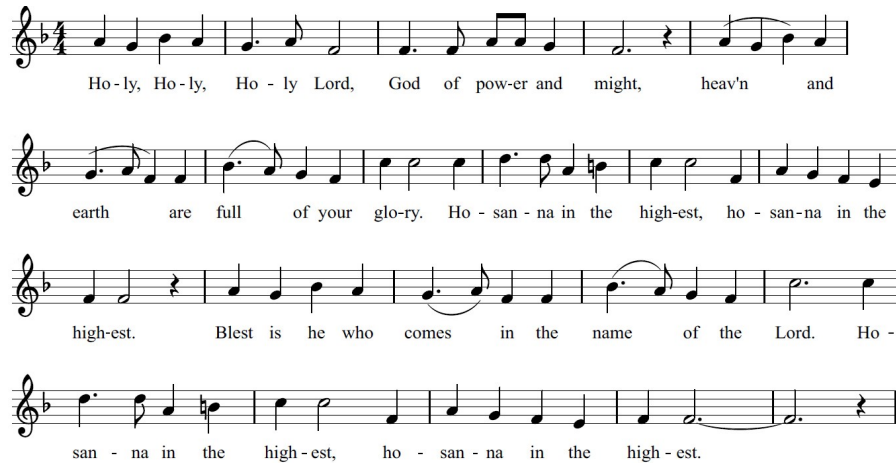
Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

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.

By Your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at His heavenly banquet.

Through Your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in Your holy church,
All honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.



A-men, a-men, a-men.

The Lord's Prayer

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 that 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.

Breaking the Bread

(Gluten free bread is available. Please indicate your preference by raising your hand.)

Giving the Bread and Cup

We will take communion at the rail. Today's communion offering is designated for Wesley Glen Ministries. If you would like to give a donation, please place your offering in the chancel rail when you come to be served.

Communion Music (11:00)

A Steady Flame to Light the Dark
I Will Lift My Eyes
We've a Story to Tell to the Nations
I Love to Tell the Story
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Here I Am, Lord

Prayer After Receiving

All: Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery
in which You have given Yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of Your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

* **Hymn No. 369** Blessed Assurance (stanza 1) ASSURANCE

Closing Response (11:00) Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Closing Voluntary (11:00) Jubilation

* *Please stand as you are able.*

Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you.

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Thank You!

Thank you parents for bringing your kids to choir every week to learn scripture and about God through music. Thank you faithful teachers: Anne Hawks, Ash Grimmett, Ben Whitaker, Blair Beasley, Carolyn Roth, Diane Boyd, Diane Wesley, Jo Anna Hayes, Katricia Campbell, Ken Rimes, Kim Grimmett, Luke Whitaker, Ori Hayes, Raymond Patricio, and Julia Flowers.

Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Kay Price Cubbedge.

Ash Wednesday Service & Wednesday Night Supper Details March 5, 2025

- ✦ Dinner service begins at 5:30 p.m.
(To RSVP for dinner, email doki@wesleymonumental.org)
 - Children younger than 3 will be served in the nursery.
 - Children 3 yrs old-Kindergarten will be served on the second floor.
 - Children 1st-5th grade will eat in the Fellowship Hall with their parents.
 - Youth 6th-12th grade will eat in the Fellowship Hall.
- ✦ Ash Wednesday Service begins at 6:15 p.m. in the sanctuary.
 - During the service, children 3 years old - 5th grade will meet on the second floor for a special Ash Wednesday program. We will go to the Sanctuary to receive ashes at the end of the service.
 - The nursery will be open from 5:15 p.m.-7:00 p.m. for babies and children younger than 3.

Grocery Item Needed This Week is pasta.

In Bloom: A Lunch and Learn for Moms immediately follows the service today in the fellowship hall. Join us for a delicious lunch and a hands on flower demonstration.

Bible Studies

- Young Mothers' Bible Study, Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m., OH Parlor with Bible Buddies in the barrel vault room. Currently studying "Friendship in the Bible," God and Abraham, Genesis 18:16-33.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study, Thursdays, noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying "All about Paul," 1 Corinthians 6.

Merry Makers March Program

Monday, March 10, at 11:30 a.m., in the fellowship hall. Please note this change in time. Daniel Hughes of Jacksonville, FL, will be the presenter. He is an underwater photographer and will present a program on sea life using his own photographs. Lunch (\$7) will be served following the program. Please call the church office to make your reservation.

Youth Group

- Join us this week for fun with Skip and Sheila at 5:00 p.m. at the church for a scavenger hunt around the city!
- Ash Wednesday Service, 6:15 p.m. in the sanctuary.
- We are in search of a Middle School Sunday School teacher to join our rotation! If you would be interested, please reach out to Maggie!
- St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser is coming up soon! If you plan to participate, you must spend the night at the church on Sunday, March 16. We will have youth that night, then games and fun after. We will serve from 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.! Sign up on the church website!

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.

