



Celebrating 157 Years 1868 - 2025

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Aldersgate Day

"In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death." - John Wesley

On May 24, 1738, John Wesley experienced a work of God in his heart that came to be known as his "heartwarming experience." It was a life-changing moment for Wesley, who was struggling with his sense of calling and worth to God. Most historians see it as the motivating moment that would launch the Methodist movement. What Wesley experienced has often been described as one of assurance, but in essence, what Wesley experienced was grace. Grace is the unconditional love of God in Christ. We are loved not because of what we do or don't do, but because of who we are as children of God and who God is as a loving, graceful Father. Grace became the hallmark of the Methodist movement and the foundation for Methodist theology.

Wesley began to teach salvation as a process of growing in grace. It begins with what he called "prevenient grace." It means God loves us before we ever know it. It is at the heart of why we baptize infants and practice an open table at communion. Prevenient grace opened the door for the experience of "justifying grace." It is the moment when the unconditional love of God for us brings us to repentance and a commitment to a relationship with God through Christ. We are then moving into the experience of "sanctifying grace," where the unconditional love of God begins to shape our hearts like His, and we grow more and more like Jesus as grace-filled people. The end of sanctifying grace is what Wesley called "perfecting grace." It is the potential to have our hearts so filled with the love of Christ that everything we do is motivated by love. Finally, Wesley said in death we would experience "glorifying grace" through which we are fully restored in the image of God in which we were made.

On this "Methodist Heritage Day" (the Sunday closest to May 24), we celebrate grace as the hallmark of the Methodist movement. Grace is still what we hope will characterize our church. A place where people can experience the love of God through Christ embodied in the grace of his people. We open our doors, hearts, and minds to welcome all who are seeking to know and love God and neighbor. We embody grace, and grace transforms lives.

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

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025
8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
Sixth 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.*

Lighting of the Candles

Opening Voluntary Sound the Trumpet in Zion Stephen Smith

Introit (11:00) Sanctus Lindsay Norden

* **Hymn No. 189** Fairest Lord Jesus ST. ELIZABETH

* **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed Ben Martin

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

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

Ben Martin

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. 357** Just as I Am, Without One Plea WOODWORTH

Offertory Prayer Ben Martin

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) arr. Marilyn Ham
Battle Hymn of the Republic

Offertory Anthem (11:00) arr. Peter Wilhousky
Battle Hymn of the Republic

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. 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 pgs. 554, 735)
Psalm 103:8-14, Jeremiah 31:31-34

Sermon "What If I'm Already Forgiven?" Ben Martin

* **Hymn No. 365** Grace Greater than Our Sin MOODY

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) I Vow to Thee My Country THAXTED

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;
The love that asks no questions, the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.

Closing Voluntary Fanfare Jacques Lemmens

* *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 Dick Wallace on our 53rd Anniversary.

Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

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

Massie May Day

Many thanks to all who provided cookies for Massie May Day and to those who helped serve. Together you provided 123 dozen cookies! The recipients were most appreciative.

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.

June's Communion Offering

Next week's Communion Offering will benefit the Living Vine Christian Maternity Home, which serves expectant mothers as well as mothers and babies up to age 3. Judi Painter is our liaison, and Peter Delvers leads the yard crew to maintain the grounds.

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.

Tapachula Mission Trip Book Drive

Wesley Monumental will be sending a team of 5 adults and 5 youth to Tapachula, Mexico in July. Mission on the Move has requested that our team bring books to expand the library they have for their students. Books for all age groups are needed, with a specific need for books of 2nd-12th grade reading levels. All books must be entirely in Spanish or bilingual.

The youth have started a wish list on Amazon of books we would like to take to Tapachula. Any books purchased from the wish list will be shipped to the church and packed by our team members for the trip. For the wish list, please scan the QR code above or visit the link below:
<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/AND7V2EYWKP6>

If purchasing books from another source, the children's home has asked that we do NOT bring fantasy books or books in which characters have experienced abuse or imprisonment. If you have questions regarding appropriate topics, please contact Sheila Watts. Any books purchased should be dropped off at the church office no later than July 2, 2025. Thank you for your support!

