

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost - August 24, 2025

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Lee DuCote

PRELUDE.....“Adagio” from *Symphony #3*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Louis Vierne

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. Will Address

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”No. 1
Stanzas 1-7

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 693.....Rev. Kathy Wafer

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*A New Song**Ensemble (8:30)
Diane Bish Chancel Choir (11:00)

† SCRIPTURE READING.....John 5:1-15.....Ezekiel Forsythe

† 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.....Staci Zeagler

MORNING & OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Debby Williams

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.....*Take My Hand, Precious Lord*.....Gary Elam, tenor
Thomas A. Dorsey

† 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.....**THIS VERSE CHANGED MY LIFE:**.....Dr. Steven Bell
CIRCUMSTANTIAL HEALING

Healing in the Bible

Healing in Church History

Healing Today

Scripture Memory Verse

“Jesus said to him, ‘Stand up, take your mat and walk.’”

John 5:8

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Victory in Jesus”.....No. 119

(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.....*Amen*.....Ensemble (8:30)

John Rutter

Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Jubilation*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Gordon Young

* Given to the glory of God and in memory of Jackie Peebles, mother of Ray Peebles.

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

11:00: *Banner Carrier – Lily Norris • Crucifer – Michael Zavalydriga
Acolytes – Mia White*

† *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.