



Celebrating 157 Years 1868 - 2025

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CONFIRMATION

Over the last nine months, thirty of our students have been meeting with me in a Confirmation Class. We have been learning about the fundamentals of Christian faith and what it means to be a follower of Christ and a member of Wesley Monumental UMC. This morning, they commit to making their own commitment to faith in Christ and continuing their lifelong journey of salvation. We are grateful to the families and church members who have sown faith, hope, and love into their lives and brought them to this special day.

Beckett Allen
Palmer Barrow
Bella Bartels
Addison Baumann
Joseph Boothe
Sebastian Brown
James Butler
Lillian Byrd
Hannah Conger
Evie Cremeans
Cooper Dewberry
M.J. Durkin
Cole Green
Lucy Mac Hasselle
Haley Hess
Cameron Howard
Elizabeth Huff
Hannah MacGregor
Lindly Mingledorff
Emma Mobley
Grayson Pennington
Milly Schmitz
Rye Snayd
Harper Sortor
Bree Thomas
Caden Valdez
Olivia Wanager
Charlie Washburn
Henry West

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025

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

Fifth 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.*

Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Caroline Thompson

Lighting of the Candles

Opening Voluntary (8:45) Fantasy in C Minor, BWV 537 J. S. Bach

Introit (11:00) We Are the Church PORT JERVIS
Haley Hess, chorister
Harper Sortor, chorister

* **Hymn** No. 286 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded PASSION CHORALE

* **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

(Dismissal for Children's Worship)

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.

Baptismal Covenant (8:45)

William Holt Eckman
son of Melissa and Andrew Eckman

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome William 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.

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. 297 Beneath the Cross of Jesus ST. CHRISTOPHER

Offertory Prayer Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

Offertory Solo (8:45) arr. Stephen DeCesare

What Wondrous Love is This
Diane Davis, mezzo-soprano

Offertory Anthem (11:00) My Eternal King Jane Marshall

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 wesleymunc 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. 108-110) John 13:34-35, 15:9-17

Sermon "Keep It Simple" Ben Martin

Service of Confirmation (11:00) Hymnal pg. 33

* **Hymn** Insert I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) RANDOLPH

God Be with You till We Meet Again

Closing Voluntary Fugue in C Minor, BWV 537 J. S. Bach

* *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 Caroline and Raymond Hill who were married on April 5, 2025.

Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

Most needed this week are cereal and soft cereal/soft granola bars. Please place donations in marked boxes in the Wayne/Gordon Street foyers and Oliver Hall.

Lilies & Caladiums for Easter Sunday—Deadline is Tomorrow!

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 tomorrow, 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/

High School Girls' Bible Study During Lent

Mondays, 3:15 p.m.-4:00 p.m. during Lent, March 31, April 7, and 14. All are welcome. Bring a friend! Please come to Oliver Hall, 1st floor, Nelle's study. We'll have an after-school snack for the girls. Nelle will lead a Bible study on "Easter in All Four Gospels." Maggie and Nelle can't wait to see you!

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.

Grand Opening of the Cumming Street Houses

The Wesley Monumental congregation is invited to join Family Promise of the Coastal Empire at 220 and 225 Cumming Street on April 10 at 10:00 a.m. as they celebrate a new beginning for families moving toward stability and hope.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Lori Miller, Becky Pullin

Offering Steward: Jeff Miller

Ushers: Melvin Croft, Henry Whitfield

Partners in Prayer: Dorie Gaskin

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Andrew Wilkes, Camille Wilkes

Children's Worship: Lizzie & Blake Grimsley, Christa Kerby,
Caroline McDermott, Jen Shuttleworth

Sunday School: Christa Kerby, Jen Shuttleworth

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: Gaye Holt

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Help Cook and Serve 75 Urban Hope Guests April 14

Please cook a dish at home and help serve at Independent Presbyterian Church; please meet at 5:30 p.m.; the Urban Hope children and families arrive at 6:00 p.m.; we usually finish clean-up by 7:15 p.m. Needed are pulled pork, buns, salad, dill pickles, macaroni and cheese, green beans, BBQ beans, cut fruit, cookies, lemonade, large and small paper plates, plastic cutlery, cups, and napkins. Sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Family Promise Homeless Families Need Supper Cooks, April 20-26

Choose a night and cook a meal for about 15 homeless guests. Please deliver on your chosen night at 5:00 p.m. to White Bluff Presbyterian Church, 10710 White Bluff Road, to meet Nelle or Peggy Jolley. Sign up, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

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," "Solomon and the Queen of Sheba," 2 Chronicles 9:1-12; Proverbs 3:27; 12:26; 15:17; 17:9, 17; 18:24; 27:10; Ecclesiastes 4:9-10.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying "All about Paul," 2 Corinthians, chapter 11.

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Senior Adults and Pastoral Care

Merry Makers

Merry Makers, our senior adult fellowship group, will join other members of the congregation for the Holy Week services on April 14-18. There will be no separate program in April. Watch for the Holy Week schedule in the weekly bulletin.

Lunch and Learn

The next Lunch and Learn is scheduled for today, Sunday, April 6, following the 11:00 worship service in the Parlor of Oliver Hall. Judge Tom Bordeaux, Chatham County Probate Judge, will present "Probate Procedures and Pitfalls." All interested persons are invited to attend. A light lunch will be served to all who pre-registered.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Empty Metal Cans Needed

Please bring empty metal cans that would hold about 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ 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.

