



Sunday, December 12th, 2021

Welcome

Scripture Reading, *Luke 1:68-75*

Invocation

“What Child is This” *Hymn #281*

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child. And all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

Luke 2:16-18

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

“Love Has Come” *Hymn #256*

Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in him. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:12-13

“Joy to the World” *Hymn #270*

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram’s horn shout for joy before the Lord, the King. Psalm 98:4-6

Ministry of the Word

Benediction

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

This Week

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

Monday **7:00pm** AA, The Schoolhouse

Tuesday **9:00am** Neighbor to Neighbor

Thursday **7:00pm** 12 Step Workshop

Looking Forward



Morning Reflections Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week at 9:00am on Facebook. Scroll by for some encouragement to your faith.

Know who you are as you read His letter of love

Monday:	I Kings 20	Acts 12
Tuesday:	I Kings 21	Acts 13
Wednesday:	I Kings 22	Acts 14
Thursday:	I Kings 23	Acts 15
Friday:	I Kings 24	Acts 16
Saturday:	I Kings 25	Acts 17
Sunday:	I Kings 26	Acts 18



Ask the Spirit to guide your thoughts as you read.

Monday, December 6th, 10:00am We will begin installing the Schoolhouse flooring. If you can come later in the day please stop in to give a hand. We are nearing the end of the long journey for this project.



Thursdays, 7:00pm, Twelve Step Work Shop, at the church in room 102. Find freedom in the journey toward wholeness. All are welcome.

Next week’s focus of Advent is LOVE. Consider how you can sacrificially give to serve someone.

Happy Anniversary to Wes and Erin Wright, December 16th.

Advent is an ancient tradition of preparation, that started in the fourth century. This season of celebrating Messiah’s coming centers around His gifts of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. The four Sundays prior to Christmas are an opportunity to experience the wonder of grace and to engage with this world with love. We are reminded to live in readiness for the full restoration of life found in Christ’s coming.



Sunday, December 12th, 5:00pm, “A Christmas Carol Cookie Thing” in the schoolhouse. Celebrate the gift of Jesus. **Please bring cookies to share.**



Thursday, December 24th Christmas Eve Communion by appointment, Please call 965-2353 or sign up to schedule a time, **between 12:00pm and 6:00pm**, to come experience a quiet moment of worship and gratitude for the great gift of God’s love. We will plan to serve each family individually.

Sunday, December 26th, 10:00am, Church Around the Table, bring a breakfast dish to share and a heart to connect. We will worship and engage in conversation about the realities of following Christ. We all bring a necessary piece of the body as we are fitted together.



Tuesday, January 11th, 6:30pm Local Board of Administration meeting in Room 102.

Saturday, January 15th, 8:00am, Men’s Breakfast in the Schoolhouse. Sign up in the church foyer to let us know you are coming.

Wednesday, January 19th, 10:00am Missions meeting in Room 102.

Beloved

Being Belonging Becoming

¹⁰Do not be afraid; for behold, **I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people;** ¹¹for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God... *Luke 2:10-13*

⁹...“This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people were weeping when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Go, eat of the fat, drink of the sweet, and send portions to him who has nothing prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord, **Do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.**”¹¹So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, “Be still, for the day is holy; do not be grieved.” ¹²All the people went away to eat, to drink, to send portions and to celebrate a great festival, **because they understood** the words which had been made known to them. *Nehemiah 8:9-12*

Forestville Wesleyan Church

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Our Mission: To become lifelong followers of Jesus Christ and co-laborers with Him.

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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