



Sunday, December 19th, 2021

“Behold Our God”

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness will cover the earth and deep darkness the peoples; but the Lord will rise upon you and His glory will appear upon you. Isaiah 60:1-2

“O Come All Ye Faithful” Hymn #249

For the Mighty One has done great things for me; and holy is His name. And His mercy is upon generation after generation toward those who fear Him. Luke 1:49

Scripture Reading, Matthew 1:18-25

Pastoral Prayer

“Angels We Have Heard on High” Hymn #278

And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them... Luke 2:9

“He Shall Reign, Forever”

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last, and there is no God besides Me. Isaiah 44:6

Offering

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
Food delivery

Thursday 7:00pm 12 Step Workshop

Friday Christmas Eve Communion
please sign up for the time of your choice

Looking Forward

There will be no Food Express here this month. The pantry will be closed between Christmas and New Year’s Day.



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

Know who you are as you read His letter of love

- Monday: II Kings 1 Acts 19
- Tuesday: II Kings 2 Acts 20
- Wednesday: II Kings 3 Acts 21
- Thursday: II Kings 4 Acts 22
- Friday: II Kings 5 Acts 23
- Saturday: II Kings 6 Acts 24
- Sunday: II Kings 7 Acts 26



Ask the Spirit to guide your thoughts as you read.



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



Michael Thornton, December 24th

Kingdom Life Commission, Sunday Evenings in January at 5:00pm in the School House we will share together being equipped to move out into the week centered in Christ and supported by faith community.

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.



Friday, 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.

Love

Being Belonging Becoming

My beloved friends, let us continue to love each other since love comes from God. **Everyone who loves is born of God and experiences a relationship with God.** The person who refuses to love doesn't know the first thing about God, because God is love...so you can't know him if you don't love. **This is how God showed his love for us: God sent his only Son into the world so we might live through him.** This is the kind of love we are talking about...not that we once upon a time loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they've done to our relationship with God.

My dear, dear friends, if God loved us like this, we certainly ought to love each other. No one has seen God, ever. **But if we love one another, God dwells deeply within us,** and his love becomes complete in us...perfect love!

This is how we know we're living steadily and deeply in him, and he in us: He's given us life from his life, from his very own Spirit. Also, we've seen for ourselves and continue to state openly that the Father sent us Son as Savior of the world. Everyone who confesses that Jesus is God's Son participates continuously in an intimate relationship with God. We know it so well, we've embraced it heart and soul, this love that comes from God.

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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