



Celebrating 157 Years 1868 - 2025

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May 11, 2025

Mother's Day/Infant Recognition Sunday

This morning, as we celebrate Mother's Day, we recognize all of the babies born into our congregation over the last year. We are blessed to have so many young families here and want to thank all of you today who are a part of our ministry to babies and children. Thank you to our staff at Eli's Place, the nursery, and our children's ministry. Thank you to our volunteers who serve children in the nursery, children's worship, Sunday school, choir programs, and children's ministries. Thank you to our parents who entrust your children to us. We pray that together, we are raising children to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Wiley Carter Allsbrooks
Caroline Lake Bentley
Porter Rush Burnside
Gabrielle Grace Clarke
Evelyn Wynn Cobb
Ava Raye Ehrhardt
Phoebe Anne Hall
Shepherd Colsen Mays Henry
Charles Homer Jones
Lucy Boyd Kuykendall
Robert Vincent Martin, V
Selene Clarissa Marie Monley
Liam Michael Miller
Andie Faye Reinke
Raymond Scott Rogers, Jr.
Alice Vandivere Ruffo
Cohen Kennedy Scally
Elliott John Watkins
Elsie Hartman Wheat
Miles Bennett Yarbrough, Jr.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025

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

Fourth 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.*

Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Hollis Burnside

Lighting of the Candles

Opening Voluntary (8:45)

J. S. Bach

Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 557

Opening Anthem (11:00)

Jesus Hands Were Kind Hands
Laurel Gattis
Eva Parks

Introit (11:00)

What Wondrous Love Is This
Charlotte Lee
Heather Haubein
Towns Davidson
Jude Durkin

* **Hymn No. 310** He Lives ACKLEY

* **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** GREATOREX

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.

Infant Recognition

Charli Weeks

Children's Sermon

Ben Martin

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

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

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. 147 All Things Bright and Beautiful
(8:45) Congregation sings Stanzas One, Two, and Four
(11:00) Stanza One: Hollis Burnside
Stanza Two: James McDermott and Pitchford Powers
Stanza Four: Wesley Scoggins
Congregation sings refrain

Offertory Prayer

Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Voluntary (8:45)

arr. Joel Raney

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Offertory Anthem (11:00)

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, Thine Be the Glory, and Hymn of Promise

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, OT pgs. 578, 2) Psalm 139:13-16, Genesis 2:7

Sermon

"Of God and Mom: Original Goodness"

Ben Martin

- * **Hymn** No. 380 There's Within My Heart a Melody SWEETEST NAME

Benediction

Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00)

My Jesus, I Love Thee
Steele Anne Joyner
Swayze Powers

Closing Anthem (11:00)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Anna Wren Daniel
Teagan Pennington
Brantley Parker

- * *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 Laura Farless MacGregor and in loving memory of Beverly MacGregor.

Usher Roses

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

Massie May Day—Thank You!

Thanks to those of you who signed up to provide 120 dozen cookies. Please bring them to the church office by Tuesday, May 13, by 5:00 p.m.

Messenger Deadline

The deadline to submit announcements for the June Messenger is tomorrow, Monday, May 12. Email to jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.

Dick Wallace Memorial Service

Friday, May 16, 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by a reception in the Oliver Hall Parlor.

Administrative Board Meeting - Monday, May 19

The next Administrative Board Meeting will take place next Monday, May 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom.

Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

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

Next New Member Course

The 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.

—————→ **Elevator Out of Order Beginning Tuesday, 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.

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: Anne Thompson

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Sarah Cate Green, Cole Green

Children's Worship: Christa Kerby

Sunday School: Christa Kerby

Greeters: Youth Group

Offering Steward: Jason Pedigo

Ushers: Jason Pedigo, Wesley Olliff, Jeff O'Connor, Aaron Pederson, Bart Rhodes, Scott Rogers, Jacob Sigmon, Travis Thomas

Partners in Prayer: Gaye Holt

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Camille O'Neill

Today we sing Camille O'Neill's favorite hymn, "There's Within My Heart a Melody" to the Glory of God from Kathy Levitt in honor of Camille O'Neill's 93rd birthday. Congratulations to Camille who received the Senior Citizens Legend and Life-Well-Lived Award on May 8.

Children's Choirs

Congratulations to 69 1st – 5th graders who completed choir through the end of the term and received awards Wednesday at the Music Awards Ceremony. Sixty-three Joyful Noise children completed choir through the end of the term and received awards. Twenty-seven 1st – 5th graders had perfect attendance from September through May.

Thank you to the 1st – 5th grader choristers for leading us in worship today. Thank you to their parents for faithfully bringing them every week. Thank you to their faithful teachers: Diane Boyd, Lee Green, Ash Grimmett, Kim Grimmett, Anne Hawks, Jo Anna Hayes, Ori Hayes, Raymond Patricio, Ken Rimes, Carolyn Roth, Diane Wesley, Ben Whitaker, Luke Whitaker, and Julia Flowers. Thanks to Nick Hitt for all his help with microphones for the children throughout the year.

Music Lunch and Learn: Learn the Basics of Music-Reading

The class will be offered on Sundays, June 8, and Sunday, June 22 for ages fifth grade through adult. 12:00 p.m. lunch, 12:30–1:30 p.m. class. RSVP for either date: monica@wesleymonumental.org

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 "Friendship in the Bible," "Paul and Ananias, Silas, and Barnabas," Acts 4:36; 9:1-31; 11:22-26; 12:25; 13:1-52; 15:36-41; 18:1-11; Galatians 2:1-10; 2:13; Colossians 4:10; 2 Timothy 4:11; Romans 12:9-21. (New study topic this summer. Details below!)
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying "All about Paul," 1 Thessalonians, chapter 1.

