

Madison Street

United Methodist Church

Service for the Lord's Day ~ March 1, 2026 ~ 10:15 a.m.

Second Sunday in Lent

A professionally staffed **nursery** is located through the double doors on the west side (front left) of the sanctuary.
Our nursery is available for children and infants through age 3. **Restrooms** are also located through the double doors on the west side (front left) of the sanctuary.

ENTRANCE

The Chiming of the Hour

The Words of Gathering & Invitation to Worship

The Rev. Harriet Bryan

The Prelude

“Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stund”
J.S. Bach

Jeffrey Thomas, Organist

The Introit

Psalm 121: “Total Praise”
Richard Smallwood

Madison Street Choir

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills,
Knowing my help is coming from You.
Your peace you give me in time of the storm.
You are the source of my strength;
You are the strength of my life;
I lift my hands in total praise to You. Amen.

+The Call to Worship (*+Indicates stand as you're able*)

Lucretia Campbell

Leader: God meets us in questions and searching.

People: We come open to new life.

Leader: God invites us to be formed from within.

People: We come ready to receive what we cannot make.

Leader: Let us worship the God who gives life by grace.

People: Let us worship together.

+The Processional Hymn No. 159 “Lift High the Cross”

CRUCIFER

The cross leads the procession as a reminder that Jesus Christ, the Word of God and savior of humanity, is at the center of our worship.

The acolytes light two candles on the altar to symbolize the dual nature of Jesus, fully human and fully divine.

+The Opening Prayer of Confession

Lucretia Campbell

God of new life,

we confess that we prefer what is familiar to what is transforming.

We rely on our understanding instead of trusting your Spirit.

We try to manage our growth rather than receive it as gift.

We resist being changed from the inside out.

Forgive us. Loosen our grip on what we think we know.

Open us to the work of your Spirit, who gives life beyond our control. Amen.

+Words of Assurance

Lucretia Campbell

Leader: Hear the good news:

God does not wait for us to understand before offering new life.

The Spirit moves freely, bringing birth, renewal, and grace.

People: In Christ, we are forgiven.

In Christ, we are being made new.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

+Passing of the Peace

Lucretia Campbell

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

+The Gospel Lesson

The Rev. Bo Myers

John 3:1-17

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*During the choral response, children ages Pre-K through Kindergarten
will be dismissed to Kids Core to worship in an exciting, child-oriented way!
At the conclusion of worship, dismissal locations are: Pre-K: Rm. 305, Kindergarten: Rm. 308
Pre-K – Kindergarten Topic: **Jesus Loves Zacchaeus** Grades 1 – 5: **Remain in Worship***

Choral Response

“God So Loved the World”

Madison Street Choir

John Stainer

The Sermon

“God Acts. We Receive.”

Rev. Bryan

Points to Ponder & Questions to Consider

“Growth begins when people stop trying to control change and begin to receive it.”

—Henry Cloud, *How People Grow*

1. Where am I trying to manage my own growth rather than receive it as gift?
2. What might it mean for me to be open to being changed from within?
3. How is God inviting me to trust the movement of the Spirit this week?

+The Affirmation of Faith No. 881 “The Apostles’ Creed”

The Rev. Dr. Tim Sharp

The Prayers of the People

Rev. Sharp

*If you have a prayer request to share with our pastors, please email us at prayer@madisonstreetumc.org
or fill out a prayer card found in the R.O.W. books and place in the offering plate.*

The Offering of Our Gifts to God

Rev. Bryan

*Your generosity enables us to make a difference in our community and world.
To give online, go to madisonstreetumc.org/giving or scan the QR code located on the green online giving card.
To give from your phone, text GIVE2MSUMC to 73256.*

The Offertory

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Jeffrey Thomas, Organist

arr. Howard Helvey

+The Doxology No. 95

OLD 100th

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Revs. Bryan & Myers

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven

We praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The prayer continues, and the institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled.

In union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ had died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The pastor invokes the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity.

The people respond; Amen.

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Our ushers will direct you to come down the center aisle and return to your seat by the outer aisles.

Gluten free elements are available at the station in the center. Waste stations are located at the base of the columns.

If you would like to be served where you are seated, please let an usher know as they pass by.

Today's communion offering supports the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the humanitarian relief and development arm of the church. UMCOR comes alongside individuals, families and communities affected by natural or human-caused disasters – famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire or other events – to alleviate suffering and serve as a source of help and hope.

Your donations equip UMCOR to respond quickly when disaster strikes and to stay for the long term. From training volunteers to keeping the office lights on, the UMCOR Sunday special offering helps cover the costs of this nonprofit UMC organization and allows for 100% of gifts given in response to disasters to assist with the disaster.

During communion, you are invited to bring forward your commitment card.

This is an act of trust—an offering of what we have, rooted in the confidence that God is leading us forward.

Music During Communion

“In This Very Room”

Madison Street Choir

Ron & Carol Harris

In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me,
And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus ... is in this very room.

And in this very room there's quite enough love for all of us,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all of us,
And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus ... is in this very room.

In this very room there's quite enough love for all the world,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all the world,
And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus ... is in this very room.

