



It Only Takes a Spark

We ended worship Sunday with "Pass It On." As we search for our next Director of Worship and Music Ministries, I'm choosing the hymns. Even as I considered other songs during the week, I kept coming back to "Pass It On."

Then Tuesday morning, I stepped away from my phone for a few minutes and returned to three missed calls from the church. I thought, "I hope nothing's on fire." Well, something was. A furnace in the Education Building had overheated and caused smoke. Thanks to the quick response of the men's prayer group, who were in the building, and the care and action of Mike Klug, Alice Releford, and Emilee Sheffield, the situation was contained. The Perry Fire Department responded, and Pruitt repaired the system. We are grateful there were no injuries or water damage, and that the building was ready for Sunday.

This week reminded me how much it means to be surrounded by people who show up when something needs doing. I'm grateful for everyone who makes Perry Methodist Church the church family it is: those who lead, serve, pray, sing, repair, encourage, and quietly make room for someone else.

I'm especially thankful for those sustaining our music ministry during this interim season: Carol Goff, DM Kenney, and Tammara Shipes, along with Mark Blankenship and Tami Daniels, who help the J.O.Y. Choir continue its ministry of music and friendship. The choir offers more than songs. It gives people a place to share life's joys and sorrows, and to know they are not alone.

It only takes a spark to get a fire going. Sometimes that spark is the kindness, faithfulness, or simple presence of someone who reminds us we belong to one another.

The Service of Worship

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost
October 25 2026

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

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Rob Ray

Prelude

The Old Rugged Cross
Dr. Carol Goff, piano

arr. Dan Forrest

Hymn

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Oh, How I Love Jesus

*Affirmation of Faith

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The Apostles Creed

Gloria Patri

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Glory Be to the Father

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn

171 *There's Something About That Name*

Offering

Feel free to give as you feel led

Offertory Anthem

Refuge
The Sanctuary Choir

arr. Tom Fettke

*God is our refuge and strength through endless days and when
the whole earth trembles our hearts are not afraid.*

*Mountains fall into the sea, foaming waters roar, our God, the
Lord, walks by our side, His hands holding our forevermore.*

*Nations are raging, false kingdoms raise a sword but when God's
votive thunders, they melt before His Word.*

In every corner of the earth, He causes wars to cease.

*He breaks the bow, He rends the spear,
His hands reaching down to bring us peace.*

Be still and know God. Praise and glory now proclaim.

All tribes and all nations now magnify His name.

*Let us rejoice and honor Him until the final day when we shall live
eternally, our hands lifted high in grateful praise.*

Amen!

***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!***Scripture****Sermon**

Rev. Tom Carruth

Hymn622 *There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood***Closing Blessing*****Postlude***Toccata in d, S.565, No. 1*
organ

J. S. Bach

*Stand as you are able

Acolyte: Jameson Applegate 11:00

Crucifer: Ben Bonney 11:00

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- The Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Hatsie Kinsley by her family.
 - A pre-school nursery is provided for children six weeks through four years. Children's Church is offered during the 11:00 a.m. service for children age four through those who have completed first grade. An usher will be happy to help you locate these ministries in the Education Building.
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Weekly Schedule

Today, October 25

5:30 p.m. - Trunk or Treat at the Walker Barn (prior registration is required) Trunk set up is at 5 p.m.

Monday, October 26

10 a.m. - Diving Deeper Ladies Bible Study in the Brad Brady Conference Room

5 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study in the Brad Brady Conference Room

6 p.m. - Cub Scouts in the Youth Center

7 p.m. - Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal in the Handbell Room

Tuesday, October 27

7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall

9 a.m. - Methodist Men smoking BBQ in Carroll Alley

10 a.m. - Community Assistance in the Family Life Center

11 a.m. - JOY Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 28

7 a.m. - Youth Prayer Breakfast

4 p.m. - Methodist Men Drive through BBQ Pickup at the FLC

4:30 p.m. - Tree House Trades

6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 29

1 p.m. - Walking in the FLC

Prime Time Luncheon Thursday, November 5 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall \$11 per person

Our program will be from Chris Sikes of the Houston County Health Department. Lunch will be catered by Sonny's BBQ. Registrations must be received by calling the church office at 478-987-1852 no later than Friday, October 30.

For more information, go to perry-methodist.com/our-ministries/older-adults.

Sugar Drive for PVO

We are over half way to our goal of 260! We only need 100 more bags! Bring your 4 lb bags of sugar to church next week!

What service will win?
Go to perrymethodist.com/our-ministries/missions to see how your service is doing!

Ladies Bible Study

We are starting a NEW STUDY tomorrow at 5 p.m. in the Brad Brady Conference Room. We will study Breathe by Priscilla Shirer. Books are available in the church office for \$19.

For more information, go to perrymethodist.com/our-ministries/women

Trustees Committee Meeting

Monday,
November 2
6 p.m. in the
Office
Conference
Room



Methodist Men Tuesday, November 10 (note the date change) 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center \$20 per person

Houston County Sheriff, Matt Moulton will speak. Dinner will be pulled pork, cole slaw, baked beans, and dessert.
Scan the QR code to register or call the church office at 478-987-1852.