

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 15, 2026

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Rev. Emily Blair

PRELUDE.....*Meditation on*.....Brass Ensemble
"Christ Our Passover" E. Ray Peebles, organ
Robert W. Parker

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. David Hobson

† HYMN OF PRAISE....."God of Grace and God of Glory".....No. 45
[Setting by Richard Webster]

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

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*What Wondrous Love is This?*.....Sarah Wilkerson, soprano
arr. Richard Walters Liesl Cruz, alto

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Matthew 4:1-4.....Allison Montgomery

† 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.....Erin Hogg

MORNING & OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Rev. Kathy Wafer

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.....*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*.....Ensemble (8:30)
[See No. 35 for Text] Chancel Choir (11:00)
arr. Dan Forrest Brass Ensemble

† 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 2)?

Jesus Was Led by the Spirit into the Wilderness

To be Tempted by the Devil

If You Are the Son of God

It Is Written

Scripture Memory Verse

“Count it all joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.”

James 1:2 and 3

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Be Thou My Vision”.....No. 49
[Setting by Sterling Procter]

(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.

† BENEDICTIONDr. Steven Bell

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

POSTLUDE.....*Toccata on ABERYSTWYTH*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
David Bednall

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

11:00: *Banner Carrier – Asher Storer ◊ Crucifer – Abram Storer
Acolyte – 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 sanctuary and the Dawson Building. Outdoor access is located on the corner of Douglas and Milam Street.