New Study this Summer in the Young Mothers' Bible Study!

"Hot Summer, Hot Mamas: Anger in the Bible," Tuesdays, starting June 10 from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.. All are welcome! To sign up, email Nelle at tbordeaux@prodigy.net. Nursery and children's care provided.

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Senior Adults and Pastoral Care

Merry Makers May Event—Tomorrow!

Merry Makers will meet tomorrow, Monday, May 12, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The program is in two parts. Susan Luke Evans will present a short program called "Mothers, Mentors and Miracles." We will also honor our parents by sharing pictures of them. Please bring a picture of your parents if you have one and be ready to share it and tell us about them. Lunch will follow. Cost is \$7.00. Please let Carolyn know today if you plan to attend.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry



Summer Fun Daze - Registration Closes June 1!

Last chance for Wesley members and their extended family members to register for Summer Fun Daze! Registration closes on Sunday, June 1. You can register for Summer Fun Daze online at www.myvbs.org/WesleyMonumental

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



No youth for the next three weeks. Youth will return on June 1st! We will be going to the Gardens for fun on the boat and dock! Be sure to sign up so you can get a ride on the van from the church. If you have any questions reach out to Maggie or check the BAND.

High School Graduate Recognition & Sunday Brunch



Next Sunday, May 18, join us for brunch during the Sunday School hour (9:45 a.m.) in the Oliver Hall Parlor! We will have breakfast snacks, and a place to mingle and see how our seniors have grown! We will also have a slideshow of photos from your time at Wesley Monumental. Then, during the 11:00 Service, there will be a moment of recognition for all high school seniors. Please scan the QR code and fill out the form so we will know if you and your high school senior will be attending!

College Graduate Recognition - Sunday, May 18

Next Sunday, May 18, we will also recognize our college graduates with their name in the bulletin. If your student is graduating this spring, please send their name and school they are graduating from to Jennifer Brookins, jennifer@wesleymonumental.org by May 12.

Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager
Fourth Friday Retreat - May 23

♦ **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 Chapel and provide an optional framework (via the Daily Office and 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. in the gazebo, 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 anyone wanting to explore their creativity. 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.

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (05/04/25)

8:45 AM Worship	97	Nursery	XX
11:00 AM Worship	317	Children's Worship	XXX
Online Worship Views	144	Sunday School	90
Total Worship	558		

Finances (05/04/25):

Total Budget for the Year \$2,190,241.30
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date \$834,363.86
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....\$798,943.72

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Ben Martin	Senior Pastor	Jennifer Doki	Administrative
Rev. Dr. Nelle Bordeaux	Outreach &		Assistant, Reception
	New Members	Jennifer Brookins	Administrative Assistant to
Rev. Carolyn Hale Cubbedge	Senior Adults &		Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
	Pastoral Care	Ashley Mays Henry	Communications Director
Dr. Monica Dekle	Director of Music & Organist	Suzanna King	Director of Hospitality
Ericka Stack	Music Associate	David Lindquist.....	Maintenance Tech
Julia Flowers	Music Assistant	Betty Dudley	Housekeeper
Charli Weeks	Director of Children's Ministry	Micah Sprünger.....	Wesley Gardens
Maggie Hatchett ...	Director of Student Ministries		Property Manager
Jimmy Flowers	Church Administrator	Christian Swails	Wesley Gardens
Tom Anderson.....	Financial Manager		Spiritual Direction/Reservations

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Sermon Extended

Monday	Psalm 139:13-14	What does this verse mean to me?
Tuesday	Genesis 1:27	What does the image of God look like in us?
Wednesday	Genesis 2:7 (King James Version)	What is my soul and how does it connect us to God?
Thursday	Psalm 139:15-16	What is my divinely designed purpose?
Friday	Isaiah 29:11-13	What is God's "plan" for my life?

Sermon Notes

This Week at Wesley

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

Sunday, May 11

Mother's Day

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee & Refreshments, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, FH/EB/OH
- 10:30 AM Infant Recognition Brunch
OH Parlor
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC

Monday, May 12

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:30 AM Eli's Place Chapel, SNC
- 11:30 AM Merry Makers, FH
- 5:30 PM Board of Trustees Mtg

Tuesday, May 13

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 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 WG Task Force, OH
- 6:00 PM Adult Handbells, SNC
- 6:00 PM Mission Committee Mtg, OH 205

Wednesday, May 14

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 10:00 AM Massie May Day, Taylor Square
- 5:30 PM Choir Teacher Appreciation
Dinner, OH Parlor
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal,
EB 4th Flr

Thursday, May 15

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

Friday, May 16

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 11:00 AM Eli's Place Graduation, SNC
- 2:00 PM Dick Wallace Memorial, SNC
- 5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal, SNC

Saturday, May 17

- 6:00 PM Wedding, 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

and programs will resume this fall.

Sunday Night Supper and Worship
at Wesley Gardens Retreat begins
Sunday, June 8. Details will be
available in the June Messenger
and upcoming bulletins.

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, 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

Rob Harless, 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
Dolly Caylor,
mother of Rhonda Radcliff,
grandmother of Lindsey Wiggins