



***Celebrating 157 Years 1868 - 2025***

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May 4, 2025

### **THE LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

This Wednesday night will be the last of our Wednesday nights at Wesley for this school year. It will conclude with our Music Awards program for our children. I cannot thank all our volunteers and staff who have worked so hard this year to make Wednesday nights so successful. Our Children's Choir and Joyful Noise Choir have blessed us in worship throughout this year. They presented wonderful Christmas and Easter programs for us to enjoy. Our women's small group and adult Bible and book studies, and the Grief Share group have been well attended and spiritually nourishing to all those who participated. Our youth small groups have been a mid-week source of encouragement. A special thanks to Suzanna and her staff, who provided a wonderful meal and set up all year. The fellowship we share is such a critical part of what our mid-week program offers. Finally, thanks to all who were a part of the weekly prayer time before our Wednesday night program. We hope you will join us for this last Wednesday night dinner and program.

During the summer, we will shift our focus to Wesley Gardens Retreat and our Sunday evening dinner, worship, youth group, and spiritual practices. June 8 will be our first Sunday evening at Wesley Gardens for the summer. We hope you will plan to be a part of those special times at a very special place.

**Remember, next week is Mother's Day, and we will recognize all the babies born into our congregation over the last year.**

There will be a breakfast/reception in Oliver Hall during the Sunday school hour for all those families. Please make sure Charli has your child's name on the list. We try very hard to keep up with all our births, but sometimes people join our church during the year and have a new baby before joining, or you may be attending Wesley but haven't yet joined. If you didn't receive an invitation in the mail, please email [charli@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:charli@wesleymonumental.org). We want to include all the babies, so help us ensure we don't miss anyone.



**On May 18, we will recognize our graduates.** Please let us know if your graduating senior wants to participate in our recognition breakfast (9:45 a.m.) and 11:00 service by scanning the QR code. We also want to list all college graduates in our bulletin, so please let us know if you have a college graduate, and email their name to [jennifer@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:jennifer@wesleymonumental.org).

*Ben*

# MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

*Third Sunday of Easter*

## 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)

Harper Simpson

## Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

## Introit (11:00)

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus  
Emma Grace Cohn, chorister  
Lily Wiggins, chorister  
Diane Boyd, pianist

\* **Hymn No. 318** Christ Is Alive TRURO

\* **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** 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.

## Minute for Mission

AJ Ford, Mission on the Move Missionary

## Pastoral Prayer

Nelle Bordeaux

\* **Scripture Lesson** (Pew Bible, NT pgs. 98, 114-115)

John 6:38-40, 20:11-17

## Sermon

"What Goes Up...."

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

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

### Offertory Voluntary (8:45)

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today with Mozart's Alleluia

### Offertory Anthem (11:00)

Sing! Shout! Alleluia! Joseph Martin  
Youth Choir

### 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. 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### The Great Thanksgiving

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**Congregation:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

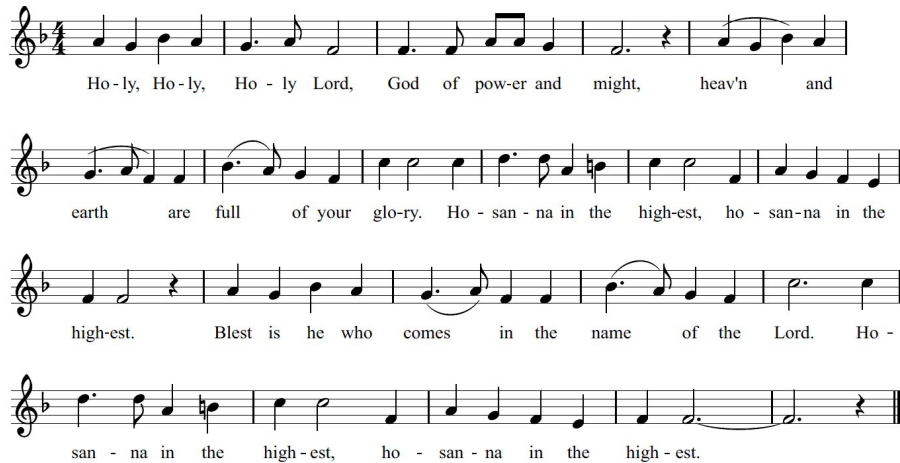
**Congregation:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**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 the Magnolia Manor Mother's Day Offering. 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)

Light of Grace

Youth Choir

Andy Beck

## 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.

* <b>Hymn No. 176</b>	Majesty, Worship His Majesty	MAJESTY
	Stanza One	

<b>Closing Voluntary</b>	Imperial March	Star Wars
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\* *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 loving memory of Paul Painter by Judi Painter and family.