SENDING FORTH

- +The Invitation to Christian Discipleship** Rev. Bryan
- +The Hymn No. 389** “Freely, Freely” FREELY, FREELY
- +The Benediction** Rev. Bryan
- +The Postlude** “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” Jeffrey Thomas, Organist
arr. Harold DeCou

*The acolytes lead us into the world carrying the light of Christ as a reminder
that God sends each of us into the world to share Christ's light with others.*

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by the Priscilla Weathersby Flower Fund.

To donate flowers in March, contact Carole Anne Smith (931) 645-6586 or nansmi2@bellsouth.net.

Worship Leaders in Today's Service:

The Rev. Harriet Bryan ~ Senior Pastor
The Rev. Bo Myers ~ Associate Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Tim Sharp ~ Pastoral Associate for the Arts
Lucretia Campbell ~ Congregational Care
Ashley Menard & Bruce Anderson ~ Technical Team
Foster Myers & Elijah Wells ~ Acolytes
Jeffrey Thomas ~ Organist
Madison Street Choir

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CONGREGATIONAL CARE & CONCERNS

We value privacy, and we believe in prayer. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please email prayer@madisonstreetumc.org or call the church office.

We extend Christian sympathy to Pat Donahue and family, following the death of Dave Donahue on February 22, 2026.

Aleeta Christian
Carol Pring
Chris Patton
Chris Towe
Desi Burdick
Doris Davenport
Elaine Yarzab
Emilia Isaacs
Griffin Myers
Hunter Burney

Ivan Scholle
Jake West & Family
Jeff Johnston
Jerry White
Johnny Peay
Judy Smith
Karen Scholle
Kay Martin
Ken Kroll
Kristin Armistead Helms

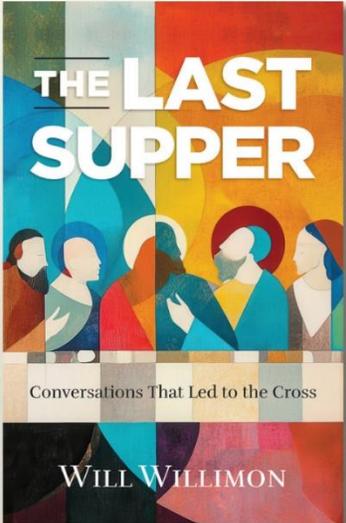
Mary Kidd
Morgen Smith
Polly Wallace Parker
Rev. Charles Becher
Rev. Cliff Wright
Rita Collett
Ronnie Albright
Silas Fritts
Sherri Harvill
Suicide Epidemic

Lenten Bible Study
Wednesdays @ 10 a.m.

Everyone Welcome!
Growing in faith, together.

Books \$10

Email Pastor Bo
bo@madisonstreetumc.org
for more information.



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**Bible study this Wednesday, March 4 is cancelled,
the study will resume Wednesday, March 11.**

This Week at *Madison Street*

Pastors Harriet & Bo will be attending the Board of Ordained Ministry at Beersheba Springs from Sunday, March 1 through Wednesday, March 4.

Sunday, March 1

8:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Nursery/Childcare Available (2 nd Floor Sanctuary Hall)
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Sunday Morning Choir Makeup Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Small Groups (Various Locations)
10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Beyond Limits (Rm. 215 – Sanctuary Hall)
10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary & Streaming)
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Quilt Posse (Fellowship Hall)
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	UMYF (Hilldale UMC)

Tuesday, March 3

The Episcopal Church recognizes today as the **Feast Day of John and Charles Wesley** honoring the brothers as influential priests in the Church of England and as founders of the Methodist Movement within the Anglican tradition. This year all United Methodists and Episcopalians are invited to join each other in marking this special day with prayer for each other and for our shared relationship.

Wednesday, March 4

	No Bible Study
5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.	Midweek Meal (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m. – 6:50 p.m.	Preschool Choir (2 nd Floor Classrooms)
6:00 p.m. – 6:50 p.m.	Younger Children's Choir (2 nd Floor Classrooms)
6:00 p.m. – 6:50 p.m.	Youth Choir (Youth Room)
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Madison Street Choir (Sanctuary)

Sunday, March 8

8:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Nursery/Childcare Available (2 nd Floor Sanctuary Hall)
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Sunday Morning Choir Makeup Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Small Groups (Various Locations)
10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Beyond Limits (Rm. 215 – Sanctuary Hall)
10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary & Streaming)
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Kids Discipleship Team Meeting (Conference Room)
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Music & Arts Council Meeting (Library)
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	UMYF (Hilldale UMC)

Children's Choirs:

Age 3 - 1st Grade

2nd - 5th Grades

6th - 12th Grades

(Nursery for 2 and under)



Adult Offerings:
Conversation Group

Games

Free Wifi

Hang Out

at MADISON STREET UMC

Meal • Music • Meaning

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

MEAL - 5:30 P.M.

CHOIRS & PROGRAMMING - 6-7 P.M.

FORMED IN THE WILDERNESS

CHRIST MEETS US IN LIFE'S
HARD PLACES TO SHAPE
RESILIENT FAITH,
HONEST LOVE,
AND A RENEWED LIFE.

LENT 2026