



Culture Change: Nobody Gets Turned Away **Matthew 14:13–21**

When the disciples saw a large, hungry crowd, they saw a problem that needed to be solved.

Their practical solution was simple:

Send the people away.

Jesus saw the crowd differently. He did not see a problem to be removed. He saw people to be welcomed.

Instead of sending them away, Jesus gathered them in and had them sit down together. He received what was offered, looked toward heaven, gave thanks, and placed the bread into the hands of His disciples.

And somehow, in the hands of Jesus, there was enough.

Nobody was turned away.

As part of Vision 200, we have committed to **welcome people exceptionally well**. But what does that really require of us?

Is welcome simply a greeting at the door and a bulletin placed in someone's hand? Or does it mean helping people move from being strangers in a crowd to becoming brothers and sisters around a table?

For many people, finding a class, walking into an unfamiliar room, and joining a circle of strangers is a much bigger step than we realize.

On September 13, **Everyone Belongs Sunday** will invite us to consider how we can make that step smaller.

What might happen if, instead of waiting for people to find their way in, we went out to meet them?

What would it look like for Perry Methodist to become a place where no one is sent away—and no one has to stand alone?

Grace and Peace,
Tom

Worship and Praise Gathering

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2026

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

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Rob Ray

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

Prelude

The Lord's My Shepherd arr. Charles Callahan
Pat McCall, violin

*Hymn

185 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Pastoral Prayer with Lord's Prayer

*Hymn

474 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Offering

Feel free to give as you feel led

Offertory Anthem

For I Know

John A. Behnke

based on Jeremiah 29:11

The Sanctuary Choir with violin

Commissioned by our church in 2016 to honor Dr. Jane Kimbrel in celebration of the tenth anniversary (2006-2016) of her music ministry at Perry Methodist.

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord.
Plans to prosper you, not to harm you;
Plans with hope for tomorrow, and future days, too.
Call on me, come to me, pray to me, and I will listen.*

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*Doxology

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Scripture

Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon

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Rev. Tom Carruth

Holy Communion
(gluten free rice crackers given upon request)

Music During Communion

Pie Jesu from Requiem op. 48 Gabriel Faure'

Adagio for Strings Barber/Hoffman
violin and organ

***Hymn of Commitment** 405 *Seek Ye First*

***Sending Forth with Blessing**

***Postlude** *Will You Come and Follow Me* arr. Charles Callahan
violin and organ

*Stand as able

Acolyte: Lylarose Stephens 11:00
Crucifer: Sybil Wetherington 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	Rob Ray, Assistant Pastor
Krissy Walker, Children's Pastor	Christie Rooks, Education Assistant
Nichole Lawson, Youth Pastor	Caroline Arnold, Youth Assistant
Katie Cawthon, Missions Coordinator	Dr. Jane Kimbrel, Director of Music Ministries
Mike Klug, Building Superintendent	Dr. Carol Goff, Collaborative Pianist
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Weekly Schedule

Monday, August 3

7 p.m. - CenterStage for Christ Rehearsal

Tuesday, August 4

7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Fellowship

7 p.m. - CenterStage for Christ Rehearsal

Wednesday, August 5

6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 6

6:15 a.m. - Basketball in the FLC

12 p.m. - Prime Time Bingo

Luncheon - Bring your own lunch if you haven't registered!

1 p.m. - Walking in the FLC

7 p.m. - CenterStage for Christ Rehearsal

*Interested in Info
about the Church?*



**Next Sunday, August 9, 2026
at 10 a.m. in the FLC**



**Considering joining our church
family or want more info about us?**

**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.

**PROMOTION
SUNDAY**



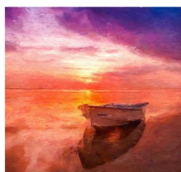
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

**3 YEARS TO 5TH GRADE
WILL MOVE UP TO THEIR
NEXT CLASS. DROP YOUR
CHILD OFF IN
THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.**

**RIISING 6TH GRADERS WILL
CROSS THE STREET TO YOUTH
FOR DONUTS, BIBLE JEOPARDY,
AND MEETING YOUR SUNDAY
SCHOOL TEACHERS.**

Love Thy Neighbor

Paint with a Purpose



Wednesday, August 12
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Perry Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall
\$30 per person

**All supplies are
included!**

We will paint this
painting

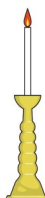
Proceeds will benefit
Wesley Glen
Ministries

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Acolyte and Crucifer Training

**Sunday, August 30 at 10 a.m.
in the Sanctuary**



All children who are in 2nd - 5th grade are
welcome to attend and get trained. Parents
need to plan to stay for the first five minutes
or so for some information.

To sign up or if anyone has questions, please
contact Bethany Ballard at 678-230-2163.



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PAINTING FROM NATALIE BRADLEY.**

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YOUTH XS TO ADULT 4X.**

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**THE LAST DAY TO PRE-ORDER IS
TOMORROW, AUGUST 3.**