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Linda Butler, Jeralyn Wilson

Offering Steward: David Butler

Ushers: Paul Cleveland, Richard Wilson

Partners in Prayer: Dorie Gaskin

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Addison Conger, Hannah Conger

Children's Worship: Amanda Prather

Sunday School: Volunteers Needed

Greeters: Barbara & Johnny Phelps

Offering Steward: Jim Willis

Ushers: Jim Willis, Jesse Bentley, David Blake, Jon Boothe, Tom Bordeaux, Fred Bozeman, Chandler Brannen, Doug Carroll, Jake Coakley

Partners in Prayer: Grace & Art Greene

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

Travel to Spain and Portugal with Monica and Choir in 2027

You are invited to join Monica and the Chancel Choir on an unforgettable tour of Spain and Portugal! From June 30–July 9, 2027, we will experience the beauty and adventure of these two countries. The Wesley Monumental Choir will sing in three magnificent churches along the way. Together, we'll tour the Museo del Prado in Madrid, see a spectacular Flamenco Dance Show in Seville, and take guided tours; you'll also have free time to explore on your own. All ages are welcome, though individuals under 18 years old at the time of travel must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For more details, including itinerary, registration, and payment schedule, please email Monica at monica@wesleymonumental.org.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members**Bible Studies**

- No Tuesday Bible study this week on May 27 (Nelle out of town) or next week, June 3 (Nelle teaching at VBS). New topic starts June 10. 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, this week, May 29.

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.

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.

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 or by emailing charli@wesleymonumental.org.

————→ Elevator Out of Order Beginning Tuesday, May 20 ←————

Renovation on the Education Building/Sanctuary elevator began 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 this Sunday, May 25. 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.



Micah Sprünger, Wesley Gardens Property Manager

Fourth Friday Retreat - June 27

♦ **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.**

Cancelled. Will resume in July.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (05/18/25)

8:45 AM Worship	115	Nursery	12
11:00 AM Worship	312	Children's Worship	42
Online Worship Views	143	Sunday School	137
Total Worship	570		

Finances (05/18/25):

Total Budget for the Year.....	\$2,190,241.30
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date.....	\$925,454.37
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$865,008.38

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
Tom Anderson.....Financial Manager	Spiritual Direction/Reservations

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church
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Sermon Extended

Monday	Psalm 103:8-14	What does the Psalmist tell us about God? What does it tell me about me?
Tuesday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	What does it mean "God remembers our sin no more"?
Wednesday	Psalm 51	Does guilt or shame effect my life? If so, how?
Thursday	Romans 3:23, 6:23, 8:1-2	What does Paul tell me about my sin?
Friday	I Timothy 1:12-16, I John 1:8-10	How do I know I am forgiven?

Sermon Notes

This Week at Wesley

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

Sunday, May 25

8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
9:30 AM Coffee & Refreshments, FH
9:45 AM Sunday School, FH/EB/OH
10:00 AM VBS Training, OH Parlor
11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC

Monday, May 26

Memorial Day
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 27

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study,
Sunnyside Up
11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 205

Wednesday, May 28

10:30 AM Jane Shirah Circle, OH Parlor
11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 205
5:30 PM VBS Training, OH Parlor
6:00 PM Security Task Force, OH 205
7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
OH 4th Flr

Thursday, May 29

12:00 PM Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom
5:30 PM VBS Training, OH Parlor

Friday, May 30

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....

Jane Sparks, 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

In Sympathy....

The Gelaude Family
on the death of *Jim Gelaude*,
brother of David

The Scholar & Ferguson Families
on the death of *Peggy Scholar*,
sister of Linda Ferguson

The Wylie Family
on the death of *Rob Wylie*,
father of Meaghan Wylie