

#### Celebrating 154 Years 1868 - 2022

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#### July 3, 2022

#### Freedom

I had long mistakenly assumed that the famous quote "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty" was by Thomas Jefferson. I read recently that it also is often mistakenly attributed to the Irish lawyer and politician John Philpot Curran. In fact, Curran's line was somewhat different and yet quite relevant for the church on an "Independence Day" weekend. What Curran actually said, in a speech in Dublin on July 10, 1790, was: "The condition upon which God hath given liberty to man is eternal vigilance." Freedom is a key spiritual concept. Paul wrote, "For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm then and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." Paul, of course, was talking about being free from the law or from having to earn our salvation by futilely trying to earn our salvation by our works. Christ set us free not just from the law, but from the power of sin and death. But, maintaining that gift does require "eternal vigilance." Wesleyan theology does not believe in the idea of "once saved, always saved." Wesley held that we always maintain enough of a measure of free will to say no to grace. Paul warned that we should "Beware when we think we are standing lest we fall." In other words, opportunities to get lost are lifelong. After Jesus' temptation, the story says, "The devil left him for an opportune time." Temptation, distraction, and even disillusionment will be an ever-present reality on our journey home. Therefore, we must be "eternally vigilant." We do that by staying committed to our spiritual disciplines of worship, prayer, study, giving, and serving (to name a few), by doing the things we need to do to stay close to God, and by constantly being humble and thankful for what Christ has done for us. During this Independence Day weekend, it is good to be thankful for the many freedoms we know in America and for the people who have given their lives over our history to make that possible. But, it is also a good time to be humble and thankful for our spiritual freedom that comes by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

#### Patriotic Concert - July 3, 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary

This afternoon at 5:00 p.m., Raymond Patricio and Mark Spradley will lead us in hosting a Patriotic Concert featuring music by Coastal Winds Woodwind Quintet and Coastal Brass Quintet. Donations will go to benefit Team Savannah for Veterans. (There will be no Wesley Gardens worship and dinner this evening. We will resume next Sunday, July 10)

Ben

#### **MORNING WORSHIP**

#### SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2022 8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

#### Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Paul Lott, trumpet Mat Graham, trumpet Edd Finley, trumpet Mark Spradley, trombone Collene Crafton, trombone Joel Hayes, tuba

#### 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 (11:00)

The Acolytes

#### **Opening Voluntary**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

- \* **Hymn** No. 698 God of the Ages NATIONAL HYMN
- \* Affirmation of Faith 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

(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 on the second floor.

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

James P. Owens

Scripture Lesson (Pew Bible, pgs. 501, 586, 103)

Psalm 23 (v.3), Proverbs 3:5-6, John 10:1-5

Sermon "A Psalm For Summer Part 4: The Right Path" 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.

#### GREATOREX

arr. Larry Moore

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.

#### Offertory Prayer

James P. Owens

Offertory Voluntary	America the Beautiful	arr. Jim Lucas
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#### **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 wesleymumc to 77977 or place your offering in the offering plate. Online giving is also available on our website.

#### \* 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

#### 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

We will take communion at the rail. If you prefer taking communion in your pew, prefilled communion cups are available. Please raise your hand and an usher or staff member will bring one to you.

Today's communion offering is designated for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. If you would like to give a donation, please place your offering in the chancel rail when you come to be served.

#### Prayer After Receiving

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*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.

	Communion Music (11:00)		Elane Finley, pianist
*	<b>Hymn</b> No. 189	Fairest Lord Jesus Stanzas 1 and 4	ST. ELIZABETH
*	Benediction		Ben Martin

**Closing Voluntary** O God, Our Help in Ages Past arr. Larry Moore

Please stand as you are able.
 Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you.
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#### **Church Office Closed**

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, Friday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

#### Boys & Girls Club - Join Our Open House

Thursday, July 14, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., 510 E. Charlton Street, Savannah. 100th Year Charter Anniversary of the Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club. Questions, please call 912-233-2939.

#### Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

#### WCC Groceries

Most needed this week for Wesley Community Center is cereal and canned fruit.

## Be a Prayer Partner and Provide School Uniforms for an Urban Hope or Refugee Child

Please sign up with Nelle and bring uniform to church on July 24 (white shirt; khaki pants or skirt or jumper dress), tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

#### **Next New Member Course**

Will take place Sundays, July 10 and 17 at 10:00 a.m. with the class joining July 17. Please call the Church Office to sign up, 912-232-0191.

