



Abney Street Church of God

.....*A Christ Centered Church*.....

Rev. Stephen E. Hewitt, Interim Pastor

July 1st, 2018

As we celebrate our nation's heritage this week, we pray that all governmental leaders will work for peace and justice around the world.



CALL TO WORSHIP: *"Morning Has Broken"*

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

HYMN #717: *"America The Beautiful"*

OUR WORSHIP IN GIVING

HYMN OF PRAYER #346: *"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"* (v. 1 & 3)

CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

DISMISS CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

COMMUNION

HYMN #595: *"Victory In Jesus"*

MESSAGE: **"Glory, Glory Hallelujah"**

HYMN OF INVITATION: *"Battle Hymn Of The Republic"* (v. 1,2,4)

BENEDICTION

Today God Is First

INDEPENDENCE DAY LESSONS FOR CHURCH LIFE

- **Return to the basics** - On July 4 we commemorate the origins of our country. In terms of faith, we also periodically need to hear again the foundational stories of Creation, the Israelites and, of course, Jesus.
- **Honor the gift of freedom** - "For freedom Christ has set us free....do not submit again to a yoke of slavery" (Galatians 5:1, ESV). We strive as citizens to preserve and live out our national freedom. Likewise, as citizens of God's kingdom we live gladly in the freedom of salvation and share that gift with others.
- **Enjoy community** - July 4 is known for picnics, parades and other community gatherings. Similarly, the church is nourished by coming together for worship, meals and other special events.
- **Be light in the darkness** - As fireworks brighten the sky with light and color, the church is called to display the Gospel's unique light in a dark world. Our word dynamite and the Greek word for power - as in, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you" (Acts 1:8) - share a root. Through God's power in us, we share Jesus - dynamically! - with others.

--Heidi Mann



Good Morning! "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:22-23, ESV). Let us praise God for his never-ending mercies.

July 1-7, 2018

This week at our church

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m.

Ladies Prayer

7:00 p.m.

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!

UPCOMING EVENTS



- JUL 15-20** Youth Camp
- July 19** – WCG Meeting
- JULY 22** - Rippling Waters Banner Offering
- JUL 23-27** Camp Meeting
- JULY 27** – Faith and Family Night at Power Park