

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost - August 16, 2026

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....	Dr. Alison Beck
PRELUDE.....	"Elevation".....E. Ray Peebles, organ
	from <i>Mass for the Convents</i> François Couperin
CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....	Rev. Kathy Wafer
† HYMN OF PRAISE.....	"All People That On Earth Do Dwell"No. 662
	[Psalm 100]
† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....	No. 693.....Dr. Will Address
THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION.....	Dr. Steven Bell

Dr. Bell: *Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all. They tell us who we are, and they tell us whose we are. We are the people of God. Loved by Him and protected by Him. We belong together and are bound together by these holy words found in these very books that you have received today.*

Congregation: *We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, your Sunday School classes, and in worship. We will learn together and grow in our love for God's word.*

MUSICAL OFFERING.....	O God Beyond All Praising.....	Ensemble (8:30)
	arr. Richard Proulx	Chancel Choir (11:00)

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Psalm 100..... Jessica Baker

† 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. 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.....*Rejoice, the Lord is King!*.....Dr. Alison Beck, piano
arr. Marianne Kim E. Ray Peebles, organ

† 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.....OUR MISSION:.....Dr. Steven Bell
WORSHIP PASSIONATELY

What Is Worship?

Pursuing Passionate Worship

Being Overwhelmed by God’s Greatness

Scripture Memory Verse

*“As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.”
— Psalm 42:1*

- † HYMN OF INVITATION.....“How Great Thou Art”.....No. 32
(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.....*God Be With You*.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)
- POSTLUDE.....*Fiat Lux*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
[Eternal Light]
Théodore Dubois

8:30: *Banner Carrier – Lila Holley-Lerchie • Crucifer – Molly Ann Petree*
Acolytes – Evie Holley-Lerchie and Mabry Petree

11:00: *Banner Carrier – Grayson Magill • Crucifer – Isabel Haggard*
Acolytes – John Marshall Rice and Belle Shuey

† *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