

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Third Sunday in Lent - March 8, 2026

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

PRELUDE.....*Ich ruf' zudir, Herr Jesu Christ*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
[I call to you, Lord Jesus Christ]
Johann Sebastian Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. Will Address

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”No. 88
[Alternate Tune: HYFRYDOL]

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 691.....Rev. Kathy Wafer

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Let This Mind Be in You*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Craig Courtney Chancel Choir (11:00)

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Romans 12:1-8.....Lee DuCote

† 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.....Staci Zeagler

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.*

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.....*Let There Be Peace on Earth*.....Spunky Creger, piano
Improvisation

† DOXOLOGY.....No. 682

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all 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 CAN I BE TRANSFORMED (PART I)?
Offer Your Bodies

Be Transformed

Do God's Will

Scripture Memory Verse

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.”

Romans 12:1

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”.....No. 586

(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.....Lee DuCote

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.

† BENEDICTIONDr. Steven Bell

† SENDING FORTH.....*Amen*.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. John Rutter Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Johann Sebastian Bach

8:30: *Crucifer – Lila Holley-Lerchie* • *Acolyte – Evie Holley-Lerchie*

11:00: *Banner Carrier – Michael Zavalydrigas* • *Crucifer – Lily Norris*
Acolytes – Anna Claire and Ellie Caudle

† *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.