#### Mayfield, Kentucky Adult Mission Trip: August 22-27, 2022

We are putting together a team of folks to travel to Kentucky to assist with rebuilding after the December 2021 tornadoes that swept through the community and devastated Mayfield FUMC. Dormitory-style housing and three meals a day will be provided. We will have specific construction projects to complete for homeowners who have fallen short with insurance and FEMA. All skill levels are needed. Our plan is to travel up on Monday, August 22 and return on Saturday, August 27 which gives us four good days of work. Other churches from the district may be joining us. Donations will be accepted towards room and board costs. If you are interested in participating, please email Scott Cleaveland at msctclv@gmail.com or call 912-598-8278.

### Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

#### Summer Sunday School

Time Travelers unite! Join us on Sunday mornings this summer as we travel quickly through our Bibles and learn where to find our favorite stories. Sunday School begins with a time of conversation at 9:45 with the lesson starting at 10:00. Sunday School children go to the 11:00 service together and sit on the front row.

#### Rising 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders

Plan to stay after church on Sunday, July 10! We are going to go out to lunch at Spudnik and then get ice cream at Leopold's. We'll be making plans for our next two events so be sure you know when you will be in town. Text or email Ms. Charli at 912-547-3526 or charli@wesleymonumen tal.org to let her know you are coming.

#### Summer Fun Daze

Last chance to register for Summer Fun Daze at Wesley Gardens the week of July 18-22. Camp is from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Monday-Wednesday. On Thursday, we spend the night at Wesley Gardens and campers are picked up at noon on Friday. This year we'll be surfing the waves on the Emotion Ocean and seeing how people in the Bible handle their feelings. Text or call Ms. Charli if you need a registration form.

#### **Family Fun Sunday**

Mark your calendars and plan to join us at Wesley Gardens on July 24 for our next afternoon of family fun. We'll have water fun along with indoor and outdoor games and activities. There will be fun for all ages so come out and enjoy Wesley Gardens.

#### James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries Youth Group/Youth Choir

Youth Group and Youth Choir will not meet this afternoon.

#### KidzQuest Retreat, September 23-25

Mark your calendars for the KidzQuest Retreat, September 23-25! All 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us for this weekend of fun, worship, and fellowship at Epworth by the Sea. We will begin registration soon. For more information, please see James P. Owens.

#### Volunteers Needed for Youth Group Mission Week! July 25-28

We are in need of a few folks to help out with our youth Local Mission Week, July 25-28. Especially if you have skills and knowledge related to construction, we would love for you to help our youth complete service projects in the community. Please see James P. Owens or Scott Cleaveland for more information.

#### Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life Merry Makers - Day Trip to St. Simons Island

Come join us for a day trip to beautiful St. Simons Island on Thursday, July 21! We will load up the van at the church at 8:00 a.m. and travel to Epworth by the Sea. At Epworth, we will have a guided tour of the Methodist Museum and a lecture on Methodist history by Rev. Dave Hanson. Afterward, we will go to lunch and then have time to "mosey around" the village at the pier. There you can shop, grab an ice cream cone, or sit on the pier and enjoy some time over the water. We will return to the church around 4:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Please call the church office or let Jennifer Thompson know that you want to go by Friday, July 15. The cost to you will be lunch, whatever you buy at the village, and a small donation to cover gas in the church van. We have room for 12 on the van - first come, first serve.

#### Merry Makers - Dutch Treat at J. Thomas Kitchen

## A Record of Our Faithfulness

Join us for a "Dutch treat" lunch on Monday, July 11 at 11:00 a.m. at J. Thomas Kitchen (4700 US-80, Suite E, Please call the church Savannah). office by Friday, July 8 and let Jennifer Baker know if you would like to join us. (Jennifer Thompson will be out of the office the week of July 4<sup>th</sup> and will not be able to take your reservations.)

#### Einances: (06-26-22)

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Attendance: (06/26/22)	
8:45 AM Worship	87

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11:00 AM Worship	219
Online Worship Views	132
Total Worship	438
Nursery	XX
Children's Worship	XX
9:45 AM Sunday School	120

Finances. (00-20-22)	
Total Budget for the Year	\$2,022,708.12
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,045,950.99

#### Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Communion Stewards: Sandra & Art McGowen Greeters: Lori Miller Ushers: Jeff Miller Offering Steward: Jeff Miller Partners in Prayer: Carmine Cowart

#### 11:00 Service

Acolyte: Andrew Wilkes Children's Worship: Charli Weeks Communion Stewards: Joyce & Richard Zehl, Karen Washburn, Judy Pitts, Vicki Dougherty Greeters: Kim & Mehmet Ergul **Offering Steward**: Brian West Ushers: Brian West, Mehmet Ergul, Ted Moore, Jim Pannell, Jon Pannell, Johnny Phelps, Willie Roberds, Ken Spriggs Partners in Prayer: Adam Kobek

#### Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church July 3, 2022

Sermon Extended				
Monday	Psalm 23,	What are ways I experience		
	John 10:1-5	God leading me?		
Tuesday	Proverbs 3:5-6	What three things does		
		Solomon teach us here about		
		following God?		
Wednesday	Psalm 1	What is a path of		
		righteousness? Am I following		
		it?		
Thursday	l Peter 3:18	Where does the path of		
		righteousness lead?		
Friday	Psalm 23:3,	What does "for His name's		
	2 Thessalonians 1:11-12,	sake" mean to me?		
	1 Peter 4:16			

Sermon Notes

#### As a Praying Church...

We thank You, Lord, for the privilege of living in this great country. We ask You to bless our nation. Be with our elected officials, with our first responders, and with all branches of our military. Be with our churches and help them grow. Give them a vision to reach out to those in need both physically and spiritually. Help us, as citizens, to reflect You in the way we live our lives.

This Week at WesleySunday, July 38:45 AMWorship Service, SNC9:30 AMCoffee, FH9:45 AMSunday School11:00 AMWorship Service, SNC5:00 PMPatriotic Concert, SNC

<u>Monday, July 4</u> Independence Day Church Office Closed Today Eli's Place Closed All Week

Tuesday, July 59:00 AMYoung Mothers' Bible Study, EB 3109:00 AMBible Buddies, EB 30811:00 AMStaff Mtg, OH 310

Wednesday, July 6 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, July 7

12:00 PM Downtown Bible Study, Zoom

OH = Oliver Hall EB = Education Building SNC = Sanctuary FH = Fellowship Hall WG = Wesley Gardens Retreat

#### **Pastor on Call This Week**

#### Sunday Nights at Wesley Gardens Retreat

June 19 - August 14 (we will not meet on July 3) **Event Times** 3:30 PM Youth Group, Boat Hse 5:00 PM Youth Choir, Chapel 5:30 PM Worship, Chapel 6:15 PM Dinner, Main House Meal Details Suzanna prepares entrée & dessert An Adult Sunday School Class prepares the sides Worship Service Each Sunday, we will highlight a different area of ministry and have a theme for that particular Sunday for everyone to enjoy. Themes include: Family Fun Nights Choir Night Merry Makers Night Youth Night **Missions Night** UMW Night

#### In Our Prayers....

Baker Crawford, Cameron Schmitz, Valery Hanks, Cindy Telljohann, Cathy Hillegas (mother of Annie Hitt), Walter Sumner (brother of Rosanne Montjoy and uncle of Michael Montjoy), Sheila Kraeuter (mother of Scot Kraeuter), Shari and Mel Hubbard, Leon Terrell Coppage (father of Amy Carter), Dewayne Barfield (brother of Shirley Turner), Michael Sailors, limmy Stephens (brother of Kathi Hodges), Camille Herring (sister of Wade Herring), Harriett Gattis (mother of Clayton Gattis), Rebecca Lewis, Marilyn Holleman, John Burton, Pat Beasley, Jane McClain, Matthew McClain, Paul and Connie Kurtz (parents of Dan Kurtz), Jane Bostwick (mother of Meb Ryan), Walter Thomas (brother of Mark Thomas), Dean Muenckler, Bob Harman, Darin Aldinger, Sandrae McCorkle, Raine Rude, Grant Kassinger (nephew of Peggy Jolley), Sally Polk (sister of Peggy Jolley), Anita Pringle, Danielle Robertson (grand-daughter of Ceil Waters), Fritz Scarborough (brother of Camille O'Neill), David Heery, Palmer Hood (brother of Ge-Juan Wilkes), Louis Burnsed (brother of Marilyn Hitt), Diane Coleman (friend of Carmine Cowart), Carla Corn (mother of Sarah Shelby), Doug Stutzman, Alyssa Jones (granddaughter of Rusty Holt), lerry Comunale (brother-in-law of Cynthia Willett), Jennifer Hodges, Kim Rahn, Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Ryan Davis, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Martha Sloan, Fenton McEvoy

#### At Home/Extended Care

Grace & Olin Bockes, Lee Butler, Edith Roszkowiak, Cecil Abarr, Ruth and Elton Stuenckel, Bella Grace Bartels, Harriet Bland, Virginia Davis, Roz Evans, Lois Wooten

#### Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

Dajuan Monley, Doug Snelling, Derek Mills, Jason Childers, Daniel Ealy, Clint Guild, Yates Holleman, Joshua Laws, Austin New, Jerred Pyles, Chris Watson