Wesley Chapel Methodist Church

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We welcome you to this worship service.

Order of Worship

Prelude The Sweetest Name of All **CH 615**

Announcements and Sharing of Joys

Greeting

***Call to Worship** All Creatures of Our God and King **GRP 34**
***Lighting of the altar candles.**

***Scripture Reading** John 6:15 **Charlotte Sims**
***The Lord's Prayer**
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name **GRP 279**

***Affirmation of Faith:**
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from which, he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.
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Tithes and Offerings

Offertory	He Giveth More Grace	**CH 707**

***Doxology:** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Hymn	Praise the Name of Jesus	**CH 22**

Scripture		**John 6:15**
Sermon	When People Would Make Jesus King	**Mark Ledbetter**

Prayer Concerns
Altar Call and Prayer

Hymn	Lord, I Want to Be a Christian	**GRP 611**

Postlude	Behold, What Manner of Love	**CH 708**

***Please stand if you are able.**

CH – Celebration Hymnal
GRP – Great Redeemer's Praise Hymnal

Prayer List

Brenda and Pat Jones, James and Janice Adams, Vicky Rollins, Chris Kramer, Jr., Ruth Cox, Bill Crenshaw, Beth Major, Tanner Bowen, Matt Abrams, Bobbie Kinser, Louise Rhodes, Jane Reynolds, Van Abbott, JoAnne Cleveland, Honest Gaddis, Kathy and Roland Roberson, Jeanne & Glen Deason, Jerry Jordan, Charles and Janet Akin, Connor Edmondson, Frances Coleman, Jill Bailey, Sarah Hethcox, Janice Snyder, Dustin Bentley, Rachel Hobson, Kent Clifton, Jackie Vigiani, Ashley Williamson, Johnny Jones, Alton Williams, Lynn Shaw, Huey Cannon, Lyndall Jones, Faye Thompson, Susan Vick, Mark Henderson, Shirley Mooney, Debbie McGhee, Irene Beasley, Ken Bradford, Kaitlyn Paceley, Wendy Monroy and her baby, Samantha, Jana Johnson, Barbara Bailey, Randy McDaniel, Brian Smith, Betty Culver, Christopher Keeton, Don and Frieda Gillum, Rhonda Beasley, Linda Hatchett, Cole Ward, TJ Little, Karen Amons, Liam Layton and family, Vicky Avant, John Murphy, Kamryn, Laurie Althoff, Randy Snyder, Jeff Tramble, Sherry Bentley's cousin, Christy, Teresa Austin, Tony Isbell, Linda Carter, Bill Roberts, Brock and Nan Thrice, Ron Shank, Bailey Ward, Rev. Perry Duffy, and Willy Chambliss.

Prayer Focus: The Church with an Open Door

The apostle John recorded seven letters dictated by the risen Christ to churches in Asia Minor (Revelation 2–3). Jesus evaluated each congregation, commended what was worthy, exposed what was wrong, and called five churches to repentance.

Ephesus maintained doctrinal vigilance but had abandoned its first love. Pergamum remained faithful under pressure but tolerated compromise with idolatry and immorality. Thyatira permitted a corrupting influence to seduce Christ's servants into unfaithfulness. Sardis possessed a reputation for being alive, but when Jesus took its pulse, He found no heartbeat; its spiritual EKG had flatlined. Laodicea mistook prosperity for evidence of God's favor. It considered itself wealthy and self-sufficient, while Jesus pronounced it spiritually poor, blind, and naked.

Laodicea's condition calls to mind an encounter traditionally attributed to Thomas Aquinas. As a pope admired the church treasury, he remarked, "See, Thomas, the church can no longer say, 'Silver and gold have I none.'" Aquinas replied, "True, Holy Father, but neither can she say, 'Rise

up and walk'" (Acts 3:6). Whether historical or legendary, the story warns that a church may possess wealth while lacking spiritual power.

Jesus offered no rebuke to two churches. Smyrna remained faithful amid poverty, slander, and persecution. Although further suffering awaited them, Jesus promised "the crown of life." Philadelphia had little strength but kept Christ's Word and refused to deny His name. Before them Jesus set an open door—an opportunity no opposition could close—and promised to keep them amid the hour of testing coming upon the world.

With these churches in mind, how should we pray?

For churches entrenched in wrong attitudes and sinful practices, or permitting cultural values to replace the true meaning of being Christ's church, we must pray for revival. Let us ask God to awaken them, call them to repentance, and shake them from spiritual slumber before their reputation for life conceals spiritual death.

For the persecuted church, we should pray that God will comfort and strengthen believers and enable them to seize every opportunity to spread the gospel. Church history demonstrates that persecution can fan the flames of evangelism. Christians in Iran endure surveillance, arrest, imprisonment, and accusations that treat ordinary Christian activity as a threat to national security. Yet Iranian believers testify that people continue turning to Christ and being added to His body.

Like the believers in Smyrna, they face suffering intended to silence their witness. Let us pray that God will sustain them and transform their adversity into an opportunity for the gospel. God works through those who remain devoted to Christ and are willing to lay down their lives rather than deny Him: "They did not love their life even when faced with death" (Revelation 12:11).

If we see in ourselves the spiritual likeness of Philadelphia, let us pray that God will help us recognize the harvest beyond the walls of our building and give us the courage and strength to walk through the open door He has placed before us. Let us pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest (Matthew 9:37–38).

We can lament the church's condition or pray for revival. We can wring our hands over persecution or pray for strength to shine with our Father's love and compassion. We can become anxious about the testing coming upon the world, or trust Christ to guard His people as we walk through the open door.

The darkness is real, but the door remains open. The harvest is waiting, and the Lord is still seeking faithful laborers. What an opportunity for prayer He has placed before us!



Weekly Calendar

Sunday School – 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting tonight at 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study – 5:30 p.m.



Join us after worship!

Our communion offering for Sunday, October 4th will go toward Gideon's International.

Equipped to Serve
Ministry Gifts Self-Evaluation

Paul teaches us in Romans 12:1-8 that God has endowed every member of the Body of Christ with specific gifts, or motivations for the Church to effectively serve the needs of the Church and respond to the needs of the community. In other words, there is **A Member of the Body for Every Ministry and a Ministry in the Body for Every Member.**

Unfortunately, failure to understand this has left members wondering how they may best serve the local congregation so the Church can best achieve its commission to Evangelize and Disciple and attend to the needs of the Body of Christ in an effective manner. The purpose of this self-evaluation is to assist you to identify a specific area of service where you feel you are best qualified. Once matching your gift with specific opportunities to serve, you will be equipped and then be given the opportunity to engage in meaningful and effective service.

The survey is designed to assist the Nomination and Leadership Development Committee to match each one's gifts with Wesley Chapel's needs. Once you have completed the survey you may return it to our Office Manager or the Pastor. If you need assistance in completing the evaluation, or have questions, someone will be ready to respond.

Thank you for your faithfulness and dedication to Wesley Chapel where we are Connecting the Congregation and Community with Jesus Christ through the Presence and Power of the Spirit.

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Vision Statement

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