

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost - November 9, 2025

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Lee DuCote

PRELUDE.....*Fairest Lord Jesus*.....Handbell Choir
Traditional

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“This is My Father’s World”.....No. 19

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 691.....Rev. Kathy Wafer

CELEBRATION OF LIFE.....Trinity Annual Conference.....Rev. Lamar Oliver
of the GMC

MUSICAL OFFERING (8:30).....*God So Loved the World*.....Texas Street Singers
John Stainer

MUSICAL OFFERING (11:00).....*Search Me, O God*.....Chancel Choir
[Psalm 139]
K. Lee Scott

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Romans 8:18-28.....Bart Alexander

† 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. Emily Blair

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. 341

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.*

*Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek and ye shall find;
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.*

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*He That Keepeth Israel*.....Mia Moreno, alto
Adolphe Schlösser

† 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.....**THE WAY OF THE EARTH**.....Dr. Steven Bell

Creation Is Grieving

Creation Is Groaning

Creation Is Glorifying

Scripture Memory Verse

“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.”

Romans 8:26

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“The New Creation”.....No. 636

(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.....*Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*.....Handbell Choir

[see No. 687 for text]
Theodore Dubois

POSTLUDE.....*Now Thank We All Our God*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ

[March Triumphal]
Sigfried Karg-Elert

11:00: *Banner Carrier – Caroline Summers • Crucifer – Mollie Rice*
Acolytes – John Marshall Rice and Andrew Summers

† *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.