

# FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

*Eighth Sunday After Pentecost - August 3, 2025*

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

PRELUDE.....*Prelude #2*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
Felix Mendelssohn

INVITATION, CONFESSION, AND PARDON.....No. 730.....Dr. Will Address

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“If Thou But Trust the Lord to Guide Thee” .....No. 75

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

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Esther 9:24-28.....Stacey Hargon

† 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.*  
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CHILDREN’S BLESSING.....Helen Palmer

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

PRAYER RESPONSE.....No. 299

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

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*Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.*

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Song of Thanksgiving*.....Ensemble (8:30)  
John Ferguson Chancel Choir (11:00)

† 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.....FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS:.....Dr. Steven Bell  
WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND

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## Four Principles for All of Life

### Scripture Memory Verse

*“God proves his love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”*

**Romans 5:8**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING.....No. 731-732.....Dr. Steven Bell

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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MUSICAL OFFERING.....“Confutatis Maledictis”.....Steve Valenzuela, bass  
from *Requiem*  
Giuseppe Verdi

[When the accursed have been condemned,  
summon me with the saved—*You cannot drink  
the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you  
cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the  
table of demons—1 Cor. 10:21]*

WESLEYAN COVENANT PRAYER.....No. 710.....Dr. Steven Bell

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”.....No. 90  
(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.*

† BENEDICTION .....Dr. Steven Bell

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

POSTLUDE.....“Allegro maestoso e vivace”.....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
from *Sonata #2*  
Felix Mendelssohn

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

11:00: *Banner Carrier – Mollie Rice • Crucifer – Michael Zavalydriga  
Acolyte – 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.