

Wesley Chapel Methodist Church

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We welcome you to this worship service.

Order of Worship

Prelude

This Is My Father's World

CH 143

Announcements

Greeting

*Call to Worship

Majesty

CH 10

***Lighting of the altar candles.**

*Scripture Reading

John 4:35-42

John Reeves

*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

My Country 'Tis of Thee

CH 807

***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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Sharing of Joys and Concern
Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory	Until Then	CH 780
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***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.

Special Music		Cody Hamilton
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Scripture		John 4:35-42
Sermon	“The Samaritan Revival”	Mark Ledbetter

Hymn	Take My Life and Let It Be	CH 597
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Postlude	America, the Beautiful	CH 799
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***Please stand if you are able.**

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, Danny and Alice Collins, Van Abbott, Chris Bishop, JoAnne Cleveland, Honest Gaddis, Kathy and Roland Roberson, Jeanne & Glen Deason, Jeff Thomas and family, Ray Stone, Elliette Fillingame and family, Jerry Jordan, Charles and Janet Akin, Connor Edmondson, Frances Coleman, Jill Bailey, Sarah Hethcox, Janice Snyder, Dustin Bentley, Rachel Hobson, Kent Clifton, Jackie Vigiani, Brett Kelley, Ashley Williamson, Fisher Camp, Johnny Jones, Anthony Grogan, Alton Williams, Lynn Shaw, Huey Cannon, Lyndall Jones, Faye Thompson, Susan Vick, Judy Demeers, Zindel Wilkins, Mark Henderson, Shirley Mooney, Debbie McGhee, Irene Beasley, Dillon Pody, Edna Varner, Ken Bradford, Mark Ledbetter, Kaitlyn Paceley, Max Smith, and the family of Buddy Simpkins.



Prayer Focus: The Lord's Prayer: Community Unity and Personal Fellowship

Matthew 6:5–8 (NASB95)

The Lord's Prayer in Christian Liturgy

Following Daniel's example of praying three times a day (Dan. 6:10), early Christians adopted regular hours of prayer at nine, twelve, and three. The *Didache* (*The Teachings of the Apostles*), dating from the late first or early second century, encouraged believers to recite the Lord's Prayer as part of daily devotion. Over time, the prayer became associated with baptismal practice and, by the fourth century, was included in the Eucharist. By the sixth century, it had become part of the Catholic Mass, though it was recited exclusively by the priest. During the Reformation, Luther retained the prayer in worship, though it continued to be recited by the pastor alone. Later, the Church of England incorporated it into the *Book of Common Prayer* in the mid-1500s, and Methodists standardized it for congregational use.

The Prayer as Worship and Fellowship

When the congregation prays the Lord's Prayer together, it joins in a common petition exalting God as Father and King, acknowledges dependence upon Him, and bears witness to the unity of the church in the community. Yet the way Jesus introduces the prayer suggests that it is more than a liturgical formula. The Lord's Prayer is not merely a pattern for requesting daily needs; it is also a gateway into personal fellowship with the Father.

Jesus' Warning About Misguided Prayer

Jesus introduces the Lord's Prayer by first identifying two ways not to pray. His warning is simple and direct: "Do not be like them." Do not pray like the hypocrites. They prayed publicly to display their piety before others, using prayer to conceal the absence of inward purity and genuine devotion. Do not pray like the heathen. They relied on anxious, repetitive petitions, assuming many words—or appeals to many gods—would make them more likely to be heard.

An Invitation to Fellowship with the Father

In contrast, Jesus teaches His followers to shut out the distractions of the world and enter a private place of prayer. This setting suggests that the Lord's Prayer is not merely a public recitation, but also a model for personal petitions offered in intimate fellowship with the Father. Jesus' statement, "Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him," raises an important question: if the Father already knows our needs, why should we pray? The answer is not that prayer informs God, but that prayer draws us into communion with Him. The Lord's Prayer is therefore not merely about asking; it is an invitation to know and fellowship with our Father.

Such an approach avoids treating prayer as a transaction where if I pray the right words in the right ways, pay my dues, God rewards me with an answer. Rather approaching the Father as His child suggests an intimate exchange of hearts, minds, and concerns. We must never disrespect Him, but neither should we forget He has invited us into His presence, to spend time with Him far from the cares and distractions of the world and just share our hearts. Even when needs are pressing and the petitions are urgent, we must never forget that He is our Father and welcomes us to share our needs with Him.



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 at 5:30 p.m.

Called Board Meeting

Monday, June 29th at 5:30 p.m.



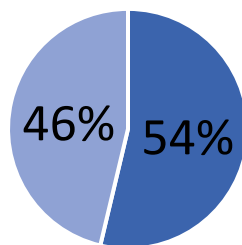
For our communion offering on July 5th, we will be collecting money to present to our local elementary schools that are within the zip codes 35150 and 35151.

Goal: \$12,584.30

Raised: \$6,760.00.00

Deadline: May 2027

Foundation Campaign



■ Raised ■ Need



Vision Statement

Connecting Congregation and Community
with Jesus Christ
through the Presence and Power
of the Holy Spirit!

For your convenience, a QR code has been provided for our giving page
if you prefer to tithe and/or donate by card.
Be sure to choose which funds you are giving to. Thanks!

