

New here?

Welcome to Marvin Church! | We are glad you are here. **Text the word NEW to 90382 so we can connect!** First time at Marvin? Grab the Connection Card from the pew pocket in front of you, complete it, and then take it to the information desk today so we can present you with a welcome gift.

Information | Visit the Welcome Center for information about programs, ministries and places to serve. Sign up for our weekly e-newsletter, *Marvin Messenger*. Click the NEWSLETTER SIGNUP button on the bottom of our homepage, marvin.church. Find us on Facebook: facebook.com/marvinmethodist.

Sunday School | Classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Get details at the information desk.

Kids | Your kids are special guests! Pick up a worship bag and children's bulletin at the sanctuary entrances. Care is available for children 5 and under in the nursery. Need a quiet place for your baby? Visit room 101 beneath the sanctuary where you can watch the service on a monitor in a peaceful setting.

Ready to join? | Complete the Connection Card found in the pew pocket in front of you and then come to the front of the church at the pastor's invitation for new members. You will be given the vows of membership and introduced to the congregation. Contact Alicia Manfrin (amanfrin@marvin.church) to join outside of worship.

Need prayer? | Take a prayer card from the pew pocket in front of you, complete it and put it in the offering plate.

This week

Today

Confirmation Class, 9:30 a.m. | Laude Chorum Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School Classes, 9:45 a.m. | The Walk, 9:45 a.m.
EDGE (5th grade students), 5 p.m. | UNITE (6th-12th grade students), 6 p.m.

Monday

Evening Pickleball, 5 p.m. | Robinson Handbells Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Women in the Word Bible Study, 10 a.m. | Marvin Bible Study for MOMS, 10 a.m.
Laymen's Lunch & Bible Study, 11 a.m. | Tuesday Men's Bible Study, 11 a.m.
Finance Committee Meeting, noon | Church Council Meeting, 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Morning Pickleball, 8:30 a.m. | GriefShare, 3:45 p.m. | Midweek Meal, 5 p.m.
How (Not) to Read the Bible, 6 p.m. | Teach Me How to Pray, 6 p.m.
Catechism of the Global Methodist Church- Part One, 6 p.m.
How to Love Your Neighbors, 6 p.m. | The Epic of Eden, 6 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Thursday

Prayer Warriors, 9:30 a.m. | Moms of Marvin, 10 a.m. | MW Leader Meeting, 11 a.m.
Moms of Marvin @ Night, 6 p.m. | Adult 18+ Volleyball, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday

Trinity Volleyball League, 3 p.m. | Marvin Kids Pop-Up, 5 p.m.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Let the prelude be a veil dropped between a secular world of distractions
and a singular desire to be in God's presence.*

PRELUDE

On Jordan's Stormy Banks
arr. Richard H. Haan

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 16:24-25

Leader: Jesus said to His disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

People: **Whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Jesus' sake will find it.**

*OPENING HYMN 472

Onward, Christian Soldiers
ST. GERTRUDE/arr. Metzger

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

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 sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

*GLORIA PATRI 33

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**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

MARVIN CONNECTION

CHILDREN'S CHOIR (11:00)

How To Live Each Day
by Mark Hayes

MEDITATION

Standing On the Promises
arr. Cindy Berry
Jonathan Story, piano

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 15:18-21

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

God, we pray to you to be poor in spirit, humble in spirit before you. In our mourning, in our sorrow over sin, and suffering, and evil, and injustice in the world, we pray to know your comfort. May our hearts be meek. May we long for righteousness, like we long for food when we're hungry and long for righteousness like we long for water when we are thirsty. God, help us to be a reflection of your mercy, your underserved love. Purify our hearts. God, help us to promote peace around us. Help us endure suffering and persecution for righteousness's sake. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

OFFERTORY

Not Ashamed
by Dan Forrest

Laude Chorum (8:30), Chancel Choir (11)

*DOXOLOGY 682

OLD 100TH

**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.**

*SERMON HYMN 331

Day by Day
BLOTT EN DAG

*SERMON TEXT

Matthew 5:3-12

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Momentum: Blessed Are Those Who Are Persecuted Because of Righteousness
Dr. Doug Baker

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP & CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

*COMMITMENT HYMN 477

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus
WEBB

*RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

We welcome and receive you into the fellowship of Marvin Methodist Church. We promise to surround you with a community of love and forgiveness as you grow in Christ. Today, we renew our vows of loyalty both to Christ and the church. As representatives of Christ in the world, we promise to do all in our power to strengthen Marvin's ministries through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go Out With Joy
by R. Hugh Patterson

POSTLUDE

War March of the Priests
by Felix Mendelssohn

**Please stand as you are able.*

Ministers: The people of Marvin Methodist Church
Lead Pastor: Dr. Doug Baker | **Associate Pastor:** Rev. Brandy Stevens
Director of Music and Fine Arts: Kara Story | **Organist:** Jonathan Story
Acolytes: Luke Philly, Jack Philley (8:30); Liam Long, Lilianna Long (11)
Liturgical color: Green, indicating growth in faith as we follow the teachings and ministry of Christ.

