



Sunday, April 25, 2021

**“No Longer Slaves”**

*It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.  
Galatians 5:1*

Welcome

Invocation

**“In the Secret”**

*“Peace be with you.” Then He said to Thomas, “Reach here with you finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing.”  
John 20:26-27*

Scripture, Colossians 1:13-20

**“Jesus, All for Jesus”**

*Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.  
Hebrews 12:1-2*

Pastoral Prayer

**Offering box and envelopes are in the foyer.**

Ministry of the Word

**“The More I Seek You”**

*Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.  
Colossians 3:16*

Benediction

*We are beloved.  
We belong to Christ.  
We are becoming one.*

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**This Week**

**Today. . . . .10:00am** Sunday School  
**11:00am** Worship

**Monday. . . . .7:00pm** AA, Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday. . . . .9:00am** Neighbor to Neighbor  
**12:30pm** Food Express  
**6:00pm** Nominating Committee

**Wednesday. . 7:00pm** Zoom Prayer

**Looking Forward**



**Please take a cracked glass bead from the jar located in the foyer.** On Good Friday, glass panels were broken representing our journey into the discomfort of suffering, loss and brokenness. While we wait in uncertainty from the unresolved work that God is doing, He invites us to be still. The resurrection is proof that His presence always brings life. The cracks remain with new beauty.

**Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm Zoom Prayer,** Be encouraged share an hour of community together.

**Worship by Appointment, don't let the concern of public gathering keep you from worship.** If you would like to set a time to come privately or with your quarantine group I would love to facilitate a time of worship and communion with you. Please call the church at 965-2353 to make your appointment.

**Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm, Nominating Committee Meeting** in Room 102

**Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am Men's Breakfast** in Annex, sign up today.



**Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11:00am** The Right Reverend Deborah Powell will be bringing the morning message.

**We will be approximately \$400 left to include the gas fireplace in finishing the Annex renovations.** If you would like to help complete the picture for our gathering space please give to the Building Fund.



We have discovered more structural damage in need of repair on the backside of the fellowship hall. Hopefully this will small in scope. We will post updates.

**Engage with Morning Reflections** Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week at 9:00am on Facebook. Encourage your faith and grow your spirit.

**Know who you are as you read His letter of love**



Monday:	Genesis 19	Romans 19
Tuesday:	Genesis 20	Romans 20
Wednesday:	Genesis 21	Romans 21
Thursday:	Genesis 22	Romans 22
Friday:	Genesis 23	Romans 23
Saturday:	Genesis 24	Romans 24
Sunday:	Genesis 25	Romans 25

**Ask the Spirit to guide your thoughts as you read.**

**Sunday School, 10:00am,** Come and enjoy a Ball Hill morning with a good cup of coffee and great discussion around God's Word.

**Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm, Church Conference** Weather permitting we will worship and meet outdoors.  
**Annual Reports due Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.**



**Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am District Conference** at the Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church.

There will be no District Family Camp again this year. We will plan a special summer weekend event locally. We will be planning for more re-engagement in June.

# Beloved

Being Belonging Becoming

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples were saying to him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “**Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.**”

<sup>26</sup>After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then He said to Thomas, “**Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing.**” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen Me, have you believed? **Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed.**”

*John 20:24-29*

Believing the Unbelievable \_\_\_\_\_

Reach Here \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus is the Christ \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>13</sup>For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, for forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.  
*Colossians 1:13-15*

## Forestville Wesleyan Church

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**Our Mission:** To become lifelong followers of Jesus Christ, living holy lives of love and service, inviting others to discover God’s goodness and grace.

**Our History:** The name Wesleyan is in honor of John Wesley, a priest in the Church of England who became the inspiration behind the “Methodist Movement.” Through their disciplined routine of spiritual devotion and social work, Wesley and his followers earned the nickname “Methodists.”

In 1843, a group of pastors separated from the Methodist Episcopal Church because of their strong convictions to abolish slavery and their desire for a more democratic form of church government. This movement became known as the Wesleyan Methodist Connection.

An itinerant Preacher, G.W. Sibley was used by God in the summer of 1857 to begin a work that would span generations to come. Through his preaching the gospel here on what became known as “Ball Hill,” the family of Daniel S. Ball established a lasting faith in Jesus Christ. Committed to the work of God’s kingdom they organized the Forestville Wesleyan Methodist Church in 1858. He then returned in 1881 leading the congregation through the construction of the building, where we worship today.

Our Heritage has been forged by men and women who stood on the truth of God’s Word, trusted in the forgiveness of Jesus Christ and served with love and selflessness. **May we be found faithful with this sacred trust, to carry the light of Jesus, to all who come behind us.**



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Reverend Patricia Ellis, *Assistant*  
Mr. Dylan Hawkins, *Assistant*

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