**Grocery Item Needed This Week** is pasta.

## Bible Studies

- ★ Tuesday Bible study-"Friendship in the Bible," "Jesus, the Disciples, and Mary Magdalene," Matthew 4:18-22; 9:9-13; 28:1; Luke 8:2; 22:31-34; 54-62; John 15:1-27; 17:1-26; 20:1-29.
- ★ Thursday Bible study-Will not meet this week, Thursday, May 8, but will resume next week, May 15, with a lesson on 1 Thessalonians, chapter 1.

**Evangelism Committee** will meet this week on Tuesday, May 6 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

**Lawn Care Help Needed** at the Living Vine, 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 7. Please tell Nelle, [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net). Peter Delves leads this ministry. We thank Don Riddle, Jr., for his many years of leading this ministry.

**Next New Member Course** will be Sundays, May 18, and June 1, at 9:45 a.m. Come to both parts of this two-part series. Nursery provided. Call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.

### Thank You

Thank you to Michael Cooler, M. J. Durkin, Haley Hess, Jordan Hess, Harper Sortor, Olivia Wanager, and Sheila Watts for leading us in Worship this morning!

### Merry Makers May Event

Monday, May 12, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Susan Luke Evans will present "Mother, Mentors, and Miracles," and we will honor all of our parents by sharing pictures of them. Lunch (\$7) will be served. Please call the church office to RSVP.

### Youth Group

Today, May the 4th, we will be at Wesley Gardens Retreat from 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for our last Youth of the school year! Join us for fun on the water and fellowship!



### VBS Registration Closes Today!

Last chance for Wesley members and their extended family members to register for Live It Out Vacation Bible School! Registration closes today, Sunday, May 4. (Registration for Summer Fun Daze will close on Sunday, June 1.) You can register online for either or both activities [www.myvbs.org/WesleyMonumental](http://www.myvbs.org/WesleyMonumental)

### Cookie Call for Massie School May Day

This year's May Day will take place Wednesday, May 14, and we still need 30 dozen cookies. If you would like to provide cookies or help hand out cookies and lemonade to the students, please complete the sign up slip located on the bottom of the bulletin insert.

### Elevator Out of Order Beginning May 20

Renovation on the Education Building/Sanctuary elevator will begin on May 20, and will take eight weeks to complete. During that time, we will move our 8:45 worship service into the Fellowship Hall so those who cannot climb the stairs to the sanctuary will have an in-person worship option for those eight weeks. The 11:00 service will remain in the sanctuary. We will also livestream the 11:00 service into the Fellowship Hall so those for whom the sanctuary will be inaccessible but who may want to come to Sunday school and stay to worship together downstairs. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this much-needed update on the elevator.

### A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (04/27/25)

8:45 AM Worship	122	Nursery	19
11:00 AM Worship	377	Children's Worship	50
Online Worship Views	132	Sunday School	119
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>631</b>		

### Finances (04/27/25):

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$2,190,241.30
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$786,030.62
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date .....	\$744,240.97

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### Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks

**Communion Stewards:** Diane & Byron Boyd, Gilmore MacGregor

**Greeters:** Ethel Burriss, Lori Miller    **Offering Steward:** Jeff Miller

**Ushers:** Melvin Croft, Jimmy Hill

**Partners in Prayer:** Britt Griffin

### 11:00 Service

**Acolytes:** Addison Conger, Hannah Conger

**Children's Worship:** Lizzie & Blake Grimsley, Caroline McDermott

**Sunday School:** Lizzie & Blake Grimsley

**Communion Stewards:** Shayna Stancil-Wier and Allen 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:** Mickey Rountree

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church**  
**May 4, 2025**

**Sermon Extended**

Monday	John 6:38-40	Why did Jesus "come down"? What does it mean for me to "come down"?
Tuesday	John 20:11-17	What is the message of Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension?
Wednesday	Philippians 2:3-11	What does it mean here to imitate Jesus?
Thursday	Mark 8:34-37, 9:33-35	What is the path of discipleship look like for me?
Friday	Philippians 3:4-11	Am I trying to ascend without descending? How?

**Sermon Notes**

**Yes! I am willing to help with Massie May Day.**

I will bake \_\_\_\_\_ dozen and deliver them to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 11.

\_\_\_\_\_ I can help serve cookies and lemonade on Wednesday, May 14 from 10-12.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Cookies must be sugar cookies  
(NO Peanut Butter, Nuts, Almond Extract or decorations of any kind).
- Place cookies in snack-sized zip-lock bags, two cookies per bag.