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Ways to serve

Mission Week

Know of a neighbor who could benefit from our Mission Week services? We are collecting applications for home projects -but only until March 1st.

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Habits of the Heart

In February, we are collecting diapers (2T-4T), pacifiers, baby wipes, baby shampoo, etc. for the Rainbow Room at the Children's Advocacy Center.

kkizer@marvin.church

Altar Flowers

Donate flowers to adorn our worship space in honor or in memory of loved ones.

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Coming Events

NEW Short-Term Class | The Walk

Sunday, Feb. 23-Sunday, May 4, 9:45 a.m., Library

Are you facing a wall? For the past year, a group of Marvin members have been considering solutions to breaking through a wall. Starting Sunday, February 23 at 9:45 a.m., representatives from this group will begin presenting a series of sessions to share their conclusions. These interactive sessions create a framework to help you define your wall and offer possible solutions in a supportive community group. The group will be meeting in the library. Everyone is welcome!

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 5, 12:05 & 6 p.m. Sanctuary

We will begin the holy season of Lent with a time of reflection, repentance and renewal. Both services will include the imposition of ashes, and the evening service will also include communion.

Confirmation Service

Sunday, March 9, 9:45 a.m., Sanctuary

Join us as we celebrate our Confirmands as they make their decision to be Baptized and/or Profess their Faith and become members of Marvin Methodist Church.

Men's Bootcamp

Friday, March 7-Sunday, March 9

At Men's Bootcamp we will look honestly at our own heart, confront any fears we may have, and expose any darkness that is hindering us from being the man that God created us to be. Join Pastor Jacob for a weekend of building relationship as we destroy isolation and live into the truth and freedom found in Jesus Christ. Visit the Men's Ministry page on the church website to register.

Marvin Missions

Saturday, March 15-Friday, March 21

We will be heading back to the Asheville, NC region to continue hurricane relief efforts alongside Love Mercy International. We will be helping with food and clothing donations, as well as construction projects. For more information about this mission trip and the mission trips to Tanzania (June 14-24) and northern Japan (spring 2026), contact Adam Kovach.

Oxford University Choir FREE Concert and Reception

Tuesday, March 25, 6 p.m., Sanctuary

For the first time, the Somerville College Choir from the University of Oxford will be touring the USA and will performing a FREE concert with repertoire from Bach to The Beatles. Please come and invite friends to enjoy the fabulous music and a light supper reception afterwards in Pirtle Hall where you will have a chance to mix and mingle with the Oxford students and Somerville Principal, Baroness Jan Royall, who is also a member of the House of Lords. We want to fill the church and show them a warm Tyler welcome!

Visit marvin.church and our Facebook pages for more information about the events at Marvin.

Marvin's Family

Pray for | Donna Bennett, Randy Blackman, Lindsey Bolton, Betty Bower, Mary Brumby, Audrey Chartier, Bill Cooper, Cris Criswell, Rusty Fletcher, Mary Gammell, Tom Gregory, Benji Guinn, Maggie Hall, Kathleen Herschbach, Jim Higgs, John Horton, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Erika Langford, Lisa Lester, Maria Lopez, Barbara Love, Dorothy Mackey, Anne Odendhal, Keith Parris, Pam Petty, Su Plunkett, Donna Roach, Linda Sargent, Barbara Sjerven, Juanita Smotherman, Margaret Spellman, Rev. Brandy Stevens, Nancean Stover, Suzie Tomme, Susan Turner, Morris West, Gail White, military personnel and their families, the 2025 Marvin Student Confirmands.

New this week | Steve King

Sympathy to | Friends and family on the death of Vergil Rodgers, February 15.

Assisted Listening System

If your hearing aids have a Bluetooth connection to your phone, you can listen to the service without checking out a receiver and headphones. You can play/pause the audio and adjust the volume to your liking.

Follow these steps to listen to the service using your phone:

1. Download the "ListenWIFI" app on your phone
2. When you arrive at the church, connect your phone to the "Marvin Public Wifi" network
3. Open the "ListenWIFI" app on your phone
4. Click "Sanctuary" to listen to the service

Receivers and headphones will still be available to check out. Please see an usher for assistance.

NOTES

Giving Update



Needed in February.....\$354,642

Received in February.....\$287,289.15

◀ To make a pledge online, point your smartphone's camera at the QR code and click the link that opens.

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FEBRUARY 23, 2025 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



Pursuing God through the Beatitudes



DR. DOUG BAKER, LEAD PASTOR | MARVIN.CHURCH