

# FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

First Sunday of Lent - February 22, 2026

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Dr. David Hobson

PRELUDE.....*Prelude on CRIMOND*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
[The Lord's My Shepherd]  
Alec Rowley

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Rev. Kathy Wafer

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“At the Name of Jesus” .....No. 105

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 691.....Dr. Will Andress

BAPTISM (11:00).....John Curtis Prince, V.....Dr. Steven Bell  
Presented by his parents,  
John Curtis and Emily Prince, IV

## ***The Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism***

**Pastor:** *Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have witnessed this baptism. God requires that we be accountable for our part in the welcoming of this child into the household of faith. Therefore, I hereby commend him to your love and care.*

**Congregation:** *John Curtis, we welcome you and receive you into the fellowship of the church. We promise to surround you in a community of love and forgiveness as you grow in Christ, so that you may confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people to the glory of his name.*

*Amen and Amen.*

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Christus Paradox*.....Ensemble (8:30)  
Alfred Fedak Chancel Choir (11:00)

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Matthew 16:13-20.....Vicki Sullivan

† GLORIA PATRI.....No.33

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

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CHILDREN'S BLESSING.....Erin Hogg

MORNING & OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Rev. Emily Blair

THE LORD'S PRAYER.....Congregation (speaks in unison)

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. ✠ Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ✠ Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. ✠ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. ✠ For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

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PRAYER RESPONSE .....No. 674

*Hear our prayer, O Lord;  
Hear our prayer, O Lord.  
Incline Thine ear to us,  
And grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Beautiful Savior*.....Handbell Choir

[Son of God, and Son of Man  
- see No. 113 for text]  
arr. Beverly Simpson

† DOXOLOGY .....682

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God ll creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Sone, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

MESSAGE.....**TRANSFORMATIONAL QUESTIONS FOR LENT:**.....Dr. Steven Bell

**HOW TO MOVE FROM KNOWLEDGE TO KNOWING?**

**When Jesus Came to the Region of Caesarea Philippi.**

**He Asked His Disciples, “Who Do People Say the Son of Man Is?”**

# Who Do You Say That I Am?

## You Are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God.

### Scripture Memory Verse

*“Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’”*  
Matthew 16:16

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Who is He in Yonder Stall”.....No. 141  
*(During the singing of this hymn, those who wish to join the First Methodist family are invited to come to the front of the church for reception and recognition.)*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.....Dr. Steven Bell  
*We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ’s holy church, and bid you welcome to the congregation of First Methodist Church. With you, we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.*

† BENEDICTION .....Dr. Steven Bell

† SENDING FORTH.....*Lord of the Dance*.....Handbell Choir  
[Simple Gifts]  
arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

POSTLUDE.....*Fugue in C Minor, BWV 537*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
Johann Sebastian Bach

8:30: *Crucifer – Lorynn Farrington ◊ Acolyte – Sadie Farrington*

11:00: *Banner Carrier – Albany Lyles ◊ Crucifer – Anna Claire Caudle  
Acolytes – Ellie Caudle & John Marshall Rice*

† *Those who are able may stand.* ‡ *Latecomers may be seated at these times.*

\* **IF YOU WISH TO JOIN** the First Methodist Church family, please come forward at this time.

\*\**Children leaving the service for Children’s Chapel may be picked up after the service.*

◊ *3–4 years (8:30 & 11:00): Children’s Ministry Center*

◊ *K5–3RD graders (11:00): Dawson Building, Room 208, behind the Sanctuary*

Childcare for infants through 4 years is available from 8:15 to 12:15 in the Children’s Ministry Center. From the sanctuary, follow the sign located in the hallway between the sanctuary and the Dawson Building. Outdoor access is located on the corner of Douglas and Milam Street.