



If you were ever a student at the wonderful University of Georgia, you will know how crucial the campus transit system is to your collegiate success. I was a frequent rider of many campus buses and had racked up quite the number of sky miles in the process. It was on a certain day, while riding one of these buses that I noticed we had a new driver. And standing beside the new driver was the former driver, who seemed to have found himself in a supervising role.

Just minutes into our ride, and without any warning, I suddenly heard a loud THUD. And then proceeded to hear a loud scream ring out from the new driver, who likely would not be driving anymore. Why is that? Because they had hit a student with the bus. Yes, you read that correctly.

To alleviate your concerns, the student, freshly hit by the bus, immediately stood from the ground and gave two thumbs up (we were fortunately driving slowly upon impact). They also knew that their tuition payments were likely going away!

What became most apparent just prior to the accident was that the supervisor was not supervising at all. In fact, this person was paying no attention to their new driver.

I often think about how our modern strategy for discipleship has primarily involved getting butts into seats. "Saving souls no matter the cost." But the strategy beyond that regularly falls off a cliff.

Ironically enough, it was Jesus who told us to make disciples in Matt. 28, but it was just after this Commissioning that He also said, "and teach them to obey all that I have commanded."

What does it mean to be a disciple? Ride the campus bus at UGA, and I can assure you, you may or may not find out.

Rob

Worship and Praise Gathering

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2026

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

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Rev. Rob Ray

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

Prelude

I Love You Lord arr. Keith Christopher
Catherine Kimbrel Bond, flute

Hymn

384 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*Affirmation of Faith

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The Apostles' Creed

*Gloria Patri

70

Glory Be to the Father

Pastoral Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn

328 *Surely the Presence of the Lord* (sung twice)

Offering

Feel free to give as you feel led

Offertory Anthem

With a Voice of Singing
The Sanctuary Choir

Martin Shaw

Refrain: *With a voice of singing, declare you this,
And let it be heard. Alleluia.*

*Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered his people. Alleluia.*

*O be joyful in God, all ye lands.
O sing praises to the honor of his name.
Make his praise to be glorious. Refrain*

*Doxology

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

ScriptureMatthew 28:16-20

SermonHeaven in me is you, Heaven is me in you

Hymn733Marching to Zion

Closing Blessing

*PostludeThis Is the Day the Lord Has MadeJohn Behnkeorgan

*Stand as you are able

Acolyte: Beckett Story 11:00
Crucifer: Anna Reese Mason 11:00

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- The Altar flowers are given in loving memory of the mothers of Charles and Dianne Ayer, Madge Gignilliat Ayer and Thelma Nipper Walton, in honor and in celebration of their July birthdays.
 - 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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Weekly Schedule

Tuesday, July 21

7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall
6 p.m. - Youth Harrington's Day

Wednesday, July 22

10:30 a.m. - Children's Summer Study in the Fellowship Hall
10 a.m. - Red Cross Blood Drive in the FLC
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 23

1 p.m. - Walking in the FLC
5:30 p.m. - Youth Worship and Bible Study in the Youth Center
6:30 p.m. - Young Adult Worship in the Sanctuary

Friday, July 24

7 p.m. - Youth Lock In Drop Off

Saturday, July 25

7 a.m.—Youth Lock In Pick up

Prime Time BINGO LUNCHEON

Thursday, August 6, 2026

B	I	N	G	O
5	16	31	46	61
8	20	38	50	73
12	25	FREE	55	70
3	17	33	48	64
7	22	41	58	66

WE WILL PLAY BINGO and have tons of fun together.

LUNCH WILL BE \$11 and will be catered by Chickfila (chicken sandwich, chips, and a cookie).

REGISTER

by calling the church office by Friday, July 31, 2026.

UNDERWEAR, SOCKS, AND BRA DRIVE

FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN AND TEENS

BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

for foster children and families in need.

Bring your donations to the church office.



Trustees Meeting
Monday, July 27

6 p.m. in the Office Conference



Blood Drive

Perry Methodist Church

Family Life Center
1009 Main Street
Perry, GA 31069

Wednesday, July 22, 2026
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



To make an appointment,
go to redcrossblood.org
and put **PerryMC** in the search bar.



Your donation. Their hope.

Give More Life. ❤️



Love Thy Neighbor

Paint with a Purpose

Wednesday,
August 12, 2026
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Perry Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall
\$30 per person
All supplies are included!

Proceeds will benefit
Wesley Glen Ministries

Scan the QR code to sign up or call the church office at 478-987-1852



New Member Brunch

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026
AT 10 A.M. IN THE FLC



You are personally invited to our New Member Brunch! We will learn about our church, our ministries, and ways to get connected. This is a great opportunity to learn more about us, whether you're considering membership or simply want to know more, we'd love to have you join us!

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