WESLEY MONUMENTAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebrating 150 Years 1868 - 2018

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August 19, 2018

NEXT WEEK, BACK TO NORMAL?

This morning's sermon is about hope. It seems an appropriate topic in that we are hopeful we will move back into our sanctuary next Sunday. We have been blessed to worship here at Mickve Israel, and we are grateful to our neighbors for their hospitality to us. I also "hope" that the messages about God's covenants and our connection to our Jewish faith heritage have been meaningful.

With school back in for all of our children, **tonight will be our last Sunday evening worship and dinner at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center for this summer**. We are grateful for Suzanna and all the Sunday school classes who have prepared food for the meals. Tonight the choir will be sharing some special music for us in worship. We hope you will join us for our last evening.

Next Sunday will be a special day for us with **SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION** for our children who are moving up to new grade level classes. We will have breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m. We will also conclude another **NEW MEMBERS CLASS, 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Library (2nd floor, Room 205)**. If you are new to Wesley and would like to know more about our church and what it means to make a commitment to the church, please plan to join us.

As we bring our Sunday evening service to a close, we are looking toward our school year mid-week schedule. Beginning September 5, we will begin our **WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER, CHOIRS, AND BIBLE STUDIES**. This year, in addition to our children's choirs, we are planning to offer multiple options for adults after dinner. We will continue to have a **Bible study and other various programs in the Fellowship Hall**. In addition we will be teaching a **"CHRISTIANITY 101" CLASS** for those who might be new to faith, the church, or maybe just want a refresher on the basics of Christianity and the Biblical story. It will last for ten weeks. Finally, we want to offer another **Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University Class and/or the follow up course entitled, "Legacy."** If you are interested in either of the Dave Ramsey Courses or Christianity 101, please email daphne@wesleymonumental.org to sign up. We will need to have an accurate count for the Dave Ramsey course for materials to be ordered. There will also be a **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE ON SEPTEMBER 12**. Sign up information may be found inside the bulletin.

We hope as you get "back to normal" after the summer, that you will make Sunday worship and Wednesday mid-week events a regular part of your family's schedule.

150th Anniversary Historical Fact: One of the stained glass windows has an error: the name was placed in upside down. When the windows were reglazed and new frames made, the name was replaced exactly as it had been when originally made. Also one name has been replaced because a frozen water ball was thrown into the sanctuary in the late 1990's.

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018 — 8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering and Announcements Ben Martin

Welcome to worship this morning. Thank you for joining us. If needed, the nursery for infants to 3 years old is located across Drayton Street on the first floor of the Education Building. Large print bulletins are available and an usher will be happy to help you with them. Please fill out the attendance registration pad found in the pew, and 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.

Opening Voluntary Just a Closer Walk arr. Harold DeCou

* **Hymn** Insert My Hope Is Built THE SOLID ROCK

* **Affirmation of Faith** No. 881 The Apostles' Creed
James P. Owens

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** No. 71 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.

Morning Prayer Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

The Lord's Prayer Sung by William Desbiens, baritone
(Savannah Voice Festival guest)

Children's Sermon Charli Weeks

8:45 Children ages 3 - 2nd Grade will leave through the door on the right and with the assistance of our police officers and volunteers, will cross Drayton Street and go to Children's Worship in Room 103 in the Education Building.

11:00 Children ages 3 - 4th Grade will leave through the door on the right and with the assistance of our police officers and volunteers, will cross Drayton Street. Children ages 3 - PreK will attend Preschool Children's Worship in Room 205 in the Education Building and children grades K – 4th will attend Elementary Children's Worship in Room 303.

* **Hymn** Insert Sweet Hour of Prayer William Bradbury

* **Offertory Prayer** Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) The Lilly of the Valley
arr. Harold DeCou

Offertory Anthem (11:00) arr. Robert Sterling
It Is Well With My Soul
Men's Choir

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
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.

* **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** Isaiah 11:1-9, 65:17-25, Hebrews 6:19

Sermon "The Gift of Hope" Ben Martin

* **Hymn** Insert Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

* **Benediction** Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00)
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in ev'ry endeavor.
Lift your eyes and see His face and His grace forever.
May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Closing Voluntary Toccata on Amazing Grace
Grimoalda Macchia

* *Please stand as you are able.*
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Thank You
Thank you to all 42 Wesley volunteers who helped with Family Promise, the ministry to situationally homeless families, last week, including 11 new overnight volunteers. We served 5 adults and 9 homeless children in Oliver Hall. Thank Heaven, two of these families now have stable housing. Please pray for a green card for a young mother, Maria, from Uganda, who needs a green card to find work to support her four-year-old son. Questions? Please speak with Nelle.

