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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship M = Minister P = People

M We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.

P We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

M When we feel tested by hard decisions, calls to advocate against injustice, competing narratives, and worrying misinformation, we remember:

P We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

M When we struggle with damaged trust and the need to repair our relationships with God and one another, when we are called to go against the social current to build communities of mercy and justice, we remember:

P We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

M Come, let us worship God whose grace surrounds us when we feel tested and tried, empowering us to remain faithful disciples of Jesus Christ when we face chaos, division, injustice, and hardship.

P We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the Body of Christ in a broken and hurting world. Amen.

Our Statement of Faith: The Apostles' Creed p. 881 UMH

The Gloria Patri p. 70 UMH

Opening Hymn — Rise Up O Men of God p. 576 UMH

Sharing Our Praises & Prayers

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Offering — Ushers come forward

Doxology p. 95 UMH

Old Testament Reading — Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 NRSV

Leader: The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

People: Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

Leader: You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor.

People: You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the LORD.

Leader: You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself.

People: You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Hymn for the Message — *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty* p. 64 UMH

New Testament Passages Thessalonians 2:1-8

Message — The Humble Way Through Conflict

Closing Hymn — *Pass It On*

p. 572 UMH

Benediction

May God bless you with the courage and the wisdom to respond to division, confusion, injustice, and hardship as imitators of Christ and agents of divine love as we work for the well-being and flourishing of all God's creation today and every day. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today at 3 PM, come out to our annual Trunk or Treat dressed in your finest Halloween ensemble. Decorate your trunk and bring some goodies for the kiddies. All trunks should be in place and ready to receive trick-or-treaters by 3 PM.
- Wesley Chapel UMC will be having a Chicken Stew November 7, 2026 at 6 pm featuring the Bluegrass & Gospel Band, Gaining Ground. Plan to attend for good food and fellowship. Please see flyer.
- Faye Seats will collect orders and payments from anyone who wishes to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary in memory or honor of a loved one. These beautiful flowers will adorn the sanctuary throughout Advent and Christmas. Each poinsettia costs \$17.11. Please make checks payable to Union UMC and submit your order to Faye by Sunday, November 1, 2026. When ordering, tell her exactly how you would like the memorial or honorarium listed in the bulletin. The poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary by November 29, 2026, the first Sunday of Advent.

Prayer List

Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner
Frank Dalton
Johnny Disher
Sherry Doub

Wanda Needham
Barbara Perryman
Frances Sisk
Peggy Willard

Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost
Tammy Seats Boyd
Jimmy & Deborah Branch
Jane Bullin
Mack Edwards
Garry Harbin
Kathy Harbin
Ronald Howell
David Joyner
Charles Kurfees
Kevin McBride

Mary Ann McBride
Ronnie Mudd
Jay D. Prevette
Family of Vivian Royal
Bill Slater
Kim Triplette
Ann Wallace
Tracy Webb
Jeremy Wilson
Savannah Wooten

October Birthdays

Shane Potts	1	Mark Bumgardner	25
Cindy Ball Toshie	5	Cary Leigh Disher	28
Carlin Burton	7	Brittany Pitts Mote	28
Debbie Wall Cooke	14	Makenzie Jane Mote	28
Serena Manning	16		

Wesley Covenant Prayer

(Adapted from Rev. Jeremy Smith on HackingChristianity.net.)

I am not my own self-made, self-reliant human being. In truth, O God, I am Yours. Make me into what You will. Make me a neighbor with those whom You will. Guide me on the easy path for You. Guide me on the rocky road for You. Whether I am to step up for You or step aside for You; Whether I am to be lifted high for You or brought low for You; Whether I become full or empty, with all things or with nothing; I give all that I have and all that I am for You. So be it. And may I always remember that you, O God, and I belong to each other. Amen.

SERMON NOTES

- Where did you hear God speaking to you in today's message?
- What main thought(s) can you use this coming week?
- Did you hear anything new and/or different from the scripture or the message today?
- What reaffirmed or challenged you?
- Additional thoughts and/or ideas?

