



Celebrating 150 Years 1868 - 2018

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INDEPENDENCE DAY

July the 4th is the most American of holidays, the day we celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The signing of the declaration actually followed the approval of a "resolution of independence" by congress on July 2, 1776. On that day John Adams had written to his wife Abigail:

"The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more."

It is interesting that Adams said the first means by which we should celebrate would be "solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty." While we have indeed lived into Adam's suggestion of celebrating with "pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations," I wonder if we will take time this July 4th for a solemn act of devotion to God? Will we stop and give thanks for the gift of freedom that we enjoy and for the many people who have sacrificed to make it possible? Adams and the founding fathers understood the establishment of America as a holy endeavor, to create "one nation under God with liberty and justice for all." A nation where all people have a right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." A nation that was to be "God fearing" and a light and witness to all the world.

What is also important to remember is July the 4th was just the "declaration" of independence. Making independence a reality would take years of commitment, work, war, and great sacrifice. The same is true for our spiritual lives. The Apostle Paul wrote, *"It is for freedom Christ has set us free."* Jesus died to set us free from the power of sin and death, and yet declaring our salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, is just the beginning of living into a life of salvation and spiritual freedom. Our freedom as a nation and as Christians are gifts that came at a great price and bring with them a responsibility to live with gratitude lives that are worthy of the cost. We too are "new creations in Christ Jesus" who have a responsibility to be the "light of the world, a city on a hill, salt and leaven" so the world may come to know it is Jesus who has set us free. Happy Independence Day!

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2019 — 8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude Promised Land arr. Joseph Martin
Rodney Powers, pianist

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 on the first floor. Hearing assistance devices, several seat cushions, large print bulletins, and large print hymnals are available in the narthex, 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.

Lighting of the Candles The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary Johann Sebastian Bach
Prelude and Fugue in A Minor, BWV 559
Annie Lillian Bordeaux, organist

* **Hymn No. 698** God of the Ages NATIONAL HYMN
Annie Lillian Bordeaux, organist

* **Affirmation of Faith No. 881** The Apostles' Creed
Jennifer Thompson

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** GREATOR EX Rodney Powers, pianist
(Dismissal for Children's Worship)

*8:45 Children ages 3 - 2nd Grade line up at the door on the right side of the sanctuary to go to Children's Worship, held in Room 103.
11:00 Children ages 3 - PreK leave through the door on the right side of the sanctuary to go to Preschool Children's Worship in Room 201. Children in grades K -3rd leave through the door on the left side of the sanctuary to go to Elementary Children's Worship in Room 303.*

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

Nelle Bordeaux

* **Scripture Lesson** (Pew Bible, pg. 5)

Matthew 5:27-30

Sermon

“Sermon on the Mount Part 5: Unchecked Desire”

Ben Martin

Holy Communion

Invitation and Confession

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

All: Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Pastor: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
That proves God’s love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Congregation: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Moment for Missions (11:00)

Adam Hess

Offertory Prayer

James P. Owens

Offertory Voluntary

In the Garden arr. Michael Faircloth
Rodney Powers, pianist

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.

* **Doxology** No. 95 OLD HUNDREDTH Rodney Powers, pianist

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to our Lord and God.

Congregation: **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth...

And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

On the night in which He gave himself up for us, He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over He took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
That we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by His blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at His heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

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 that 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.

Breaking the Bread

(Gluten free bread is available. Please indicate your preference by raising your hand.)

Giving the Bread and Cup

Today's communion offering is for the Habitat for Humanity Faith Build. If you would like to give a donation, please leave your offering in the chancel rail when you come to be served.

Music During Communion

Ave Maria	Bach/Gounod
Annie Lillian Bordeaux and Rodney Powers, pianists	
Air from Suite No. 3	J. S. Bach
Ave Maria	Schubert/Schultz
Rodney Powers, pianist	

Prayer After Receiving

All: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

* **Hymn** No. 714 I Know Whom I Have Believed EL NATHAN
(Stanza One)
Rodney Powers, pianist

Closing Voluntary

arr. Mark Hayes
Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho
Rodney Powers, pianist

* Please stand as you are able.