Messenger Brigade
The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, August 23 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205.

New Member Class
Starts today, 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall, (second-floor, Room 205), nursery provided. The class will join next Sunday, August 26.

Administrative Board Meeting—Date Change
The next Administrative Board Meeting will be held this Tuesday, August 21 (instead of Monday, August 27) at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Feeding the Homeless
Help Wanted – We need your help in feeding the homeless. This Saturday, August 25, there is a mission to feed the homeless on Rothwell Street. Please visit perfectpotluck.com and sign in with Wesley Monumental (as the Coordinator Last Name) and password 7385 to sign up for breakfast. Jerry Benson will meet anyone on the Gordon Street side of the church at 7:45 a.m. to pack the foods or meet at Rothwell Street at 8:00 a.m. White and/or black socks are also needed.

Mission Conversation
Next Sunday, August 26 from 12:15 p.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Don't miss how Brittany Curry, one of Georgia's 40 Under 40, will draw an artistic rendering of the meeting ideas for missions while the meeting takes place! All are welcome. Please give Nelle or Missions Chairman, Scott Cleaveland, your ideas!

Blood Drive
Wesley Monumental will host a blood drive on Wednesday, September 12 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Oliver Hall. Visit redcrossblood.org to make your appointment online using sponsor code: WMUMC.

Christmas Planning
Christmas at Wesley will include a large decorated Christmas tree in the parlor of Oliver Hall. We are seeking donations of ornaments with a Christian theme. We are looking for angels, doves, crosses, nativity scenes, candles, or stars. If you have any of these you would like to donate, please let Carolyn Hale Cubbedge know. They are needed by November 4.

Trip to Ark Encounter, Greenbrier Resort and Biltmore Estates
The Ivy Class is taking a Kelly Tour to the Ark Encounter, Greenbrier Resort and Biltmore Estates from November 12-15, 2018. Spaces are still available. For more information please call Martha Mathews, 912-441-6612.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service:
Partners in Prayer: Britt Griffin **Offering Steward:** Britt Griffin
Ushers: Josh Hayes, Henry Whitfield
Greeters: Susan Griffin, Marion Thomas
Children's Church: Kim Watson

11:00 Service:
Partners in Prayer: Sandra McGowen
Greeters: Kim & Mehmet Ergul, Peggy Murphy
Offering Steward: Chris Donegan
Ushers: Brian West, Forrest Lott, Bates Lovett, Bill Lovett, Bill Mattocks, Jake Maxwell, Robert McCorkle, Clark McKinney, Franklin McKinney
Nursery: Infants: Emily Vance Toddler: Amy Daniel
Children's Worship 3's & PreK: Kristy Valdez, Karen Washburn
Children's Worship K-4th: Susan Shinall, Hattie Thomas

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Martin Luther referred to music as "a fair and glorious gift of God." We look forward to sharing this gift with your children this coming school year.

★ **Children's Choir**

Choirs for children ages three years old through 5th grade begins Wednesday, September 5. Dinner is served from 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., and choir is from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Details will follow in the mail. All welcome.

★ **Youth Choir**

Choir for students in grades 6th through 12th grades begins again Sunday, September 9 from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the choir room. All welcome.

We Help Children To:

Love coming to church, love God, and love music

We Try To:

Teach children what it means to worship God with music, Bible stories and scripture through music that will spiritually develop them, life skills that will help them develop personally and sociably, and these skills:

1) Play chimes and other instruments. 2) Read rhythms, notes, and understand harmony. 3) Use and understand the hymnal. 4) Read and sing hymns. 5) Learn to sing using good tone, breath control, expressiveness, and blend.

We also strive to allow children from a very young age to experience the glory and majesty of God. Music is a language that expresses profound concepts and ideas beyond the bounds of the written word.

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Congregational Care

Merry Makers

Merry Makers will visit Guido Gardens in Metter and Coleman House Inn in Swainsboro this Thursday, August 23. The group will leave the church at 9:00 a.m., stop by Guido Gardens mid-morning and finish with lunch at Coleman House. Sign-up sheets are available in your Sunday school class or call the church office to sign up. If you would be willing to drive and take a couple of passengers, please let Carolyn know.

