Wesley Chapel Methodist Church

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We welcome you to this worship service.

Order of Worship

Prelude Just as I Am **CH 488**

Announcements and Sharing of Joys

Greeting

***Call to Worship** Alleluia **CH 189**
***Lighting of the altar candles.**

***Scripture Reading** John 6:68-69 **Anna Estavillo**

***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 We Have Come to Join in Worship **CH 207**

***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	It Took a Miracle	**CH 494**

***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	Jesus Is the Sweetest Name I Know	**CH 76**

Scripture		**John 6:68-69**
Sermon	The Holy One of God	**Mark Ledbetter**

Prayer Concerns
Altar Call and Prayer

Hymn	Are You Washed in the Blood?	**CH 330**

Postlude	Jesus Loves Even Me	**CH 495**

***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, 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, Jackie Vigiani, Ashley Williamson, Alton Williams, Lynn Shaw, Huey Cannon, Lyndall Jones, Faye Thompson, Susan Vick, Mark Henderson, Shirley Mooney, Debbie McGhee, Ken Bradford, Kaitlyn Paceley, Wendy Monroy and her baby, Samantha, Jana Johnson, Barbara Bailey, Randy McDaniel, Brian Smith, Betty Culver, Don and Frieda Gillum, Rhonda Beasley, Christy Fugatt, 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, Jeff, Teresa Austin, Tony Isbell, Linda Carter, Bill Roberts, Brock and Nan Thrice, Perry Duffy, Ron Shank, Willy Chambliss, Danny Collins, Gary Bentley, Brooke Carmack Smith and Easton, Johnny Jones, Ann Thompson, Ricky Griffin, and Ruthie Courson.

Prayer Focus: Asking God for Wisdom

James 1:1–8

A father listened as his daughter described her desperate circumstances. When she said, "I've reached the end of my rope," he offered this counsel: "When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on." The apostle James also offers wise counsel for times of adversity: consider it all joy—and ask God for wisdom. To the world, James's counsel sounds counterintuitive. Why rejoice when we face trials? James explains that trials test and refine our faith. As we endure, God develops perseverance, character, and spiritual maturity within us.

Yet when circumstances are severe and answers are urgently needed, the promise of endurance may not feel like immediate relief. This is where the prayer for wisdom becomes essential. Godly wisdom is pure, peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruit, unwavering, and sincere (James 3:17–18). Because it comes from above, it enables us to view life from God's perspective.

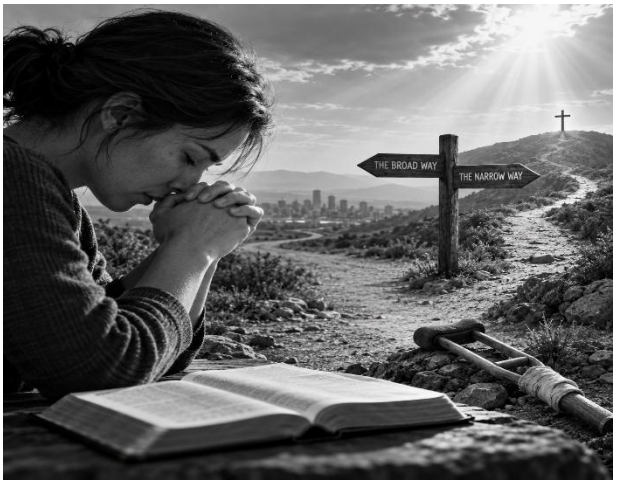
God is ready to give wisdom generously to those who ask. James adds one condition: we must ask in faith, without doubting. The doubter is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind— "double-minded" and "unstable in all his ways" (James 1:5–8).

James may have had Elijah in mind. Later, he presents Elijah as an extraordinary example of prayer (James 5:17). His warning against being double-minded also recalls Elijah's challenge to Israel: "How long will you hesitate between two opinions?"—literally, how long will you hobble between two choices? In Elijah's day, think of a limb that padded on one end and stuck under your arm as you hobble around – that is the crutch. Their divided loyalties crippled them.

We should not expect to receive God's wisdom while remaining divided in our allegiance. Jesus confronts the same choice: God or wealth (Matthew 6:24), the broad way or the narrow way (Matthew 7:13–14), and obedience to His words or reliance on the world's conventional wisdom (Matthew 7:24–27). Faith asks with a heart committed to God.

The prayer of faith trusts God regardless of the circumstances; seeks to see life from His perspective; leaves the outcome in His hands; and continues faithfully without losing heart. This is the kind of prayer James describes (see James 5:15).

Some say that genuine faith means we should not need to keep asking. Yet Jesus taught His disciples to persist: "Keep asking, and it will be given to you; keep seeking, and you will find; keep knocking, and it will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9–10). In life's most difficult moments, lay down the crutch; He calls us to pray at all times and not lose heart. Trust Him! Trust His Word!



Rejoice—God is at work. Pray—He will provide wisdom.



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.

Sunday, November 1st is Communion Sunday.
Our communion offering will be going toward **Voice of the Martyrs.**

The Voice of the Martyrs (VOM) serves persecuted Christians in the world's most difficult and dangerous places to follow Christ. Pastor Richard Wurmbrand and his wife, Sabina, founded VOM after being imprisoned for their Christian witness in Communist Romania. Since 1967, VOM has been dedicated to inspiring all believers to a biblical faith by telling the stories of persecuted Christians, thereby inspiring a deeper commitment to Christ and the fulfillment of his Great Commission, no matter the cost.

Administrative Board Meeting
Monday, November 2nd at 5:30 p.m.



Sunday, November 8th, we will be having our Thanksgiving potluck meal. Bring a dish and bring a friend!

Our church has been asked to collect dried peas, dried beans, and canned whole or sliced potatoes for the Care House's Christmas baskets. Bring any donations in by December 6th, so we can get them turned in to prepare the baskets.

There will be a **community Thanksgiving service** at First Methodist Church on Sunday, November 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

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!