*Tear off, and place this form in the offering plate or  
return to the Church Office.*

## **This Week at Wesley**

\*\* Visit [wesleymonumental.org/events/](http://wesleymonumental.org/events/)  
to view the calendar online\*\*

### **Sunday, May 4**

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 Youth Choir, WGR  
5:00 PM Meet & Mingles  
5:00 PM Youth Group, WGR

### **Monday, May 5**

9:00 AM Eli's Place  
9:30 AM Eli's Place Chapel, SNC  
1:15 PM EP Teacher Luncheon, FH  
5:30 PM Aging Task Force Mtg

### **Tuesday, May 6**

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, May 7**

9:00 AM Eli's Place  
11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 205  
5:30 PM Dinner, FH  
6:15 PM Music Awards, SNC  
7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal,  
EB 4th Flr

### **Thursday, May 8**

9:00 AM Eli's Place

### **Friday, May 9**

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** **May 7, 2025**

Honey Dijon Pork

## **In Our Prayers....**

Janet Wooley (sister of Julie Hayes), Ryan Davis, Ken Rimes, Mattie Hyder, Nancy Stevens, (mother of Caroline Rhodes), Cooper Brice Cooper (nephew of Joellen Cooper-Pyles), Carolyn Roth, Ava Herndon, Brett Aiken, 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, Joey Herndon, Berta Botkin, Vicki Worden, Barbie Lientz, Dolores Park, Doug Moore, Katie Townsend, Raine Rude, 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, 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, Tim Mooney

### **Military Serving Abroad/Stateside**

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

### ***In Sympathy...***

The Radcliff and Wiggins Families  
on the death of  
*Mabel "Dolly" Taylor,*  
mother of Rhonda Radcliff,  
grandmother of Lindsey Wiggins



# BE A STAKEHOLDER *for*



Charlie Glidewell



Michael Cooler

## Wesley Monumental Youth



Ben Whitaker



Luke Whitaker



Haden Yost

Wesley Monumental is sending a group of youth on a mission trip to Tapachula, Mexico this summer! They will be working with Mission on the Move to help children whose parents are in jail. We will do home maintenance work, encourage the children, and come alongside others as we all grow in faith.

### ***Would you please be a “stakeholder” for our youth?***

Your investment will fuel the transformative experience our youth will participate in this summer. The youth and their parents are investing their time, payment for passports and visas, and covering all of the necessary items for the mission trip.

If investors are willing to contribute enough to cover the \$15,000 of our minimum needs, we can send our high school students on this weeklong mission trip to Tapachula, Mexico. If investors collectively contribute \$20,000, we would be able to cover the cost of all the projects as well as a fun trip for the children we will serve in Mexico.

### ***In short, your investment will change lives forever!***

#### **When you give, you become a participant in our journey!**

The youth who participate will host a luncheon following the trip which will include time for them to share their experiences, things they learned, and ways they grew in faith while on the mission trip.

To give, scan the QR code to visit PushPay or write a check to Wesley Monumental UMC with “Youth Mexico Trip” in the memo line.



# Get to Know Wesley Gardens Retreat

## **What is Wesley Gardens Retreat?**

Wesley Gardens Retreat is Wesley Monumental UMC's retreat center located on Burnside Island. It sits on a forty-acre tract of land facing Moon River. You can learn more about Wesley Gardens and all of the wonderful ways to enjoy it on the Wesley Gardens website at [WesleyGardensRetreat.com](http://WesleyGardensRetreat.com).

## **Is Wesley Gardens handicap accessible?**

Yes! Both the chapel and the main house are equipped with wheelchair accessible ramps. Parking near the main house is also available to those who may need close access.

## **Is there a dress code at Wesley Gardens?**

Please feel free to come as you are. Worship and events at Wesley Gardens are casual.

## **Are children allowed at Wesley Gardens?**

Absolutely! We encourage you to enjoy Wesley Gardens with your children whenever you would like.

## **What activities are available at Wesley Gardens?**

- Deep Water Dock
- Memory Garden
- Outdoor Chapel
- Prayer Labyrinth
- Small Pavilion
- Benches
- Trails
- Playground
- Basketball Court
- Rooms for reservation

## **Can I stay overnight at Wesley Gardens?**

Yes, you may make a reservation to stay at Wesley Gardens in any of the rooms. You may also reserve outdoor spaces such as the pavilion. Wesley Monumental UMC members receive a discounted rate. Please contact Christian Swails at [hello@wesleygardensretreat.com](mailto:hello@wesleygardensretreat.com) for more information.

## **May I visit Wesley Gardens throughout the week?**

Yes! We would love for you to enjoy the grounds. There is a deep-water dock, a prayer labyrinth, a playground, many beautiful trails, and much more at Wesley Gardens. Before you visit, please call 912-777-2863 or email [hello@wesleygardensretreat.com](mailto:hello@wesleygardensretreat.com) to let them know you'll be there.