Merry Makers Fall Trip

A Merry Makers fall trip is being proposed for October 28 - November 2, 2018. The itinerary includes sites in North Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky and will be available on Sunday, August 19. Watch for details. See Carolyn Hale Cubbedge if you have questions.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Bible Studies

- Young Mothers' Bible Study, Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall, topic, "Jesus Fulfills Old Testament Prophecies."
- Evangelism Bible Study, Thursdays, noon-1:00 p.m., Ruth's Chris, 111 West Bay Street, topic, Ephesians.
  Questions? Nelle, 912-234-9245

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Promotion Sunday—August 26

August 26 is Promotion Sunday, and the entire congregation is invited to a "Breakfast Buffet" at 9:15 a.m. On this day, all of the children and youth will be "promoted" to their new grade for Sunday School, Children's Worship, and Youth Fellowship.

Bible Presentation Sunday—September 23

If you have a rising 2nd grader, please mark your calendar for Bible Presentation Sunday on September 23.

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

Preteens (4th & 5th Grade)

KidzQuest Retreat at Epworth by the Sea, September 21-23

Rising 4th-5th Graders are invited to join us on the Kidz Quest Retreat at Epworth by the Sea, September 21-23. This retreat is sponsored by the South Georgia UMC and typically brings around 500 kids to Epworth for a weekend of fun, worship, fellowship, and Bible study. The cost is $135. To register, please contact James P. Owens, james@wesleymonumental.org.

Youth (6th—12th Grade)

Youth Group Today at Wesley Gardens

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for Youth Group at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center at 3:00 p.m. today! Bring your bathing suits and towels for swimming in the river.

Promotion Sunday and Confirmation

Attention Parents of Rising 6th Graders! We're excited that your children are almost ready for youth group! We will "promote" on August 26, when they will be able to attend Youth Sunday School (4th Floor). We also encourage all 6th graders to participate in Confirmation, and there will be an informational parents meeting to discuss Confirmation and Youth Group on September 5, from 5:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at Wesley Monumental.

Call for Volunteers – James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

As fall approaches, I'm looking forward to all the great things God has in store for our Preteens (4th-5th grades) and Youth (6th-12th grades). These ministries impact the lives of many students, and we need your help to pull it off! Here are some areas in need of volunteers:

- **Wednesday Night Boys Bible Study** – In need of at least 1 co-leader (to lead with me) a Bible Study with a few Youth boys on Wednesday nights, 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- **Youth Sunday School** – 1 teacher or couple to add to the Youth Sunday school teaching rotation, Sundays 9:45 a.m.-10:50 a.m.
- **4th-5th Grade Sunday School** – 1 teacher to add to the 4th-5th grade Sunday school teaching rotation (2x/month)
- **4th-5th Grade Bible Study** – 2 volunteers or a couple to take the lead in starting and teaching (with help from me) a Bible Study for 4th-5th graders during Wednesday Night supper before choir.

Please contact James P. Owens, james@wesleymonumental.org, 770-868-6150 (cell) if you are interested.

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (08/12/18)

8:45 A.M. Worship	133
11:00 A.M. Worship	273
Total Worship	**406**
9:45 A.M. Sunday School	85
Nursery (8:45 & 11:00)	XX

Finances: (08/12/18)

Total Budget for the Year	$1,868,620.10
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	$1,110,600.91
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	$1,126,389.34
Construction Loan Balance	$499,201.88

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Ben Martin.....Senior Pastor
Rev. Nelle Bordeaux.....Outreach and New Members
Rev. Carolyn Hale Cubbedge.....Congregational Care
Monica Dekle.....Director of Music and Organist
James P. Owens.....Director of Student Ministries
Charli Weeks.....Director of Children's Ministry
Jimmy Flowers.....Church Administrator
Tom Anderson.....Financial Manager
Daphne Burrows.....Administrative Assistant, Reception
Jennifer Brookins.....Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
Suzanna King.....Director of Hospitality
Nathaniel Legree.....Custodian
Betty Dudley..... Housekeeper
Micah Sprünger.....Wesley Gardens Property Manager
Kenneth Hayes.....Wesley Gardens Groundskeeper/Maintenance

