



God Knows Your Heart

This Sunday we will celebrate **Confirmation Sunday**, commission our **Honduras Mission Team**, and begin **Spring VBS**—a meaningful day in the life of our church.

Our Scripture comes from **1 Samuel 16:1–13**, where God sends Samuel to anoint the next king of Israel. As Samuel looks at Jesse's sons, he assumes the strongest and most impressive must be God's choice. But the Lord tells him something important:

"The Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

God chooses David—the overlooked shepherd boy—because God sees something deeper.

This passage reminds us that **the Christian life is both a moment and a process**. Faith is not simply a box we check once. It is more like an arrow moving forward, with important moments along the way.



Confirmation can be one of those moments. Our students will publicly profess their faith and their desire to follow Jesus. It is not the end of their journey, but a meaningful step along the path of discipleship.

Serving on a mission team can also be one of those moments. When people step outside their comfort zone to serve others in Christ's name, God often works in powerful ways within the heart.

This Sunday we will celebrate these moments together—and pray that God continues shaping hearts in every generation of our church.

Grace and Peace,
Tom

Worship and Praise Gathering

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 15, 2025

Liturgical Color: Purple
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Rob Ray

Please register your attendance on the pads found in each pew.

Prelude

Jesus Paid It All arr. Mary McDonald
piano and organ duet

*Hymn of Praise

152 *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rob Ray

Honduras Mission Team Commissioning 11:00

*Hymn of Preparation

381 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Offering

Feel free to give as you feel led

Offertory Anthem

Of Tears and Sorrows Joseph Martin
from *The Weeping Tree*, words from Isaiah 53:4-5
The Sanctuary Choir with
Dr. Lacey Wallace and Rev. Tom Carruth, vocal duet

*Surely He hath borne our griefs, and hath carried our sorrows.
He was wounded for all our transgressions.
He was bruised for all our sin.
And the chastisement of our peace was upon Him,
And with His stripes we are healed.*

Kyrie eleison (Lord have mercy).

Surely He hath borne our griefs, and hath carried our sorrows.

*Doxology

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Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Sermon

God Knows Your Heart

Rev. Tom Carruth

Reception of the Confirmands 11:00

Kennedy Arnold

Tatum Reddick

Preslie Carruth

William Sparrow, III

Huelon Freeman

Catherine Staines

James Hulbert

Addy Storm

Evelyn Noble

Ivy Wenkel

*Hymn of Commitment

454 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Closing Blessing

*Postlude

O Sacred Head Now Wounded
organ

arr. Robert Lau

*Stand as you are able

Acolyte: Harris Coody 11:00

Crucifer: Jubilee 11:00

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- The Altar flowers are given in honor of Brian and Michelle Bearden's 39 years of marriage. Congratulations! You are an inspiration! Cydney, Grayce, and JB
 - A pre-school nursery is provided for children 6 weeks to 4 years old. Children's Church is provided at 11 a.m. for children 4 years of age through their completing first grade. An usher will be happy to assist you in finding these locations in the Education building.
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Perry Methodist Church Staff:

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The baby rosebud is given to celebrate the birth of Maclaine Michelle Reber on February 19, 2026 to Grayce and Ethan Reber. Maclaine joins big brothers, Bryson and Wyatt. Proud grandparents are Brian and Michelle Bearden. Proud great grandparents are Wayne and Margaret Morris.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, March 15

2 p.m. - Honduras Mission Team Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
3:30 p.m. - Emerald Crossing VBS in the FLC

Monday, March 16

3:30 p.m. - Emerald Crossing VBS in the FLC
5 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study in the Brad Brady Conference Room

Tuesday, March 17

7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Fellowship
10:30 a.m. - JOY Choir buses depart for Life Spring Church Home
3:30 p.m. - Emerald Crossing VBS in the FLC
6 p.m. - Diving Deeper Bible Study in the Brad Brady Conference Room

Wednesday, March 18

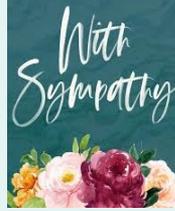
7 a.m. - Youth Prayer Breakfast
3:30 p.m. - Emerald Crossing VBS in the FLC
6 p.m. - Youth Worship and Bible Study - Bring \$5 for dinner!
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 19

Carpet Cleaning in the Fellowship Hall
3:30 p.m. - Emerald Crossing VBS in the FLC

Friday, March 20

6:30 p.m. - Easter Fish Fry and flashlight Egg Hunt in the FLC (prior registration required)



Our love, sympathy and prayers are given to Barbara Turner upon the loss of her husband, Guyton Turner on March 7, 2026. His service was on March 11.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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AND
ORCHESTRA
WITH
SKYLAR REGISTER, NARRATOR
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A HOLY WEEK JOURNEY
THROUGH THE BEATITUDES

PALM SUNDAY CANTATA
MARCH 29, 2026
9:00 AND 11:00

PERRY METHODIST CHURCH
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Prime Time Luncheon **Date Change**

Thursday, April 9
12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

We are changing the date of our Prime Time Luncheon to April 9.

Our lunch will be sloppy joes and we will have a great program from Heaven's Saints Motorcycle Ministry! Register by calling the church office at 478-987-1852.