

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Third Sunday of Easter - April 19, 2026

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Dr. Alison Beck

PRELUDE.....*I Will Arise*.....Handbell Choir
arr. Sondra Tucker

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”No. 62
Stanzas 1-3, 5

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 691.....Rev. Emily
Blair

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*How Firm a Foundation*.....Handbell Choir
[...is laid for your faith in His excellent word!]
arr. Douglass Wagner

† SCRIPTURE READING.....ROMANS 5:1-11.....Kelsey Thornhill

† 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.....Ashley Martin

MORNING & OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Lee DuCote

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. 441 [Excerpt]

*For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power,
and the Glory forever - Amen.*

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Lord of the Dance*.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. John Rutter Chancel Choir (11:00)

† DOXOLOGYTraditional

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

MESSAGE.....**THE ROMAN ROAD:**.....Dr. Steven Bell
PEACE AND HOPE

Peace with God (Romans 5:1 and 2)

Rejoice in Hope (Romans 5:3 to 5)

Currency of Heaven (Romans 5:6 to 9)

Reconciled to God (Romans 5:10 and 11)

Scripture Memory Verse

*“But God proves His love for us in that while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us.”
— Romans 5:8*

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“My Hope is Built”No. 102

(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.....*Alleluia*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Larry Gatlin Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Choral Prelude on*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Ein feste burg ist Unser Gott
[A Mighty Fortress is Our God]
Helmut Walcha

8:30: Acolyte – Molly Ann Petree

11:00: Banner Carrier – Lily Norris • Crucifer – Anna Claire Caudle
Acolytes – John Marshall Rice, Norah Crawford

† 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 Streets