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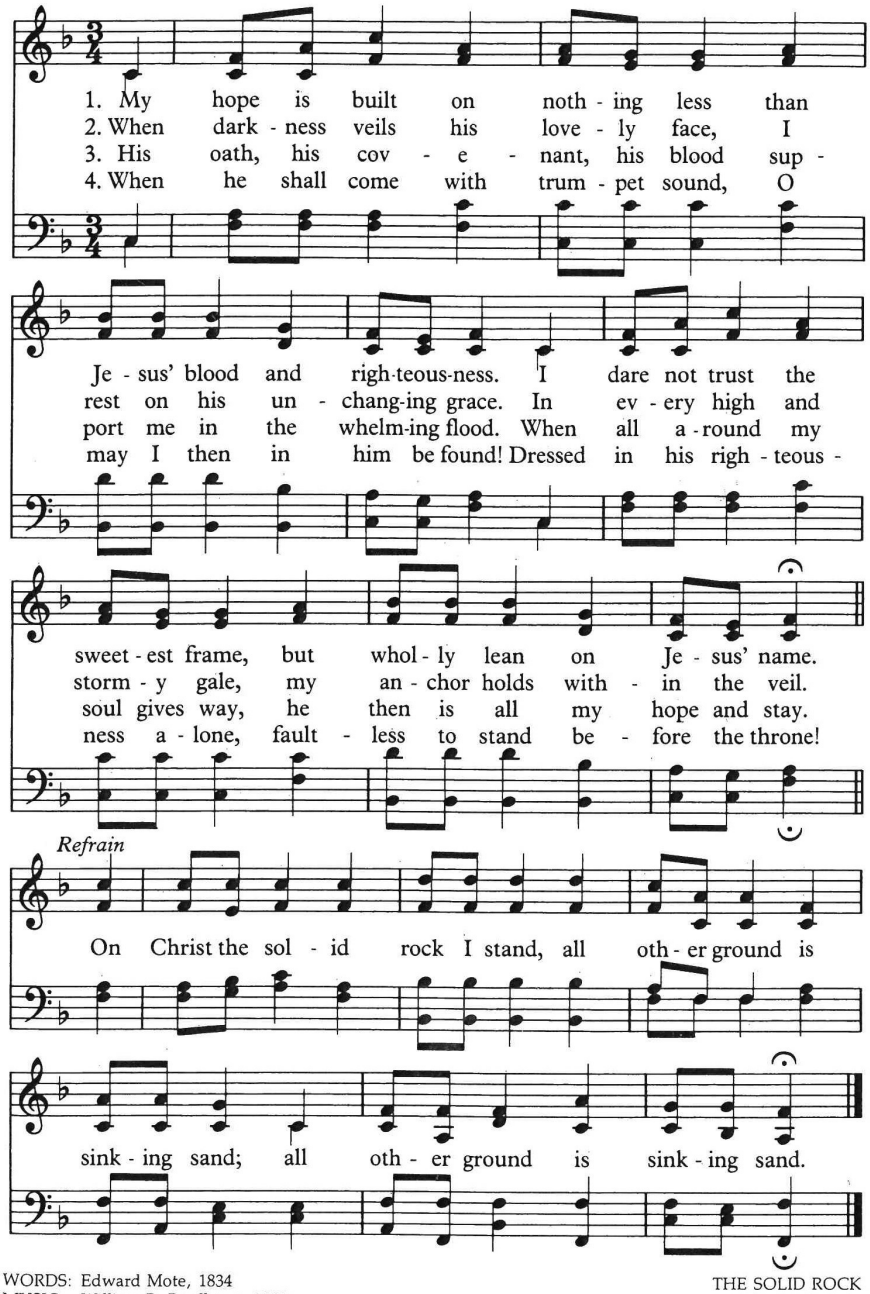
The Sermon Extended:

Monday	Isaiah 65:17-25	What is the difference in hope and wishful thinking?
Tuesday	Ezekiel 37	Has God ever given me a new beginning that instills hope in me?
Wednesday	Romans 8:18-25	Has a lack of hope ever made me act impatiently?
Thursday	Hebrews 11:1	What is the connection between faith and hope?
Friday	Hebrews 6:19	What would life be like without hope?