Immediately following each Service a docent is available by the grand piano to share with you a brief history of this Sanctuary and congregation.

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Children's Worship Participation in Communion

Today, and each first Sunday, the children in Children's Worship will take communion together in the sanctuary.

Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John W. Crisp by his wife, Judy, and their family.

Just Born

Congratulations to Tiffany Welch and Travis McGinley on the birth of a daughter, Tatum Ellen McGinley on June 24, 2019. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Tatum.

Congratulations to Reanna and Dustin Hamilton on the birth of a son, Pierce Thrasher Hamilton on June 28, 2019. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Pierce.

Thank you

Thank you to all who hauled furniture for newly arrived refugee families. Please talk to Nelle if you would like to help.

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (06/30/19)	
8:45 A.M. Worship	98
11:00 A.M. Worship	301
Total Worship	399
9:45 A.M. Sunday School	28
Nursery (8:45 & 11:00)	22

Finances: (06-30-19)

Total Budget for the Year	\$1,931,779.07
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$972,926.82
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$929,249.04
Construction Loan Balance	\$400,985.81

Next New Member Course

Today, July 7 and next Sunday, July 14 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall room 205. The class will join July 14. Questions? Please see Nelle Bordeaux.

Picnic with a Purpose: Sundaes on Monday!

July 22, 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join the Urban Hope children for an afternoon of sundaes! Please bring ice cream toppings.

Merry Makers July Outing

Merry Makers will travel to the Effingham Camp Meeting on Monday, July 22. This year's preacher is Rev. Jay Tucker, pastor of Richmond Hill UMC. The group will stop for dinner at Sweet Tea's in Port Wentworth prior to the service, eating time TBD. (Sweet Tea's is located at the intersection of I-95 and 21.) Please sign up through your Sunday School class or call the church office. Questions? See Jennifer Thompson.

Family Promise—August 11-17

Serve circumstantially homeless families. More details to come.

<u>Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service:</u>	
Partners in Prayer: Carmine Cowart	Docent: Lori Miller
Offering Steward: Jeff Miller	
Children's Worship: Kim Watson	
Greeter: Lori Miller, Marion Thomas	
Ushers: Paul Cleveland, Josh Hayes	
Communion Stewards: Sandra & Art McGowen, Nancy & Woody Brown	
Acolytes: Emily Hart, Evan Hart	
<u>11:00 Service:</u>	
Partners in Prayer: Mickey Rountree	Docent: Sandra McGowen
Acolytes: Mary Margaret Carroll & Caroline Kraeuter	
Greeters: Kim & Mehmet Ergul, Barbara & Johnny Phelps	
Offering Steward: Randal Robinson	
Ushers: Brian West, John Beasley, Chris Donegan, Mehmet Ergul, Charles Holley, Art McGowen, Willie Roberds, Kenneth Spriggs	
Communion Stewards: Sandra & Art McGowen, Nancy & Woody Brown	
Nursery: Infants-Cassie Beckwith Toddlers: Courtney Lee	
Children's Worship 3's & PreK: Jenny Byrd, Jen Marler	
Children's Worship K-3rd: Ginny Cheshire, Marvee McKenzie	

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church

July 7, 2019

The Sermon Extended:

Monday	Matthew 5:27-28	Does motive or thoughts matter to me as much as actions?
Tuesday	Exodus 20:17	Am I coveting anyone or anything?
Wednesday	Proverbs 5:15-23	How do I protect myself from desire?
Thursday	Job 31:1, 7	Have I made a covenant with my eyes?
Friday	Matthew 5:29-30	If Jesus is not literal, what does he mean?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

This week we focus our prayers on our nation as we celebrate the Fourth of July. May we stop and give thanks for the gift of freedom that we enjoy and for the many people who have sacrificed to make it possible.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, July 7

