



Celebrating 153 Years 1868 - 2021

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"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Today we gather for worship on "Independence Day." I am sure you will recognize the words above from the Declaration of Independence, signed on July 4, 1776 by our nation's forefathers. They are beautiful and powerful words that speak to an understanding of faith in a sovereign God who created the world and gave certain divine rights to all humanity.

If a truth is self-evident, it apparently should be able to be recognized by anyone and everyone. It means a truth that is innately understood. For us as believers, it means it is divinely implanted in our souls. It is pretty obvious however that these self-evident truths are not always, or maybe even often, acted on. Which says that either they are not self-evident or people choose to not live what they know to be truth. When Jesus was on trial he said, "For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth." Pilate then asked Jesus the question, "What is truth?" Jesus' answer had already been given, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Jesus certainly modeled for us in God's eyes truths like "all men (and women) are created equal." He did so because he believed we are all created in the image of God.

We may think about independence as freedom from something such as authority or oppression and for many that is true. But as American Christians, because most of us have known such freedom all our lives, it might be better for us to think of our freedom as freedom for something not freedom from. Through Christ we are given freedom from self so we can be free for others. That freedom begins with how we think about ourselves and how we think about other people. Paul said that if we are "in Christ there is no Jew nor Gentile, slave nor free, male nor female." When we are "In Christ" we are free to see truth that is self-evident that all people are created equal and all people are made in the image of God and are of equal worth. How are we living out our "independence" today?

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021

8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Mr. Paul Lott, trumpet
Dr. Stephanie Mason, French horn
Mr. Thomas Schandolph, trombone
Mr. Mat Graham, trumpet
Mr. Mark Spradley, trombone
Mr. Joel Hayes, tuba
Mr. Ray McClain, timpani
(11:00 Service)

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.

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.*

Please register your attendance one of two ways: *Complete the Attendance Roster (navy, rectangle pad) found in each pew or use the Remind app. For Remind, if you are a Wesley member or regular attendee, text @wmmc316 to phone number 81010 to join the Worship Service Attendance thread. If you have already joined, you will receive a text message each Sunday morning reminding you to text the total number of household members worshipping and the service you are attending or if viewing online. If this is your first time using Remind, you may be asked to complete your name, phone number, and select "parent." If you are visiting, please complete the Attendance Roster or text your name and total number of attendees to Rev. Ben Martin, 912-547-1835.*

Offering: *To tithe, text wesleymumc to 77977 or place your offering in the offering/tithe box located at the main Sanctuary entrance. Online giving is also available on our website, wesleymonumental.org*

Prayer Requests: *Please email your prayer requests to Rev. Ben Martin, ben@wesleymonumental.org*

Opening Voluntary Star Spangled Banner arr. Virgil Fox

Lighting of the Candles (11:00) The Acolytes

Introit (11:00) God Bless America
Claire Frazier, mezzo soprano

* **Hymn No. 698** God of the Ages NATIONAL HYMN

* **Affirmation of Faith** 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**

GREATOREX

(Dismissal for Children's Worship)

8:45 Children ages 3 - 3rd grade line up at the door on the right side of the sanctuary to go to Children's Worship on the second floor. Following the service, they can be picked up from the Wayne Street foyer.

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 Fellowship Hall.

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.

Pastoral Prayer

Jennifer Thompson

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

Anthem (11:00) Fairest Lord Jesus arr. Lloyd Larson

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son;
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forever more be Thine!
- Gesangbuch, Münster (1677)

* **Scripture Lesson** (Pew Bible, pgs. 4, 60, 122)

Genesis 4:9, Luke 3:10-14, Acts 4:32-35

Sermon

"COVID Lessons Part 3 -
Am I My Brother's Keeper?"

