

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost - September 6, 2026

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

PRELUDE.....*Prelude on a Communion Mediation*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Théodore Dubois

INVITATION, CONFESSION, AND PARDON.....No. 730.....Dr. Alison Beck

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

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 693.....Dr. Will Andress

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Philippians 4:10-13.....Reuben Waters

† 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

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

PRAYER RESPONSENo. 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.....*Forth in Thy Name*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Gordon Young Chancel Choir (11:00)

† 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!*

Where do you get your confidence?

Confidence Killers.

Gaining Confidence through Him.

Scripture Memory Verse

“Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ.”

— Philippians 1:6

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING.....No. 731.....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.

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MUSICAL OFFERING.....“God so Loved the World”....Anna Claire McCann, soprano
from *The Crucifixion* E. Ray Peebles, organ
John Stainer

WESLEYAN COVENANT PRAYER.....No. 710.....Lee DuCote

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Be Still My Soul”.....No. 346

(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.....Rev. Kathy Wafer

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.

† BENEDICTIONRev. Kathy Wafer

† SENDING FORTH.....Amen.....Ensemble (8:30)
John Rutter Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Grand Chorus*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Théodore Dubois

8:30: *Crucifer – Liam Gunter • Acolyte – Addie Leigh Hayes*

11:00: *Crucifer – Liam Gunter • Acolytes – Alice Brossette and Maddox Ardoin*

† *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 Street.