



Celebrating 157 Years 1868 - 2025

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Daylight Savings Time

By the time most of you read this upon your arrival in worship, you will already have moved your clocks forward an hour (otherwise, you missed worship this morning, arriving an hour late). These days, we use our phones for clocks that change automatically, but I still like to make the moving of that hour a kind of spiritual discipline. In a moment, I watch an hour of my life "flash before my eyes," and like the Ash Wednesday refrain, I think about how fleeting my life is. Moses wrote in Psalm 90, *"You turn us back to dust and say 'Turn back, you mortals'. For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night. You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers."* Recognizing how quickly time and life passes should help us live more in the present moment and be more careful about how we use our time.

St. Patrick's Day

Next week, St. Patrick's Day rolls around again. This year the celebration will be held on Monday. It is always a big day in Savannah and here at Wesley. As many of you know, our youth offer a St. Patrick's Day Pancake Breakfast in our Fellowship Hall from 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. We can always use help if anyone wants to volunteer to cook, greet, take up money, or purchase supplies. Let Maggie know if you are available to help.

Men's Breakfast, Tuesday 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Some may know we have a long-running weekly Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study at a local restaurant. We also previously had a United Methodist Men's dinner once a month, but it was dropped during COVID and never restarted. On the 2nd Tuesday morning of the month we combine these two events and have a Men's Breakfast in our Fellowship Hall. It will include a Bible study time led by Ben. Email or call us in the church office if you want to attend so we will know how much breakfast to prepare. It will end by 8:00 a.m. If there is sufficient interest, we hope to continue this on the 2nd Tuesday morning of each month.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

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

First Sunday in Lent

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.*

Lighting of the Candles

Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Jameson Shuttleworth

Opening Voluntary (8:45)

arr. Mark Hayes

The God of Abraham Praise

Opening Voluntary (11:00)

Dragonetti

Bass Concerto

Édouard Namny

Garrett Shinall, bassist

Introit (11:00)

Majesty

Jack Hayford

Daniel Wilkinson, tenor

Derek Llamas, tenor

Ernie Bliss, bass

Ken Rimes, bass

Myra Bliss, pianist

* **Hymn** No. 374 Standing on the Promises PROMISES

* **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** GREATORIX

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 (11:00)

Ava Raye Ehrhardt

daughter of Kinsey and Reed Ehrhardt

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Ava Raye 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 her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love that she 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 & 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.

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. 662** Stand Up and Bless the Lord ST. MICHAEL

Offertory Prayer

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

Offertory Anthem (8:45)

Majesty

Jack Hayford

Daniel Wilkinson, tenor
 Derek Llamas, tenor
 Ernie Bliss, bass
 Ken Rimes, bass
 Myra Bliss, pianist

Offertory Anthem (11:00)

arr. Mack Wilberg/Irish Tune

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
 Erika Andres, flutist
 Ashley Carnes, flutist

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
 I nothing lack if I am his, and He is mine forever.
 - Psalm 23:1

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. 61,172)
 Luke 4:1-13, I Corinthians 10:12-13

Sermon

"An Opportune Time Part 1:
 When You Think You are Standing"

Ben Martin

* **Hymn No. 529** How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION

Benediction

Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00)

Amen

Frank Owen

Closing Voluntary

Fugue in G Minor

Marcel Dupré

* *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 memory of our son, Rhett Morgan Rountree, by Gail and Mickey Rountree.

Usher Roses

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

Messenger Deadline

The deadline to submit announcements for the April Messenger is tomorrow, Monday, March 10. Send to jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.

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.

New Member Course

Our next New Member Course will be March 23 and 30 at 9:45 a.m.; both Sundays. Please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191. Nursery provided. Come to both Sundays. Class will join as a group on March 30.

Strategic Planning Retreat

The Administrative Board will be gathering for Wesley's Strategic Planning Retreat on Sunday, March 30, from 12:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and lunch will be served. If you are an Administrative Board member, please RSVP to Jennifer Brookins, jennifer@wesleymonumental.org by March 26.

Freedom Song: One Family's Struggle with Addiction—One Nation's Path to Recovery—Sunday, March 30, 4:00 p.m.— Congregation Mickve Israel

Concerns about addiction for you or your family? Then this Musical Play and follow-up Q&A session is for you! Freedom Song is a transformative musical that will shatter the myth of Jews being immune to addiction. By interweaving a Passover Seder with personal stories of addiction, Freedom Song poses one stark question— "what are you a slave to?" The cast of Freedom Song is not a cast of actors; they are actual addicts in recovery that have broken off the shackles of drugs, alcohol, gambling, and other destructive behaviors. By performing in Freedom Song, the interchanging cast members have an opportunity to answer questions from the audience and to share their experiences on how best to recover from a lifestyle of addiction. There is no fee to attend. Everyone is welcome and the play will be age appropriate for teenagers and older.

Lilies & Caladiums for Easter Sunday

Lilies and Caladiums will be placed around the altar to the glory of God on Easter Sunday, April 20 and may be taken home following the 11:00 a.m. Easter Service. Please place your orders for plants in memory or in honor of loved ones by Monday, April 7. The cost is \$16.00 per plant and order forms may be found at all Sanctuary entrances or you can order and pay online wesleymonumental.org/2025-easter-flowers/

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Ann & Melvin Croft

Offering Steward: Jimmy Hill

Ushers: Ken Griner, Henry Whitfield

Partners in Prayer: Mark Lindsay

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Sarah Cate Green, Hannah Green

Children's Worship: Christa Kerby, Caroline McDermott, Steph Parker, Brantley Parker, Jen Shuttleworth

Sunday School: Christa Kerby, Jen Shuttleworth

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: Grace & Art Greene

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Psalm 8:2: "Through the praise of children and infants you have established a strong hold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger."

