

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost - July 19, 2026

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Dr. Will Andress

PRELUDE.....*Christos Patterakis*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Roy Perry

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”.....No. 2

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 693.....Lee DuCote

CELEBRATION OF LIFE.....Tricia Firth

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Howard Helvey Chancel Choir (11:00)

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Acts 20:17-24.....Marilyn Beach

† 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.....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. 299

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*.....Liesl Cruz, alto
George B. Nevin Steve Valenzuela, bass

† 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.....DIVINE DIRECTION:.....Dr. Steven Bell
COMPELLING SPIRIT

Compelling Spirit

Who Is the Holy Spirit?

What Does the Holy Spirit Do?

Scripture Memory Verse

“And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there.”

— Acts 20:22

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”No. 320
[Stanzas 1–3, 5]

(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.....*Grace, Love, and Fellowship*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Tom Fettke Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Fugue à la Gigue*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
J.S. Bach/Virgil Fox

11:00: Acolyte – Isabel Haggard

† *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*

• *K5–2ND 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