Easter Egg-stravaganza

Our annual Easter Festival and Egg Hunt is scheduled for next Sunday, April 13 at 4:00 p.m. at Wesley Gardens Retreat. There will be lots of eggs, treats, games, art activities, and more. Our youngest children will gather in the main house and our elementary children will gather at the pavilion. It will be a fun afternoon for everyone. We'll have bags to decorate for egg collecting and lots of bug spray. Watch for more details on Instagram @CMatWesleyUMC.

Children's Easter Program

Mark your calendar and invite your family and friends to our children's Easter program on Wednesday, April 30, at 6:15 p.m. Rehearsals are underway, and the children are excited about their singing and speaking parts. The program is being presented during the season of Easter, and it will be a joyful celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, our Savior.

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

Youth Group

- The youth will meet tonight (5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.) at the church for a lesson and fun and then get ice cream at Leopold's!
- New High School Girls' Bible Study will be held on Mondays, from 3:15 p.m.-4:00 p.m. during Lent April 7 & 14. All are welcome. Bring a friend! Please come to Oliver Hall, 1st floor, Nelle's study.
- We will meet at Wesley Gardens Retreat next Sunday, April 13, at 3:30 p.m. to help with the Easter Eggstravaganza! We will have normal youth after, until 7:00 p.m.!
- On Maundy Thursday, we will meet on the fourth floor of Oliver Hall to experience what Christ did with his disciples, with a Passover experience.
- No youth on Easter Sunday!
- Murder Mystery Party on April 27 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.! Be sure to wear your favorite cruising outfit and be ready to solve a mystery!
- Join us on Wednesday Nights for our Midweek Bible study and fun! We are loving learning about Exodus and all the things it has to offer.

Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager

Fourth Friday Retreat

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. Feel free to pack a snack or lunch.

Afternoon Creativity Retreat: 1:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Our favorite Allison Hall of Small Creative guides this retreat for creatives. No cost or artistic experience is needed. (If you're a SCAD student and need a ride, please let us know.) "Structured creating" will end at 3:30 p.m., but any are welcome to linger through the afternoon until sunset. All weary souls welcome.

Christian Swails, Wesley Gardens Spiritual Director

Spiritual Practices

Spiritual Practices will resume this summer.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (03/30/25)

8:45 AM Worship	92	Nursery	22
11:00 AM Worship	401	Children's Worship	63
Online Worship Views	141	Sunday School	142
Total Worship	634		

Finances (03/31/25):

Total Budget for the Year.....	\$2,190,241.30
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date.....	\$602,874.77
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$538,157.26

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 Stack.....Music 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	

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church
April 6, 2025

Sermon Extended

Monday	John 13:35-35	Why would Jesus say that love is the defining mark of a disciple? Does love define me?
Tuesday	John 15:9-17	What does it say about love that Jesus calls it a "commandment"?
Wednesday	Mark 12:28-31	How does love fulfill all the law?
Thursday	Mark 12:28-31	What does it look like to love God with all my "heart", "soul", "strength", and "mind"?
Friday	I John 4:7-21	What does this tell us about God, ourselves, and other people?

Sermon Notes

This Week at Wesley

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

Sunday, April 6

8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
9:30 AM Coffee & Refreshments, FH
9:45 AM Sunday School, FH/EB/OH
9:45 AM Confirmation Rehearsal, SNC
11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
12:00 PM Children's Comm. Mtg, FH
12:15 PM Lunch & Learn, OH Parlor
12:30 PM Beginner Handbells, SNC
3:00 PM Vow Renewal, WGR Chapel
4:00 PM Youth Choir
5:00 PM Youth Group, OH 4th Flr

Monday, April 7

9:00 AM Eli's Place
9:30 AM Eli's Place Chapel, SNC
3:15 PM HS Girls' Bible Study, OH
5:30 PM Endowment Mtg
6:00 PM Trombone Choir Rehearsal, SNC

Tuesday, April 8

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, FH
9:00 AM Eli's Place
9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study,
OH Parlor
9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH
10:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 205
5:30 PM Wesley Gardens Comm. Mtg
6:00 PM Adult Handbells, SNC

Wednesday, April 9

9:00 AM Eli's Place
11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 205
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, April 10

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

Friday, April 11

9:00 AM Eli's Place

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
April 9, 2025
Chicken Pot Pie

In Our Prayers....

Claire Frazier, Byron Boyd, Jamie and Jason Hopper, Bobby Staples, Toni Walker, Waylon Barrett Hinnant, Joe Armour, Dewayne Barfield, John Conner, Carolyn Mills, Mark Mills, Ed Derst, Khadra Turley, Adeline Hayes, Meghan Hitt, Joey Herndon, Berta Botkin, Bob Franz, Vicki Worden, Barbie Lientz, Dolores Park, Doug Moore, Debbie Andrews, Katie Townsend, Raine Rude, John Walter, Melissa McDonald and Family, Michael Baggott, John Martin, Sr., Rachel Spence, Jan Pullin, Dean Muenckler, Danielle Robertson, Roger Lemay, Jason Horton, Archie Davis, Ella Ealy, Adam Corey, Dolly Caylor, Sharon and Terry Knepper, Karen Nickles, Will Weeks, Lindsey Goldberg, Mary Hohnerlein, Oscar Cook, John Birkheimer, Eleanor McCurry, Doris Rothenberger, Walter Thomas, Fenton McEvoy

At Home/Extended Care

Bella Grace Bartles, Pat Beasley, Harriet Bland, Roz Evans, Sandrae McCorkle, Toni Olds, Camille Searcy, Mark Thomas, Cindy Telljohann, Tim Mooney

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

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

In Sympathy....

The Holley Family
on the death of
Charles Holley

The Hall Family
on the death of
Bettina Bass,
grandmother of Geoff Hall

The Daniel Family
on the death of
Bernice Jackson,
grandmother of Amy Daniel