

# FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 26, 2026

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Dr. Will Andress (8:30)  
Ivy Frierson (11:00)

PRELUDE.....*Processional*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
William Mathias

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. David Hobson (8:30)  
Grayson Hargon (11:00)

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Sing with All the Saints in Glory” .....No. 258

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 691.....Lee DuCote (8:30)  
Sarah Foreman (11:00)

CONFIRMATION (8:30).....Adelyn Grace Teague

CELEBRATION OF LIFE (11:00).....John Ashton Hunter

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Make Me an Instrument*.....Ensemble (8:30)  
[Prayer of St. Francis] Chancel Choir (11:00)  
Craig Courtney

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Romans 5:12-21.....Rev. Emily Blair (8:30)  
Kate Foreman (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.....Billie Tate (8:30)  
Harper Haddon (11:00)

MORNING & OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Rev. Kathy Wafer (8:30)  
Ezekiel Forsythe (11:00)

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.....*Give Me Jesus*.....Nina Guerrero, soprano  
arr. Hall Johnson Dr. Alison Beck, piano

† DOXOLOGY .....Traditional

*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  
**LIFE THROUGH CHRIST**

**Humanity's Ruin (Romans 5:12 to 14).**

**Humanity's Rescue (Romans 5:15 to 19).**

**Humanity's Reign (Romans 5:20 and 21).**

**Scripture Memory Verse**

*“Therefore just as one man’s trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man’s act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all.”*

— Romans 5:18

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“In Christ Alone” .....No. 106

*(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.)*

BLESSING OF OUR GRADUATES (11:00).....Dr. Steven Bell

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.*

† BENEDECTION .....Dr. Steven Bell

† SENDING FORTH.....*On Eagle’s Wings*.....Ensemble (8:30)  
arr. Mark Hayes Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Tu es Petra*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
Henry Mulet

[You are Peter, and on this rock,  
I will build my Church, and the gates of hell  
will not prevail against it. - Matthew 16:18]

11:00: *Banner Carrier – Albany Lyles • Crucifer – Mia White*  
*Acolyte – Chloe Meyers*

† *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