



October 2, 2022

**The offering box is on the foyer table.**

Call to Worship, *Psalm 63:1-8*

Invocation

“My Savior, My God”

*The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; nor is He served by human hands; nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things. Acts 17:24-25*

Welcome

Scripture Reading, *1 John 5:1-12*

“Broken Vessels”

*For God, who said, “Light shall shine out of darkness,” is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.*

*But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves. II Corinthians 4:6-7*

Message

Prayer

Communion

“What a Beautiful Name”

*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities all things have been created through Him and for Him. Colossians 1:15-16*

Benediction

*Transform all that we love to bring forth Your Kingdom.*

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**This Week**

**Monday . . . . . 7:00pm** AA, at the Schoolhouse

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

**Thursday . . . . . 1:00pm** Mission’s Meeting

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

**Looking Forward**

**Chautauqua County Rallying for Recovery Friday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at Harvest Chapel and Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm, at The Reg Lena,**



Tracy Strawberry is an international speaker, published author, CEO, and wife of baseball legend Darryl Strawberry. After many years of battling addiction, alcoholism and other life controlling issues, Tracy surrendered her life to Jesus Christ and experienced a radical life transformation through the power of God and the process of change. Tracy is the author of the Clean, Sober, Saved course a Christ-centered modification to the Twelve Steps.

Through the weekend, Tracy will be speaking about the importance of creating community for people in recovery. She will be speaking to those in recovery and their families, professionals in the addiction field, and we are hopeful that you will join us.

**Happy Birthday** David Holland, October 2  
Samantha Davis, October 5  
Darci Paul, October 7



**Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 1:00am, Missions Meeting** in room 102 at the church.

**Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, Trustee Meeting** in room 102. This will be a walk through meeting of the church facilities.



**Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am - 6:00pm, Church Board Retreat** at the Schoolhouse.



**Dietrich Bonhoeffer on Prayer**

“A day without morning and evening prayers and personal intercessions is actually a day without meaning or importance.”

“It is much easier for me to imagine a praying murderer, a praying prostitute, than a vain person praying. Nothing is so at odds with prayer as vanity.”

“The more deeply we grow into the psalms and the more often we pray them as our own, the more simple and rich will our prayer become.”

“Prayer does not mean simply to pour out one's heart. It means rather to find the way to God and to speak with him, whether the heart is full or empty.”

“If we are to pray aright, perhaps it is quite necessary that we pray contrary to our own heart. Not what we want to pray is important, but what God wants us to pray. The richness of the Word of God ought to determine our prayer, not the poverty of our heart.”

“When our will wholeheartedly enters into the prayer of Christ, then we pray correctly.”

“Intercessory prayer is the purifying bath into which the individual and the community must enter every day.”

“But they all stood beneath the cross, enemies and believers, doubters and cowards, revilers and devoted followers. His prayer, in that hour, and his forgiveness, was meant for them all, and for all their sins. The mercy and love of God are at work even in the midst of his enemies. It is the same Jesus Christ, who of his grace calls us to follow him, and whose grace saves the murderer who mocks him on the cross in his last hour.”

“Temptations which accompany the working day will be conquered on the basis of the morning breakthrough to God. Decisions, demanded by work, become easier and simpler where they are made not in the fear of men, but only in the sight of God. He wants to give us today the power which we need for our work.”

# Kingdom Life

<sup>12</sup>Therefore this is what the Holy One of Israel says: “Because you have rejected this message, relied on oppression and depended on deceit,<sup>13</sup> this sin will become for you like a high wall, cracked and bulging, that collapses suddenly, in an instant.<sup>14</sup> It will break in pieces like pottery, shattered so mercilessly that among its pieces not a fragment will be found for taking coals from a hearth or scooping water out of a cistern.”<sup>15</sup> This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: “In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.<sup>16</sup> You said, ‘No, we will flee on horses.’ Therefore you will flee! You said, ‘We will ride off on swift horses.’ Therefore your pursuers will be swift!<sup>17</sup> A thousand will flee at the threat of one; at the threat of five you will all flee away, till you are left like a flagstaff on a mountaintop, like a banner on a hill.”

<sup>18</sup>Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

<sup>19</sup>People of Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no more. How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you.<sup>20</sup> Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, your teachers will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see them.<sup>21</sup> Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it.”<sup>22</sup> Then you will desecrate your idols overlaid with silver and your images covered with gold; you will throw them away like a menstrual cloth and say to them, “Away with you!”

*Isaiah 30:12-22*

## 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.**



Sunday, October 2, 2022

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

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