



Vision200: What We Heard and Where We're Going

Over the past several months, many of you participated in our Vision200 process by praying, listening, sharing your hopes, and speaking honestly about the future of Perry Methodist Church. Thank you. Your voices mattered, and I believe the Holy Spirit has used this season to give us greater clarity about who God is calling us to be.

While many wonderful ideas emerged, three themes consistently rose to the top:

- We will make disciples intentionally.
- We will welcome people exceptionally well.
- We will communicate clearly where we are going.

These are not new values for our church. They are biblical priorities that we believe God is calling us to pursue with renewed intentionality as we enter our third century of ministry.

Over the coming months, you'll begin to see practical steps flowing from these commitments. Some will involve new systems and initiatives. Others will simply invite each of us to practice everyday acts of hospitality, discipleship, and encouragement. Real culture change happens one conversation, one relationship, and one act of faithfulness at a time.

To help us begin that journey together, our sermon series is titled Culture Change. Together we'll explore what it means to become the kind of people—and the kind of church—that reflects the heart of Jesus Christ. As the saying goes, "Culture eats strategy for breakfast." Lasting transformation doesn't begin with better programs; it begins with changed hearts.

Thank you for your prayers, your encouragement, and your willingness to seek God's direction together. I truly believe God has wonderful things in store for Perry Methodist Church. As we celebrate 200 years of God's faithfulness, let's also look forward with anticipation to what He will do in the years ahead.

I hope you'll join us as we take these next steps together.

Grace and Peace,
Tom

Worship and Praise Gathering

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 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

All Creatures of Our God and King arr. Phillip Keveren
piano

Hymn

67

We, Thy People, Praise Thee

*Affirmation of Faith

881

The Apostles' Creed

*Gloria Patri

70

Glory Be to the Father

Pastoral Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn

344

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Offering

Feel free to give as you feel led

Offertory Anthem

River in Judea
The Sanctuary Choir

arr. John Leavitt

*Often times I dream of music,
Of the river that freely flows.
And it sings a song sweeter than honey,
One ev'ry body knows.*

*Late at night I hear it singing,
Then again when I wake at dawn.
And it fills me up with hope and goodwill,
The will to go on, go on.*

*Refrain: There is a river in Judea,
That I heard of long ago.
And it's a singing, ringing river,
That my soul cries out to know.*

*I believe it keeps on trav'lin',
But it rests on the Sabbath day.
And the time when it pauses in stillness,
I almost hear it pray.*

*When I'm weary and downhearted,
How I long for the song it sings,*

For the calm within its gentle blue,
The peace that it brings. Refrain

May the time not be too distant,
When we meet by the river, meet by the shore.
'Till then dream of that wonderful day,
As we sing once more. Refrain
Hallelujah!

*Doxology	94	LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Scripture	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52	Rev. Tom Carruth
Sermon	Culture Change: How God Changes the World	
Hymn	540	I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Closing Blessing

*Postlude	He Who Would Suffer God to Guide Thee	J.S. Bach organ
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*Stand as you are able

Acolyte: Anna Swift 11:00
Crucifer: Ben Bonney 11:00

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.

Perry Methodist Church Staff:

Rev. Tom Carruth, Senior Pastor	Rev. Rob Ray, Associate Pastor
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The Altar flowers are given in loving memory of my brother, Ron,
whose birthday is in July by Beverly Bowen.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, July 27

10:30 a.m. - Children's Summer Study Water Games and Lunch in the Fellowship Hall - Bring a towel
6 p.m. - Trustees Meeting in the Office Conference Room

Tuesday, July 28

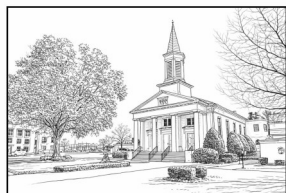
7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall
2 p.m. - Youth Middle School Boys Ice Cream Outing - Meet at the Youth Center

Wednesday, July 29

6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 30

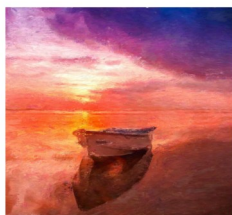
1 p.m. - Walking in the FLC



TRUSTEES COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 27
6 P.M.
OFFICE CONFERENCE
ROOM

Love Thy Neighbor Paint with a Purpose



We will paint
this painting

**Proceeds will
benefit
Wesley Glen
Ministries**

**Wednesday,
August 12, 2026
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
\$30 per person**

**All supplies are
included!**

**This is class for
all skill levels,
beginners are
welcome!**

Call the Church Office
to sign up or go to
perrymethodist.com
and sign up under
"Upcoming Events"
on the front page.

*Interested in Info
about the Church?*

**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!

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

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.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
Retirement Celebration
DINNER HONORING
Dr. Jane Kimbrel

FOR *Twenty Years* OF FAITHFUL
SERVICE AS OUR ORGANIST AND
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026
5:00 P.M.

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Call the church office to register
or go to perrymethodist.com
under upcoming events on the front page.