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

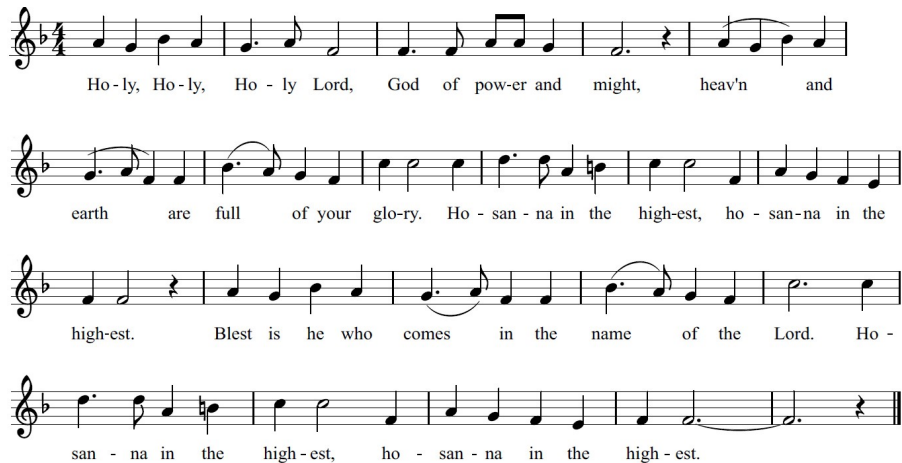
Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

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:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the
high-est. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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:



Christ has died; Christ is ri - sen; Christ will come a - gain.

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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor of all who so willingly give of themselves so that we may enjoy our many freedoms, and in loving memory of all who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

A Patriotic Concert Supporting Savannah's At-Risk Veterans

Today, Sunday, July 4 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wesley Monumental Sanctuary. Featuring the music of Scott Joplin, John Phillip Sousa, and others. Enjoy music by the Coastal Winds Woodwind Quintet (featuring Ellie Goforth, Kristi Kiene, Sarah Spradley, Darrell Goforth and Raymond Patricio) and Monica Dekle on the Pipe Organ. A love offering will be taken to support CSAH Tiny Houses for Homeless Vets at the Cove at Dundee and Team Savannah 4 Veterans who give at-risk veterans hands-on assistance.

Church Office & Eli's Place Closed

In observance of Independence Day, the Church Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, July 5. Eli's Place will be closed Monday, July 5 through Friday, July 9.

Celebration of Life

Please join us in celebration for the life of Joanne Durrence Harman, mother-in-law of Jan Harman, on Friday, July 9 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary with a reception immediately following in Oliver Hall.

Finances: (06-27-21)

Total Budget for the Year.....	\$1,983,419.00
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date.....	\$967,004.01
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$918,838.64

Merry Makers - The Mighty Eighth - Wednesday, July 7

Come go with the Merry Makers for a docent-led tour of *The Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum* in Pooler. This amazing museum honors the Eighth Air Force which was activated in 1942. For those riding in the church van we will meet at the church at 8:45 a.m. Those who want to drive can follow the van or meet us in the museum lobby at 9:30 a.m. The cost of the trip is \$25 for the museum tour and lunch. Please let Jennifer Thompson know this morning if you would like to attend.

New Member Course

The next class will be July 11 and 18 at 10:00 a.m. both Sundays. Nursery provided. Class will join as a group on July 18. Please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (6/27/21)

8:45 AM Worship	70
11:00 AM Worship	200
Online Worship Views	125
Total Worship	395
Nursery	11
Children's Worship	25
9:45 AM Sunday School	103

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks
Greeters: Lori Miller
Ushers: Jeff Miller
Partners in Prayer: Carmine Cowart

11:00 Service

Acolyte: Sara Livingood
Children's Worship: Charli Weeks
Greeters: TBD
Ushers: Chris Donegan, Chandler Brannen, Doug Carroll, Walt Carroll
Partners in Prayer: Sue Ellis

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church

July 4, 2021

Sermon Extended

Monday	Genesis 4:9	How has COVID affected how I feel about my responsibility for others as a Christian?
Tuesday	Luke 3:10-14	How am I applying these instructions to my life?
Wednesday	Luke 15:1-7	Who are we responsible for?
Thursday	Luke 4:16-21	What does this tell you about Jesus' own understanding of his life purpose?
Friday	Acts 4:32-35	How can the church today be responsible for each other?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We ask you, Lord, to make us mindful that we are blessed to live in a country where we can worship freely. Bless the United States and those who protect our liberties.

Daily Chronological Bible Readings for 2021

Please sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net, to read the entire Bible; all are welcome.

