



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

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May 18, 2025

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION**

Over these last few weeks in the life of our church, we have celebrated several of life's milestones or rites of passage. We recognized all the infants born in our church, celebrated baptism, had a service of confirmation for some of our youth, welcomed new families into our church, said goodbye with blessings to some of our members who are moving, celebrated weddings, and grieved with families who suffered loss. Today, we recognize our graduates who are taking one of the biggest steps in life. We mark these steps of life's journey with times of worship as a constant reminder that God is with us all along our journey. The incarnation reminds us that God is with us, and the resurrection tells us that God goes ahead of us and will meet us when we get where we are going. As we journey through life, we walk in faith and not always by sight. It is so often the case that God doesn't show us the outcome, He simply shows us the way and says follow me. Today, we give thanks to the families, teachers, friends, and church that have been God's instruments of grace in the lives of these graduates, and we commit ourselves to hold them in our prayers as they follow where God leads next.

**High School Graduates**

Ella Boothe, Effingham County High School  
Mary Margaret Carroll, Savannah Country Day School  
Louisa Coley, Savannah Country Day School  
Hannah Green, Saint Vincent's Academy  
Julia Grabowski, Savannah Arts Academy  
Emily Hart, Islands High School  
Evan Hart, Islands High School  
Annalee Huff, Savannah Arts Academy  
Feriby McCorkle, Savannah Country Day School  
Byron Pederson, Benedictine Military School  
Laney Reese, Richmond Hill High School  
James Rhodes, Savannah Country Day School  
Peter Thompson, Savannah Country Day School  
Mary Mobley Varnedoe, Savannah Country Day School

**College & Graduate School Graduates**

James "Tripp" Flowers III - College of Charleston

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ben".

## MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

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

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Shirley Roberts, organist

### 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)

James McDermott

### Lighting of the Candles

### Opening Voluntary (8:45)

Leon Boëlmann

Prayer (from Suite Gothique)

### Opening Anthem (11:00)

arr. John Rutter

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Ori Hayes, soprano

Emily Davis, mezzo-soprano

Jo Anna Hayes, tenor

Ash Grimmett, bass

Joel Hayes, bass

\* **Hymn** No. 261      Lord of the Dance      LORD OF THE DANCE

\* **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

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.

### Children's Sermon

Nelle Bordeaux

*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.*

**Baptismal Covenant (11:00)**

Finley Martha Foukal  
daughter of Molly and Nick Foukal

*Congregational Response:*

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Finley 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.

**Service of Confirmation (11:00)**

Ben Martin

Abigail Grace Fleiner

**Graduate Recognition (11:00)**

Maggie Hatchett

**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. 383**      This Is a Day of New Beginnings      BEGINNINGS  
   Stanzas 1-4

**Offertory Prayer**

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

**Offertory Anthem (8:45)**

arr. John Rutter

All Things Bright and Beautiful  
Ori Hayes, soprano  
Emily Davis, mezzo-soprano  
Jo Anna Hayes, tenor  
Ash Grimmett, bass  
Joel Hayes, bass

**Offertory Voluntary (11:00)**

arr. Cathy Moklebus

Oh, Happy Morning  
Adult Handbell 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!

- \* **Scripture** (Pew Bible, OT pg. 706, NT pg. 62)    Jeremiah 6:16, Luke 5:1-11

**Sermon**

"Graduation Sunday 2025: Follow Me"

Ben Martin

- \* **Hymn No. 128**    He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought    HE LEADETH ME

**Benediction**

Ben Martin

**Closing Voluntary (8:45)**

Tuba Tune

C. S. Lang

**Closing Voluntary (11:00)**

arr. Shawn Gringich

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna  
Adult Handbell Choir

\* *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 Alexandra Holt and Hamilton Pirkle who were married in the sanctuary on May 17, 2025.

### **Messenger Brigade**

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, May 22 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205.

### **Administrative Board Meeting - Tomorrow, Monday, May 19**

The next Administrative Board Meeting will take place tomorrow, 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 is canned meat, such as Vienna sausages. 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.

### **Additional Greeters Needed**

At the request of the Task Force on Aging, we are adding additional greeters to serve at the doors on Wayne Street and Gordon Street. They are especially needed to aid those who need assistance in entering our building. To cover both services for a year, we need 48 new volunteers. Greeters would serve for 40 minutes—from thirty minutes before the service until ten minutes after the service begins. If you are willing to serve at either service, please contact Carolyn Cubbedge at 912-308-3385.

