



**The Episcopal Church of the Advent**  
**March 3, 2026 Newsletter**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**



Today is the feast day of John Wesley (1703-1791), the founder of the Methodist movement. Oglethorpe brought him to Georgia, where he became the Anglican pastor of Christ Church in Savannah. After a stay of only two years, however, he followed his brother Charles back to England, his failure attributed to having expected too much in the way of active worship from his congregation and to having led on at least one young woman. Wesley led a revival in the 18th century. His "methodical" approach to spiritual disciplines and holy living led to the nickname "Methodists," which was later adopted for the movement. Beyond the United Methodist Church, Wesley's influence extends to over 20 denominations, including the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, the Wesleyan Church, and the Salvation Army.

**Wednesday evenings at Advent in Lent – Second program March 11**

Lenten Wednesday Nights - Light Supper & Program: On **March 11, 18 and 25**, we will gather in the Parish House from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm for light supper of soup and bread, fellowship, and conversation centered around the Lenten devotional: **Bless the Lent We Actually Have** - by Kate Bowler, Jessica Richie, Brenda Thompspon and Harriet Putman. "My hope and prayer is that ... our actual days - pain-filled, lovely, ordinary - might be blessed. So let's stop waiting for the perfect life. This is the one we have. Let's bless it all" - Kate Bowler.

**\*\* [Link to the devotional](#) \*\***

**\*\* [RSVP to supper February 25, March 11, 18, 25](#) \*\***

**\*\* [Volunteer for making soup](#) \*\***

**First Wednesday volunteers**

Hey church family! A “First Wednesday” drop-in is a casual gathering where participants bring a snack, dessert, or beverage to share and where guests are welcome. Want to host a First Wednesday? It’s really easy!

Here’s how it works:

Choose a month – It’s always the first Wednesday of the month. Easy to remember! (**March is available!**)

Choose a time – usually two hours in the evening, but it’s flexible!

Open your home – Just welcome everyone in for a great time together. Don’t feel like having it at home?

Use the Parish House!

Let the guests bring the food – Everyone will pitch in with food and drinks so you don’t have to do much.

Let the church know that you are hosting on a certain date, time, and location. Call, email, or send a message through the website.

When we get the notice then you’ll see it appear in the newsletter.

Enjoy the fellowship – It’s all about connecting, sharing, and growing in community with each other.

Hosting is simple, and it’s a great way to bring everyone together.

**Rota for the Third Sunday in Lent**

**March 1, 2026**

LEM: 8:00 A.M. Booker—10:30 A.M. Booker

1st Reading: D Dartnell

2nd Reading: M Dartnell

Altar Guild: Abbott- Strickland-Yost

Flower Guild: Branch

Organ Tech: Simpson

Vestry of the Day: D Dartnell

**Readings for the Third Sunday in Lent**

**March 1, 2026**

**[Link to Readings](#)**

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 95

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11

The Gospel: John 4:5-42

**Parish Prayer List**

Flossie Dodge, Kate Jackson, Kathy Lehman, Brian Lehman, Jennie Newton, Annette Piazza, Lynne Roach, Dick Schmidt, Kathie Schmidt, Betty Thomas, Lynn Cupples, Bob Cupples, Mary Ann Edelman, Anita Hunt, Beth Tamplin Jones, Fr. Dann Brown, Jay Whitcomb, Jack Ward, Gloria Ward, Jack Leo, Eric Wiemann, Susan Crosher, Jennifer Mize, Gloria Leo, Etwanda "Tink" Wade, Robert Boswell, Liz Cunningham, Helga H. Stefnisdóttir, David Medlock, Marcy Lay, Laura, Caroline, Kim Jackson, Monterey Powers, Ed Hogan, June Harrell, Wayne Tankersley

**February Birthdays:** **12** Dick Schmidt; **18** David Buck, Alicia Ramfos; **20** Mary Mack Hall; **22** Norinne Hurst; **23** Christine McCauley Watts; **30** David Dodge

**Recurring weekly calendar**

- Rite I Eucharist: Sunday, 8:00 AM
- Sunday school (adult): Sunday, 9:15 AM
- Rite II Eucharist: Sunday, 10:30 AM

- Morning Prayer service: Wednesday, 9:00 AM
- Off the Rails AA group: M, Tu, Th @ noon
- Madison AA group: Th, F, Su @ 7:00 PM

**Volunteer for service:** To learn about and volunteer to be a lay reader, organ tech, lay eucharistic minister, or to be a member of the flower and/or altar guild, [click this link!](#)

**Pastoral Care Requests:** email [pastoral-care@adventmadisonga.com](mailto:pastoral-care@adventmadisonga.com) for:

- Additions to the Prayer List
- Inquiries about weddings, baptisms, or funerals
- Use of the Memorial Garden
- Requesting Eucharistic visits
- Short-term meals following surgery or during illness

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