ASSURANCE

My Hope Is Built 368



WORDS: Edward Mote, 1834
MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1863

THE SOLID ROCK
LM with Refrain

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, August 19

8:45 A.M.	Worship Service, Mickve Israel
9:30 A.M.	Coffee & Donuts, FH
9:45 A.M.	Sunday School
10:00 A.M.	New Member Class, OH 205
11:00 A.M.	Worship Service, Mickve Israel
3:00 P.M.	Youth Group, WG
5:00 P.M.	Youth Choir, WG Chapel
5:30 P.M.	Worship Service, WG Chapel
6:15 P.M.	Dinner, WG Main House

Monday, August 20
No Scheduled Activities

Tuesday, August 21

7:00 A.M.	Men's Bible Study, Holland Hse
9:00 A.M.	Young Mothers' Bible Study, FH
11:00 A.M.	Staff Mtg, OH 205
5:30 P.M.	Administrative Board Mtg, FH

Wednesday, August 22

11:00 A.M.	Morning Bible Study, OH 310
7:15 P.M.	Chancel Choir, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, August 23

9:00 A.M.	Merry Makers Trip, Guido Gardens & Coleman Hse
10:00 A.M.	Messenger Brigade, OH 205
12:00 P.M.	Bible Study at Ruth's Chris

Friday, August 24
No Scheduled Activities

Saturday, August 25

8:00 A.M.	Feed the Homeless Breakfast, Rothwell Street

Sanctuary will be closed for painting from 7/16 through 8/25

Pastor on Call This Week
Ben Martin.....912-547-1835

Sunday Night Supper at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center

8/19/18
Hosts: Ivy (sides)
Epworth (desserts)
Preaching: Nelle Bordeaux
Choir will sing.

This will be our final Sunday Night Supper of the year.

Wednesday Night Suppers resume September 5!
Reservation forms with pricing will be available in the August 26 and September 2 bulletins. You may also email daphne@wesleymonumental.org with questions or to sign up.

In Our Prayers.....
Steve Aldrich, George Vail, Caroline Moore, Judy Burton, John McKissick (grandfather of Richard Call), Scott Hunter (son-in-law of Art and Sandra McGowen), Spencer Davis, Deanne Rimes, Fenton McEvoy (son of Kate and Brian and grand-son of Ron and Judy Freeman), Pat Beasley, Melissa Krawitz, Margaret Willey, John Martin, Sr., George LeMay, Debbie Call (mother of Richard Call), Bates Lovett, Charles Holley, Andy Cheshire (brother of Clay Cheshire), Todd and Lauren Martin, Bill Roberts (uncle of Anna Ivey), Sid Boone, Martha and Erv Sloan, George Wickham (father of Kelly Hagan), Chad Jacobs Family, Sherry Ingram, Vickie Coley (aunt of Will Coley), Randy Warner, Jim Gietzen, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Harley Anderson (infant son of David and Elizabeth Anderson), Chuck Brown (brother of Gail Rountree), Denise LeMay, Grace Crosby Utomo (friend of Jean Remley), Ann Lott, John Randall Futch, Patty James, Melinda Lanier, Mark Thomas, Dick Wallace, Toni Olds, Judy Freeman, Debra Chapman (daughter-in-law of Ruth and Elton Stuenckel), Will Ronning, Sandrae McCorkle, Vivian Wilson, Cheryl Richardson and Family, Lois Wooten, Nancy Beckmann, Mandy Hawkins and Family, Richard Bartels, Susan Clingman (cousin of Deanne Rimes), Sammy Reesman

At Home/Extended Care
Georgia Dickerson, Betty Murray, Bella Grace Bartels, Grace Bockes, Anne Chase, Becky Heckard, Michael Mamalakis, Hal Griner, Bobbie Mattox, Linda McKibben, Jack Miller (father of Jeff Miller), Lillian O'Donovan, Ryan Sailors, Betty Weeks

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside
Ryan Davis, Matt Hepinstall, Justin Geen, Matthew Allen, Matt and Melinda Allen, Evan Townsend, Yates Holleman, Dan Barton, Daniel Ealy, Justin Koenig, Joshua Laws, Rob Harless, Shea Murray, Charles Smock, Chris Watson, Whit Watts

496 Sweet Hour of Prayer

1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Fa - ther's throne make all my wants and wish - es known.
2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share of those whose anx - ious spir - its burn with strong de - sires for thy re - turn!
3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear to him whose truth and faith - ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless.