- 8:45 A.M. **Worship Service, SNC**
- 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, SNC**
- 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, July 8

- 9:00 A.M. **Eli's Place Summer Camp**

Tuesday, July 9

- 7:00 A.M. **Men's Bible Study, Holland Hse**
- 9:00 A.M. **Eli's Place Summer Camp**
- 9:00 A.M. **Young Mothers' Bible Study, FH**
- 11:00 A.M. **Staff Meeting, OH 205**
- 2:00 P.M. **Prayer Partners, OH**

Wednesday, July 10

- 9:00 A.M. **Eli's Place Summer Camp**
- 11:00 A.M. **Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310**
- 7:15 P.M. **Chancel Choir, EB 4th Flr**

Thursday, July 11

- 9:00 A.M. **Eli's Place Summer Camp**

Friday, July 12

- 10:00 A.M. **Docent Tours**

Pastor on Call This Week

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

Sunday Night Supper & Worship
at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center

July 7, 2019

Preaching: Ben Martin
Side Dish: Harbor Class

July 14, 2019

Preaching: Nelle Bordeaux
Side Dish: Epworth Class

In Sympathy....

The Boone family
on the death of
Clyde Jenkins Boone
grandmother of
Sheila Boone and Robin Boone

The family of *Anne Chase*

In Our Prayers.....

Sandi and Stan Dixon, Bob Olds, Harris Glidewell, Gretchen Patricio, Debby Warner, Norma Day (mother of Dorie Gaskin), Caroline Odom, Hurley Ryan, III, Louise Page, Brooke Ann Childers, Chad Ebel, Tucker Robertson (grand-son of Pam Robertson), Susan Owens (mother of Kim Keaton), Hendrick Smock (grandson of Judy Smock), Mary Williams, Patty Ronning, Shirley Vaughn, Bob Franz, Trish Arredondo (cousin of Marion Thomas), Abby (granddaughter of Bob and Toni Olds), Harriet and Bill Bland, David Burke, Joe Clark (father of Maureen Culbreath), Adam Corey, Joe Gold, Jan Nyborg, Bourke Cannon, Diane Wells, Rev. Matt Hearn, Lauren and Yates Parker (daughter and son-in-law of Susan and Tom Colgrove), Lily Marler, Patsy Robinson, Les Wilkes, Rita Gietzen (sister of Joyce Cole), Kathy Delaigle, Betty Roberts (aunt of Anna Ivey), Sara Ryan (sister of Becky Pullin), Earl Goodwin (brother of Beth Aldrich), Alison White (niece of Linda Sapp), George Vail, Carla Thomas, Rev. John Martin, Sr., Sid Boone, Spencer Davis, Caroline Moore, George LeMay, Martha and Erv Sloan, Fenton McEvoy (son of Kate and Brian and grandson of Ron and Judy Freeman), Todd and Lauren Martin, Chad Jacobs Family, Vickie Coley (aunt of Will Coley), Ann Lott, Jim Gietzen, Denise LeMay, Randy Warner, Toni Olds, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Dick Wallace, Chuck Brown (brother of Gail Rountree), Grace Crosby Utomo (friend of Jean Remley), Patty James, Sammy Reesman, Vivian Wilson, Mark Thomas, Will Ronning, Mandy Hawkins & Family, Richard Bartels, Debra Chapman (daughter-in-law of Ruth & Elton Stuenckel), Cheryl Richardson and Family

At Home/Extended Care

Ann Ernst, Bella Grace Bartels, Peggy Murphy, Grace Bockes, Becky Heckard, Georgia Dickerson, Betty Weeks, Michael Mamalakis, Linda McKibben, Lois Wooten, Bobbie Mattox

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

Austin New, Jerred Pyles, Ryan Davis, Justin Geen, Matt Hepinstall, Matthew Allen, Matt and Melinda Allen, Evan Townsend, Yates Holleman, Daniel Ealy, Dan Barton, Justin Koenig, Joshua Laws, Rob Harless, Shea Murray, Charles Smock, Chris Watson, Clint Guild