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

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks

**Greeters:** Lori Miller, Sharlene Monahan

**Offering Steward:** Jeff Miller

**Ushers:** David Gaskin, Pat Monahan

**Partners in Prayer:** Henry Whitfield

### **11:00 Service**

**Acolytes:** William Blake, Catherine Cheshire

**Children's Worship:** Volunteers Needed

**Sunday School:** Volunteers Needed

**Greeters:** Mehmet & Kim Ergul

**Offering Steward:** Jason Pedigo

**Ushers:** Jason Pedigo, Vin Thomas, Christian Valdez,

Mark Wilcox, Drew Wilkes, Glen Willard, Allen Williams, Brad Aiken

**Ericka Stack, Children's & Music Assistant**

**Thank You!**

Thank you to all of our lovely handbell players, Diane Boyd, Ash and Kim Grimmert, Nancy Malone, Martha Matthews, Carolyn Roth, Honey Ryan, and Deanna Sorrells, for their dedication and musicality this morning in leading worship. You all are fabulous!

**Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist**

**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](mailto: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 Timothy," 1 Corinthians 4:17; 16:10-11; 1 Timothy 1:18-20; 4:11-16; 5:23-25; 2 Timothy 1:3-7." (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 2.

**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](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net). Nursery and children's care provided.

**Youth Local Mission Week Needs Adult Helpers July 21-25**

Serve alongside our wonderful youth! Choose all or part of any day that suits your schedule. Projects include yard work, sacking groceries, playing with children, construction, organizing uniforms, and more. Please tell Nelle, [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net).

**Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Senior Adults and Pastoral Care**

**Merry Makers**

Join the Merry Makers for the breakfast buffet at Western Sizzlin on Monday, June 9 at 10:00 am. The restaurant is located at 230 US 80 in Pooler. Please call the church office to make your reservation. Questions? Call Carolyn Cubbedge at 912-308-3385.

**Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry**

**VBS Volunteers Needed!**

It takes a village to shepherd all our children through the learning centers and activities that are planned for VBS. From making and serving snacks, helping with nametags, shepherding children from one activity to the next, there are tasks for everyone. Come for a couple of days or for the week. You can sign up to help at [wesleymonumental.org/vbs-volunteers](http://wesleymonumental.org/vbs-volunteers) or by emailing [charli@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:charli@wesleymonumental.org).

**—————→ 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.

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

### **Youth Group**



No youth for the next two 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. (We need 1-2 more boats to help pull some kids on tubes! Let Maggie know if you can help.)

### **Youth Local Mission Week**

This year, we are continuing the tradition of a Local Mission week but with a twist! Youth from 6th-12th grade are invited to join us in serving our community the week of July 21-25. This year, we will be serving from



9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and then returning to Wesley Gardens every afternoon for fellowship and a time of worship. Stay the night at the Gardens, then get up and do it again in the morning. We will have a week of service and community! (Youth, sign up with the QR Code to the left.)

We would love to have you help feed the youth during this week! We will need dinner and lunch supplies. Please sign up using the QR code to the right or contact Maggie, [maggie@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:maggie@wesleymonumental.org).



## **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: (05/11/25)

8:45 AM Worship	90	Nursery	35
11:00 AM Worship	602	Children's Worship	92
Online Worship Views	197	Sunday School	171
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>889</b>		

### **Finances (05/11/25):**

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$2,190,241.30
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$879,080.81
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$828,323.70

### **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**  
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**Sermon Extended**

Monday	Jeremiah 6:16	Where do I feel like I am at a cross roads on my life's journey right now?
Tuesday	Hebrews 12:1-2	What does it mean to call Jesus a "pioneer"?
Wednesday	Luke 5:1-11	Is there anything I feel like God is asking me to do that doesn't make sense?
Thursday	Luke 5:1-11	What do I need to leave behind in order to follow Jesus?
Friday	Jeremiah 6:16	What is the "ancient path" I am invited to walk in that can bring "rest for my soul"?

**Sermon Notes**

## **This Week at Wesley**

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

### **Sunday, May 18**

Graduate Recognition Sunday  
8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC  
9:30 AM Coffee & Refreshments, FH  
9:45 AM Sunday School, FH/EB/OH  
9:45 AM High School Senior Brunch  
9:45 AM New Member Class, OH Lobby  
11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC

### **Monday, May 19**

11:30 AM Merry Makers, FH  
2:00 PM Courtney Gaines Cir, FH  
5:30 PM Admin Board Mtg, FH

### **Tuesday, May 20**

Elevator Repair Begins  
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, WG  
6:00 PM Pacesetters, OH Parlor

### **Wednesday, May 21**

11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 205

### **Thursday, May 22**

10:00 AM Messenger Brigade, OH 205  
12:00 PM Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom

### **Friday, May 23**

No scheduled activities

OH = Oliver Hall	EB = Education Building
SNC = Sanctuary	FH = Fellowship Hall
WGR = Wesley Gardens Retreat	

### **Pastor on Call This Week**

Ben Martin.....912-547-1835

#### **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....**

Clint Mesa (great nephew of  
Deanne and Ken Rimes), Janet  
Woolley (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