In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief, my soul has of - ten found re - lief, and oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare by thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer!
With such I has - ten to the place where God my Sav - ior shows his face, and glad - ly take my sta - tion there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!
And since he bids me seek his face, be - lieve his word, and trust his grace, I'll cast on him my ev - ery care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

WORDS: William Walford, 1845
MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1861

SWEET HOUR
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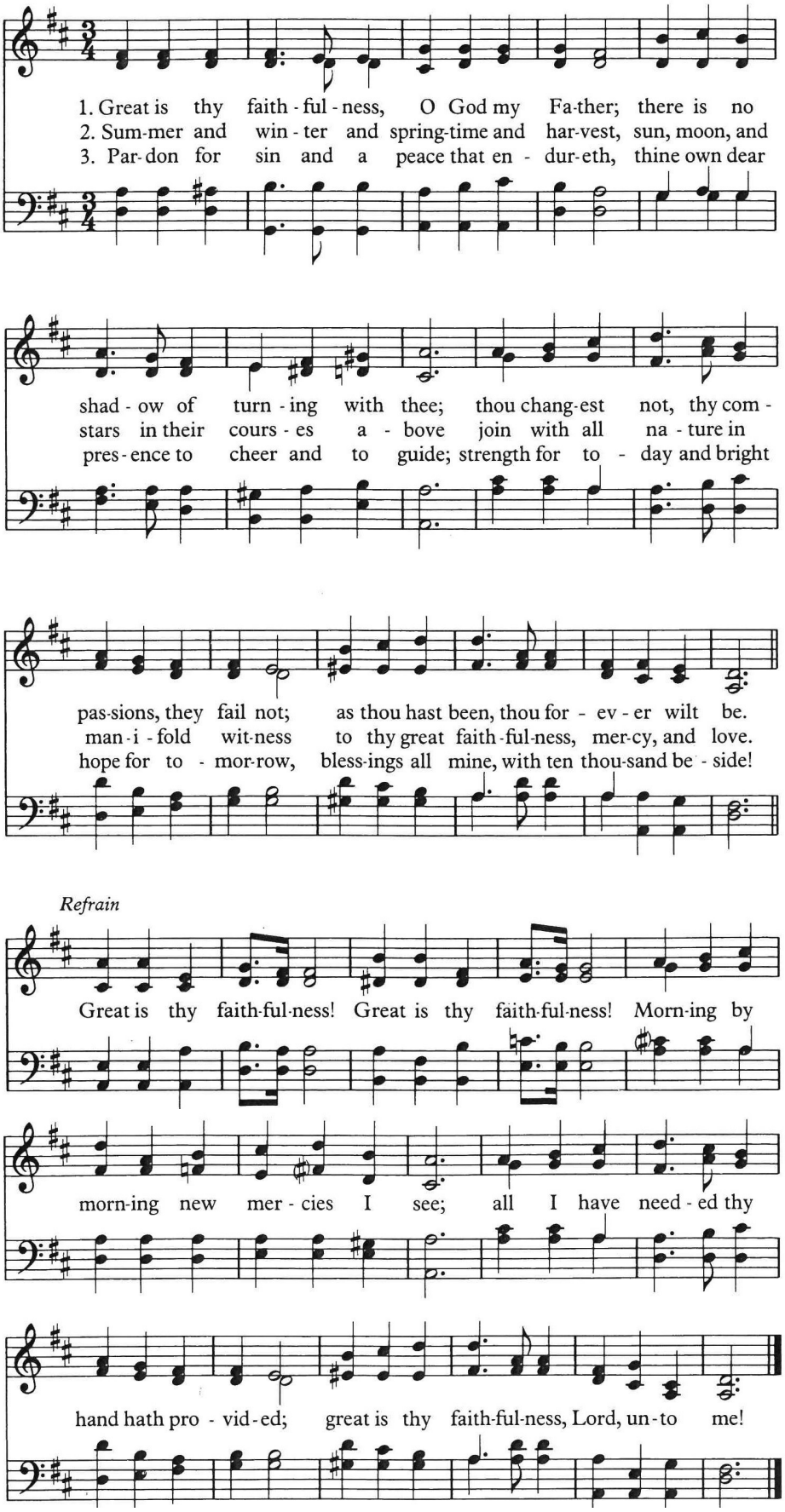
140 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



WORDS: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923 (Lam. 3:22-23)
MUSIC: William M. Runyan, 1923

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Sunday School Classes

The Nursery, Children's, Preteen, and Youth Ministries are held in the Education Building, located behind the Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall. Many Adult Ministries are held in Oliver Hall, located across Wayne Street.

