

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

First Sunday of Lent - February 22, 2026

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Maggie Descant

Anna and Pierce LeBlanc (8:30)
Chloe and Mila Meyers (11:00)

PRELUDE..... *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*.....Alison Beck, piano
arr. Dan Forrest

INVITATION, CONFESSION, AND PARDON.....No. 730.....Dr. David Hobson

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Come, Children*, Join to Sing”No. 36
[*Original Text]

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 691.....Mary Middleton & Lucy Adams (8:30)
Alice Brossette (11:00)

CELEBRATION OF LIFE.....Children’s Video.....Ellie Caudle (8:30)
Genna Bradley (11:00)

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Matthew 17:1-9.....James Garrett Descant (8:30)
Leeda Bradley (11:00)

† 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.*

CHILDREN’S BLESSING.....Isabel Haggard

MORNING & OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Anna Claire Caudle (8:30)
Audrey Storer (11:00)

PRAYER RESPONSENo. 674

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

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Fairest Lord Jesus*.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Mark Hayes Chancel Choir (11:00)

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*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 OF LENT:.....Dr. Steven Bell
HOW TO MOVE FROM Sarah Kathryn Lewis
SELF-IMPROVEMENT TO TRANSFORMATION?

Be Transformed?

What Happens on Transfiguration Mountain?

Could It Be That Transformation Is Someone Who Happens to Us?

Scripture Memory Verse

“While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!’”

Matthew 17:5

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING.....No. 732.....Dr. Steven Bell

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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MUSICAL OFFERING.....*What Wondrous Love*.....Elizabeth Beck, violin
arr. Alison Beck Alison Beck, piano

WESLEYAN COVENANT PRAYER.....No. 710.....Rev. Kathy Wafer

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Jesus Loves Me! This I Know”.....No. 155

(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.

† BENEDICTIONSarah Kathryn Lewis

Between now and the next time we meet as this portion of the Body of Christ, may we be mindful that the harvest is plentiful, the laborers are few, but we are blessed... we are blessed to be a blessing.

So, bear witness to the love of Christ in this world, so that the stranger you meet may find in you a faithful friend. The grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The love of God. And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with each and every one of us, now and forever, and may all God’s people say, “Amen.”

† SENDING FORTH.....*May the Grace of Christ Be with You*.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Etude No. 11*.....Alison Beck, piano
Philip Glass

8:30: *Crucifer – Anna Claire Caudle • Acolyte – Eliie Caudle*

11:00: *Banner Carrier – Leeda Bradley • Crucifer – Isabel Haggard
Acolytes – Genna Bradley and Audrey Storer*

† *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