Day of Service for Coastal District—Please Come If You Registered

We'll sack dry goods for 14,000 people in need on March 8 at Isle of Hope United Methodist Church. Please meet in the Isle of Hope Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m. Thankfully we have 60 people signed up, and please be sure to come if you have registered. Questions? Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (02/23/25)

8:45 AM Worship	93	Nursery	22
11:00 AM Worship	373	Children's Worship	90
Online Worship Views	186	Sunday School	139
Total Worship	652		

Finances (02/23/25):

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,190,241.30
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$449,982.24
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$359,169.98

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Communion Stewards: Diane & Byron Boyd, Gilmore MacGregor

Greeters: Lori Miller, Sharlene Monahan **Offering Steward:** Jeff Miller

Ushers: Melvin Croft, Jimmy Hill

Partners in Prayer: Carmine Cowart

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Couper Howard, Cameron Howard

Children's Worship: Lily & Sebastian Brown, Natalie & Daniel Ingalsbe, Caroline McDermott, Amanda Prather

Sunday School: Amanda Prather

Communion Stewards: Allen Wier & Shayna Stancil-Wier

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: Sandra McGowen

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church
March 2, 2025

Sermon Extended

Monday	Ephesians 4:6	Who do you think Paul means by "all"?
Tuesday	Deuteronomy 6:4-5	Do I have "one" God?
Wednesday	Psalms 19:1-4	How is God experienced if God is through all and in all?
Thursday	Luke 15:11-32	What does this story tell us about God the Father?
Friday	I John 3:1-3	What does it mean to me to think about myself as a child of God?

Sermon Notes

This Week at Wesley

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

Sunday, March 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
- 12:15 PM In Bloom: L&L for Moms, FH
- 12:30 PM Beginner Handbells, SNC
- 4:00 PM Youth Handbells/Choir, SNC
- 4:00 PM Spiritual Formation, WGR
- 5:00 PM Youth Group, OH 4th Flr

Monday, March 3

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:30 AM Eli's Place Chapel, SNC

Tuesday, March 4

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study,
Sunnyside Up
- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study,
OH Parlor
- 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, March 5

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 205
- 4:45 PM Call to Prayer, OH Parlor
- 5:30 PM Dinner, FH
- 6:15 PM Ash Wednesday Service, SNC
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal,
EB 4th Flr

Thursday, March 6

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

Friday, March 7

Confirmation Retreat Thru 3/9

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place

Saturday, March 8

- 9:00 AM Day of Service,
Isle of Hope UMC
- 1:00 PM Trombone Choir Rehearsal,
SNC

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

March 5, 2025

Menu: TBD

In Our Prayers....

Barbara Brosnan, Bobby Staples, Toni Walker, Waylon Barrett Hinnant, Joe Armour (brother-in-law of Kim Grimmitt), 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 Deanne and Ken 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 Poteat & McKenzie Families
on the death of
Doris Poteat,
grandmother of Ryan McKenzie

11:00 Service Music

Opening Voluntary: Tranquil Chiming

Caroline Thompson, Dean Muenckler, Eliza MacGregor,
Emma James Cowart, Esther Hall, Harper Simpson, Jarrett Shuttleworth,
Riley Sortor, Sully White, Tillie Johnston

Choir

Allie McDaniel, Ann Rhodes, Eden Wesley, Elijah Roberts, Henry Joyner,
June Estes, Lucas Ennis, Lulu Davidson, Mary Grimsley, Michael Joyner,
Will Prather, William Glenn

Music During Communion

A Steady Flame to Light the Dark

I Will Lift My Eyes

Abbott Scoggins, Agnes Johnston, Anna Louise Clary, Anna Wren Daniel,
Autumn Rose Anderson, Beatrice Wallden, Benjamin Simpson,
Brantley Parker, Caroline Simmons, Charlotte Lee, Eliza Jones,
Ellie Muenckler, Emma Grace Cohn, Emma Rose Bartels, Eva Parks,
Harley Anderson, Harper Blake, Harrison Daniel, Heather Haubein,
Hollis Burnside, Jude Durkin, Laurel Gattis, Lily Wiggins, Louisa Smith,
Mary Shor, Mavis Lindquist, Millie Hunt, Millie Shor, Natalie Hoey,
Steele Anne Joyner, Swayze Powers, Teagan Pennington,
Wesley Scoggins, Willa James Coley

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

Stanza one: Abbott Scoggins and Harper Simpson

Stanza two: Beatrice Wallden and Lily Wiggins

Stanza three: Steele Anne Joyner and Sully White

Stanza four: Ellie Muenckler

I Love to Tell the Story

Stanza one: Henry Joyner and Millie Shor

Stanza two: Anna Wren Daniel and Eliza Jones

Stanza three: Aria Connell, Emma Rose Bartels, and Sloane Wilborn

Stanza four: Autumn Rose Anderson, Harley Anderson, and
Thomas Simpson

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Stanza one: Caroline Thompson and Emma James Cowart

Stanza two: Agnes Johnston, Jarrett Shuttleworth, and Tillie Johnston

Stanza three: Brantley Parker, Jameson Shuttleworth, and Jude Durkin

Here I Am, Lord

Stanza one: Anna Louise Clary and Louisa Smith

Stanza two: Heather Haubein and Hollis Burnside

Stanza three: Charlotte Lee and Wesley Scoggins

Closing Response: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Stanza one: Mavis Lindquist

Stanza two: Willa James Coley

Stanza three: Teagan Pennington

Closing Voluntary: Jubilation

James McDermott, Jameson Shuttleworth, Langston Jones, Meris Baxter,
Oliver Knight, Towns Davidson

