

Wesley Chapel Methodist Church

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We welcome you to this worship service.

Order of Worship

Prelude

There Is a Redeemer

Musicians

Announcements

Greeting

Kids Kingdom Moment

Praise Ye the Lord

***Call to Worship**

By His Grace

CH 339

***Lighting of the altar candles.**

***Scripture Reading**

Beckie Hagan

***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**

In My Heart There Rings a Melody

GRP 547

***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

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Musicians

***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

Love, Mercy, and Grace

GRP 540

Scripture

Hosea 6:6

Sermon

“Encountering God with Our Hearts”

Mark Ledbetter

Holy Communion

Postlude

More about Jesus

Musicians

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

Prayer List

Jane Reynolds, Brenda and Pat Jones, Fred and Maryanne Pate, James and Janice Adams, Vicky Rollins, Chris Kramer, Jr., Ruth Cox, Bill Crenshaw, Beth Major, Glenda Rumsey, Tanner Bowen, Matt Abrams, Bobbie Kinser, Mike Cleveland, Louise Rhodes, Donald Caine, Danny and Alice Collins, Van Abbott, Chris Bishop, JoAnne Cleveland, Honest Gaddis, Kathy and Roland Roberson, Pam Whitman, Jeanne & Glen Deason, Mark Ledbetter, Sheila Pody, Ethan Corbitt, Jeff Thomas and family, Cindy Natali, Perry Duffey, Ann Thompson, Mallory Caine, Lisa Barnett, Kaye Thackerson, Ray Stone, Elliette Fillingame and family, Jerry Jordan, Charles and Janet Akin, Laline Bagley, Mitzi Moran, Connor Edmondson, Frances Coleman, Jill Bailey, Leslie Hassal, Sarah Hethcox, David Jackson, Johnny and Kim Owens, Earl Lewis, Don Gillum, Tandy Robertson, Mitzi Reeves, Carter Goins, Joann Mitchell, Colin Pody, Patricia Allen's grandchild, Dustin Bentley, Allison Motes, Rachel Hobson, and Webster McClure.



Prayer Focus

A Nation in Crisis! How Does the Church Respond?

Our government has long been in the throes of a crisis. Battlelines formed long ago. Partisan politics has grown more vicious in the tone of its rhetoric. These divisions are far deeper than differences over the issues and the toxic rhetoric has spilled over igniting protest and violence. While the nation reels with anger, confusion, and doubts, many professing Christians are suffering the impact of the political and cultural turmoil that envelops and threatens our nation. How should the Church respond not to the issues that divide, but the impact the division has created?

The Apostle Paul's advice? Pray! Writing to Timothy, Paul gives specific instructions regarding prayer for authorities, "First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority..." (1 Timothy 2:1-2). All authorities are to be lifted in our prayers of intercession, not general prayers but specific petitions made by intervention, prayers that they may adhere to God's counsel, that they may conform to His purposes, for the salvation of those who have not experienced salvation. While we express concern for our nation, the salvation of souls is primary with God "who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth," truth not based upon partisan politics but the truth of His Word where issues are determined not by conservative or liberal ideology but upon the standards of God's righteousness and justice for all people.

The fruits of such prayers are not only for the welfare of authorities, but for the Christian, that "we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity" (vv. 2). Here the Apostle echoes Jeremiah's instructions to the Jews in exile, "Seek the welfare," or "peace" (shalom) "of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray [intercede] to the Lord on its behalf; for in its welfare you will have welfare." Just as the peace of the Exiles depended upon being responsible citizens, even when in a foreign land (verses 4-6), it also depended upon intercession for the community. And so, it is for us as citizens of the United States.

Indeed, let us be model citizens voting our conscience, but our citizenship primarily requires not casting our ballots, or engaging in political rallies or protests, but our intercession for all authorities at the national, state, and local levels. When the authorities are at peace, we shall find peace. When they are not, we are still expected to intercede and lead by example – personal tranquility and integrity.

Jesus teaches, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God" (Matthew 5:9). Let us become peacemakers, building bridges leading to peace and reconciliation, first through our prayers, and by our actions. Our nation depends upon the Church leading by example, loving, and caring not in words alone, but with actions and in truth (1 John 3:18).



Weekly Calendar

Sunday School – 10:00 am

Sunday Worship Service – 11:00 am

Sunday Prayer Meeting – 5:00 pm

Wednesday Night Bible Study – 5:30 pm

Our communion offering for today
will go toward **The Voice of the Martyrs**.
Today and for the month of November it is
International Prayer for the Persecuted Day

We are having a baby shower for Allison Motes this afternoon
from 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

Administrative Board Meeting

Tomorrow, November 3rd at 5:30 p.m.

Women in Christian Service

Tuesday, November 11th at 6:00 p.m.

We will be decorating the Angel Tree,
and we will be hosting the Men's Club with a potluck meal.

We are collecting dry beans and peas for Care House Christmas baskets.

Our goal is to collect 300 bags.

These are due by November 16th!

Care house is also in need of nonperishable items to restock their shelves. We will be doing a food drive until the end of the year.



Next Sunday, November 9th after worship

Angel Tree will be up by November 16th!

Grab an angel from the tree and place your name on the sign-up sheet by the gift you are purchasing. All gifts are due December 1st, so we can get them to DHR by their deadline. Do not wrap the gifts. Attach the angel to the gift. Thanks!

Plan Ahead: There will be a community Thanksgiving service at First Assembly of Sylacauga on November 23rd.

CONNECTING CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY WITH JESUS CHRIST!

IN LOVING
Memory

Richard Christopher Beaseley

March 31, 1952 – February 10, 2025

Wanda Cheryl Machen

July 15, 1947 – May 27, 2025

Wayne Entrekin

June 2, 1954 – August 28, 2025

Jimmy Wayne Reynolds, Sr.

February 28, 1940 – September 21, 2025