Perry
Methodist Church



What Are You Burying?

What if the greatest tragedy in life isn't that we might lose something, but that we might never really live?

In Matthew 25:14–30, Jesus tells of three servants entrusted with their master's wealth. Two put what they've been given to work. The third, afraid of losing anything, digs a hole and buries it.

He doesn't squander it. He doesn't lose it. He simply buries it.

I wonder how often we do the same thing. We bury our gifts, dreams, and opportunities because we're afraid, too busy, or too comfortable.

What matters most is that we not miss life.

Jesus came that we might have life abundantly (John 10:10). That's what our November emphasis, *A Life That Matters: Living for What Lasts*, is all about.

As you prayerfully consider your financial commitment to Perry Methodist for 2027, remember: **This isn't ultimately about the church getting more of your money. It's about God getting more of your life.**

For 200 years, faithful people have invested their lives in this church. Now it's our turn.

So ask yourself: *What have I been burying that God is inviting me to put to work?*

God has MORE in store. Don't miss the life He's inviting you to live!

Grace and Peace,
Tom

The Service of Worship

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost — Liturgical Color: Green
November 15, 2026 — 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Prayer — Rev. Rob Ray

Prelude *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*
arr. George J. Elvey
Dr. Carol Goff, organ

Hymn 400 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

***Affirmation of Faith** 881 The Apostles Creed

Gloria Patri 70 *Glory Be to the Father*

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn** 402 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

Offering Feel free to give as you feel led

Offertory Anthem *Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place*
arr. Jack Schrader

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel his mighty power and His grace.

I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face,

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Christ beside me, Christ before me, King of my heart.

Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me, never to part.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

***Doxology** 94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Scripture	Matthew 25:14-30	
Sermon	What Are You Burying	Rev. Tom Carruth
Hymn	593	*Here I Am, Lord*
Closing Blessing		
***Postlude**	*Voluntary in d* David M. Kenney, Jr., organ	William Boyce

*Stand as you are able

Acolyte: Thomas Smith 11:00
Crucifer: Lylarose Stephens 11:00

- **Attention Hearing Aid Users!** Our sanctuary is now equipped with AURACAST (Assistive Listening Technology). This advancement will allow you to wirelessly connect your enabled devices to our sound broadcast – easily providing enhancing clarity and understanding. Select the "PMC Sanctuary" Auracast stream using your device settings or hearing aid app. Listen and enjoy!

- 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.

Rev. Tom Carruth, Senior Pastor
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Weekly Schedule

Monday, November 16
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, November 17
Methodist Children's Home Dessert Collection from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen
7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. - JOY Choir departs for Summer Hill - lunch after at Cracker Barrell

Wednesday, November 18
4 p.m. - Tree House Trades
5 p.m. - Youth Sunday Rehearsal Brady Conference Room
6 p.m. - Youth Friendsgiving in the Youth Center
6 p.m. - Private Event in the FLC
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 19
1 p.m. - Walking in the FLC
5:30 p.m. - Hope Beyond Today Grief Support Group in the Brad Brady Conference Room

We are collecting desserts **THIS TUESDAY** for the Methodist Children's Home's Thanksgiving meal in the Fellowship Hall kitchen from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Hope Beyond Today Grief Support
Starting November 19
5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Brad Brady Conference Room

For more information go to perrymethodist.com/our-ministries/bible-studies.

2027 Commitments

A November invitation to wholehearted discipleship and joyful generosity—not a budget rescue appeal.

We are not simply trying to raise more money for another year of church activities. We are asking God to do MORE in us and through us—and for the generations that will follow us.

For more information scan the QR code or go to perrymethodist.com/give