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Lenten Mission to Serve Babies and Mothers-to-Be at the Living Vine Christian Maternity Home

Children will take home a baby bottle to fill with coins, bills, and checks made out to the Living Vine Christian Maternity Home, which is a residential home for mothers, mothers-to-be, and babies. Please bring the filled bottle back to church on Palm Sunday, April 13. For youth and adults, please take home a baby bottle from the narthex window sill and return the filled bottle on Palm Sunday. Also needed is yard work help to mow and edge at the Vine's massive yard: Peter Delvers leads this ministry on alternate Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. all spring, summer, and fall; we are thankful to Don Riddle, Jr., for his many years of leading this ministry. Judi Painter is our liaison to the Vine.

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 "Friendship in the Bible," "God and Job and Job's Friends," Job 1:1-22; 2:1-13; 3:1-5; 4:1-9; 6:14-17; 8:1-6; 11:1-6; 12:1-4; 19:25; 27:5; 31:1-4; 32:1-22; 38:1-23; 42:1-17.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying "All about Paul," 2 Corinthians, chapter 7.

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Senior Adults and Pastoral Care

Merry Makers March Program

Merry Makers, our senior adult fellowship, will meet tomorrow, 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 will be served following the program. Cost is \$7.00. Please let Carolyn know today if you plan to attend.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Empty Metal Cans Needed

Please bring empty metal cans that would hold about 1 ¾ cups of vegetables or fruits and place in the box by the water fountain on the second floor of the Education Building. Soup-size cans or smaller can also be used.



Vacation Bible School/Summer Fun Daze—Register Now!

As you begin to make plans for summer camps and vacations, be sure to reserve these weeks for VBS and Summer Fun Daze. To register for either event, scan QR code or visit: myvbs.org/wesleymonumental

- 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.



Sunday School and Children's Worship—Help Needed

Many thanks to everyone who has signed up to help in Sunday School and Children's Worship. There are still weeks where help is needed. Please scan the QR code or visit the link below to sign up for a week that fits your schedule. bit.ly/WMSundayAMVolunteerSpring2025

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

Youth Group

- No normal youth this week! High schoolers are invited to go to Georgia Southern for Flock Together, a space for youth to see what college ministry can look like.
- 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.! Scan code to sign up.

Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager

Fourth Friday Retreats — Join us Friday, March 28

- **Morning Prayer & Solitude Retreat: 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**
Craving time alone with God? If so, you might find this meaningful. There's no cost or need for previous retreat experience. We'll begin in the Main House and provide an optional framework (via the Daily Office & Lectio Divina), but you can utilize the grounds and shape the morn as your soul needs. Micah's fresh roasted coffee will start pouring at 8:45 a.m., and spiritual direction with a local pastor will be available throughout the event.
- **Homemade Lunch: 12:45 p.m.** (just give us a head's up so we have plenty of food)

Christian Swails, Wesley Gardens Spiritual Director

Today, Sunday, March 9 at Wesley Gardens Retreat

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

- LECTIO DIVINA - We will start at 4:00 p.m.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (03/02/25)

8:45 AM Worship	110	Nursery	27
11:00 AM Worship	513	Children's Worship	64
Online Worship Views	278	Sunday School	161
Total Worship	901		

Finances (03/02/25):

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,190,241.30
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$482,332.85
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$415,943.44

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Ben Martin.....Senior Pastor	Jennifer Doki.....Administrative
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
Ericka StackMusic Associate	Suzanna King..... Director of Hospitality
Julia Flowers Music Assistant	David Lindquist..... Maintenance Tech
Charli Weeks Director of Children's Ministry	Betty Dudley..... Housekeeper
Maggie Hatchett ...Director of Student Ministries	Micah Sprünger Wesley Gardens Property Manager
Jimmy Flowers..... Church Administrator	Christian Swails..... Wesley Gardens Spiritual Direction/Reservations
Tom Anderson..... Financial Manager	

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Sermon Extended

Monday	Luke 4:1-2	What is surprising about the timing of Jesus' temptations?
Tuesday	Luke 4:13	What are "opportune times" for me to be vulnerable to sin?
Wednesday	I Corinthians 10:12-13	What does Paul mean by this warning and how does it apply to me?
Thursday	Psalm 19:12-14	What worries the Psalmist here? How do I avoid this trap?
Friday	Psalm 139	Ask God to search my heart and show me what I cannot see about myself?

Sermon Notes

This Week at Wesley

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

Sunday, March 9

- 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
- 12:30 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 10

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

Tuesday, March 11

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast, FH
- 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
- 6:00 PM Mission Comm. Mtg, OH 205
- 6:00 PM Adult Handbells, SNC

Wednesday, March 12

- 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
- 6:00 PM Children's Choirs, EB
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Studies, OH 4th Flr
- 6:00 PM Ruthless Elim. of Hurry Study
- 6:00 PM Anxious Gen. Study
- 6:00 PM Grief Share
- 6:00 PM Young Women's Small Group
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, March 13

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

Friday, March 14

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place

OH = Oliver Hall EB = Education Building
SNC = Sanctuary FH = Fellowship Hall

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 12, 2025
Menu: Teriyaki Pork

In Our Prayers....

Jamie and Jason Hopper, Bobby Staples, Toni Walker, Waylon Barrett Hinnant, Joe Armour (brother-in-law of Kim Grimmett), 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 Brosnan Family
on the death of *Barbara Brosnan*,
wife of Dave Brosnan

The Knowles and Thomas Families
on the death of *Lon Knowles, Sr.*,
step-father of Vin Thomas

The Poteat & McKenzie Families
on the death of *Doris Poteat*,
grandmother of Ryan McKenzie