Children (9:45 - 10:45 AM)

Sunday School Drop Off

Beginning on Promotion Sunday, we will have the Children's Library in the Fellowship Hall open and staffed with adults who will walk the children upstairs to their classrooms. This will allow parents with children on different floors to drop off their children in one location and then go to their Sunday School class in Oliver Hall. Parents will need to pick up their children from their Sunday School classrooms at 10:45.

- **Under 3** (Room 102)

Songs and pictures are used to teach our youngest babies and toddlers.

- **3 Year Olds** (Room 103)
- **Pre-K** (Room 201)

In Godly Play we use a method of storytelling that engages a child's sense of sight, hearing, and touch as a way to encounter God, so God is experienced, not just learned about. Our time in Godly Play is patterned in a way that allows the children to come to recognize sacred time and space and be comfortable using this time to worship and praise God.

- **Kindergarten & 1st Grade** (Room 202)
- **2nd & 3rd Grade** (Room 304)

In Following Jesus, this new book applies the method of Godly Play to the life and teachings of Jesus. It continues to use a multi-sensory approach to engage the children and allow them to see, feel, hear, and retell stories from Jesus' life. Our goal is to extend and deepen the children's understanding of Jesus and his teaching in preparation for Christian discipleship.

Preteens & Youth (9:45 - 10:45 AM)

4th & 5th Grade (Room 301)

Spark: Activate Faith is a traditional style curriculum with time to read the Bible and reinforce its teachings through crafts, games and activities.

6th-12th Grade (Rooms 405 & 406)

Our 6th-12th graders meet in Room 405 for food and fellowship, then split into Middle School and High School Classes in rooms 405 and 406 for age-appropriate Bible studies.

Adults (9:45 - 10:45 A.M.)

Alpha & Fellowship Class

(Education Building Room 205)

The Alpha and Fellowship Class is a combination of the longest-running Fellowship class and the mostly-retired Alpha Class. Class members serve in many leadership roles in the church and are faithful supporters of the missions and ministries of the church. They use the Adult Bible studies series, a Bible-based, Christ-focused, UM approved curriculum. Occasionally, they use topical or video-based studies. Class members enjoy fellowship events and are faithful in their support of each other in time of illness or crisis.

Compass (Oliver Hall Room 207)

This class is made up of parents with children in the elementary grades or younger. They use topical studies to strengthen their faith and also to support each other around issues of parenting. The class regularly enjoys dinner gatherings at restaurants near the church and secures the church nursery to share the expense of childcare.

Epworth (Oliver Hall Room 309)

Epworth is an eclectic class: some married, some single, some grandparents, some parents, and some without children. They enjoy quarterly Social Sundays and other gatherings during the year. Their studies include Scriptural and topical lessons. A special service focus is fundraising for Urban Hope, an after-school ministry to children and youth.

Harbor Class (Oliver Hall Room 407)

This class is for parents of newborns through Kindergarten children. Lessons are based on the Revised Common Lectionary (scripture readings chosen for Sundays following a Gospel or seasons of the church year). No advanced reading is required, although you are welcome to read the Scripture lessons before class each week.

Ivy (Oliver Hall Room 310)

A lively group of "empty nesters," parents of college-age children, new grandparents, couples, and singles. They hold social events every other month. They generally use the Adult Bible Studies series, but they also engage in occasional topical studies.

Journey (Oliver Hall Room 308)

The members of this class seek to broaden their knowledge and understanding of the Holy Word. No prior knowledge of God's word is required; the class is for those who like to explore diverse opinions, welcome the conflict of ideas, and want to explore their spirituality and understanding of the Bible. The class topics have included "Doubt as it affects Faith," current controversial issues, and "Why Bad Things Happen to Good People," with other interesting topics planned.

Pastor's Class (Fellowship Hall)

Taught by the senior pastor, this is our most diverse class, with singles and young parents to retirees. They examine Christian themes for daily living. Their location in the Fellowship Hall makes it a great class to drop in on!