Sunday, July 4	Hosea 1-5
Monday, July 5	Hosea 6-9
Tuesday, July 6	Hosea 10-14
Wednesday, July 7	Isaiah 1-4
Thursday, July 8	Catch-Up Day
Friday, July 9	Isaiah 5-8
Saturday, July 10	Isaiah 9-12
Sunday, July 11	Micah 1-4

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, July 4

Independence Day

No Sunday Evening Service or Supper at WG

- 8:45 AM **Worship Service, SNC**
- 9:45 AM **Sunday School**
- 11:00 AM **Worship Service, SNC**
- 5:00 PM **A Patriotic Concert Supporting Savannah's At-Risk Veterans, SNC**

Monday, July 5

No Eli's Place Camp This Week

Church Office Closed

- 7:00 PM **Grief Share, Zoom**

Tuesday, July 6

- 7:00 AM **Men's Bible Study, Holland Hse**
- 9:00 AM **Young Mothers' Bible Study, Zoom**
- 11:00 AM **Staff Mtg, OH 310**

Wednesday, July 7

- 8:45 AM **Merry Makers Depart Church For Mighty Eighth Museum Tour & Lunch**
- 11:00 AM **Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310**
- 7:15 PM **Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th Flr**

Thursday, July 8

- 12:00 PM **Downtown Bible Study, Zoom**

Friday, July 9

- 11:00 AM **Joanne Harman Memorial Service, SNC**

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin912-547-1835

Sunday Night Supper & Worship at Wesley Gardens Retreat

5:30 Worship in the Chapel
6:15 Dinner in the Main House

July 4

No Sunday night service or supper this evening.

Instead, join us this evening for **A Patriotic Concert Supporting Savannah's At-Risk Veterans**

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downtown in the Wesley

Monumental sanctuary. Featuring the music of Scott Joplin, John Phillip Sousa, and others. Enjoy music by the Coastal Winds Woodwind Quintet and Monica Dekle on the Pipe Organ. A love offering will be taken to support CSAH Tiny Houses for Homeless Vets at the Cove at Dundee and Team Savannah 4 Veterans.

July 11

Preaching: Nelle Bordeaux
Menu: TBD

In Our Prayers....

Marilyn Ross (grandmother of Kim Keaton), Bob Harman, David Heery, Jane Green and Family (sister of Gail Brannen), Palmer Hood (brother of Ge-Juan Wilkes), Peggy Murphy, Joe Gold, Olin Bockes, Mark Lanier (son of Ellison Lanier), Ronald Duell (father of Melinda Sorter), Louis Burnsed (brother of Marilyn Hitt), Frances Hughes (friend of Marilyn Holleman), Matthew Yost, Diane Coleman (friend of Carmine Cowart), Shirley Roberts, Carla Corn (mother of Sarah Shelby), Doug Stutzman, Brian Allen, Clif Cooper, Katherine Burton (niece of Cindy Burton), Sara Francis Thrasher (grandmother of Reanna Hamilton), Martha Mills (grandmother of T.J. Hollis), Alyssa Jones (granddaughter of Rusty Holt), Jerry Comunate (brother-in-law of Cynthia Willett), Mario Delfiaco (brother of Cynthia Willett), Jennifer Hodges, Jared Holt (son of Rusty Holt), Barbara Burnett, Ken McDuffee (son of Annelle McDuffee), Joe Cain, Kim Rahn, Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), The family of Meaghan Wylie, Claire Hayes, Bryan Bost, Ryan Davis, Andrew Brown (great nephew of Gaye Reese), Debby Warner, Adam Corey, Rita Gietzen (sister of Joyce Cole), Earl Goodwin (brother of Beth Adrich), Alison White (niece of Linda Sapp), John Martin, Sr., Martha and Erv Sloan, Fenton McEvoy, Randy Warner, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Chuck Brown (brother of Gail Rountree), Grace Crosby Utomo (friend of Jean Remley)

At Home/Extended Care

Cecil Abarr, Bella Grace Bartels, Richard Bartels, Harriet Bland, Grace Boches, Virginia Davis, Ann Ernst, Roz Evans, Ann Lott, Ellie Tardif, Bill Taylor, George Vail, Lois Wooten

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

Doug Snelling, Derek Mills, Matt and Melinda Allen, Jason Childers, Daniel Ealy, Clint Guild, Yates Holleman, Joshua Laws, Austin New, Jerred Pyles, Charles Smock, Chris Watson

In Sympathy....

The Family of *Peggy Murphy*

The Miller Family
on the death of Jeff's father,
Jack Miller

The Donegan Family
on the death of Chris' father,
Mike Donegan