

New Here?

Welcome to Marvin Methodist Church! | We are glad you are here. **Text the word NEW to 90382 so we can connect!** First time at Marvin? Grab the Connection Card from the pew pocket in front of you, complete it, and then take it to the information desk today so we can present you with a welcome gift.

Information | Visit the Welcome Center for information about programs, ministries and places to serve. Sign up for our weekly e-newsletter, *Marvin Messenger*. Click the NEWSLETTER SIGNUP button on the bottom of our homepage, marvin.church. Find us on Facebook: facebook.com/marvinmethodist.

Sunday School | Classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Get details at the information desk.
Kids | Your kids are special guests! Pick up a worship bag and children’s bulletin at the sanctuary entrances. Care is available for children 5 and under in the nursery. Need a quiet place for your baby? Visit room 101 beneath the sanctuary where you can watch the service on a monitor in a peaceful setting.

Ready to join? | Complete the Connection Card found in the pew pocket in front of you and then come to the front of the church at the pastor’s invitation for new members. You will be given the vows of membership and introduced to the congregation. Contact Alicia Manfrin (amanfrin@marvin.church) to join outside of worship.

Need prayer? | Take a prayer card from the pew pocket in front of you, complete it and put it in the offering plate.

Assisted Listening & Hearing | Please see an usher for information about our assisted listening and hearing systems.

This Week

Today
Laude Chorum, 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School Classes, 9:45 a.m.
EDGE (5th Grade Bible Study), 5 p.m.

Monday
Robinson Handbells Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday
Christmas Joy 2025, 10 a.m. | Christmas Downtown (TJC Choirs), 12:05 p.m.
Night at the Nativity Rehearsal, 6 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Thursday
Prayer Warriors, 9:30 a.m. | Christmas Joy 2025, 10 a.m. | Marvin Mahjong, noon
Men’s Covenant Group, noon

Saturday
Methodist Children’s Home Christmas Party, 10 a.m.

Sunday
Baby’s First Christmas, 9 a.m. | Laude Chorum, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School Classes, 9:45 a.m. | Children’s Ministry Team Meeting, noon
Widows Luncheon, noon | Unite Christmas Party, 12:30 p.m.
Handel’s Messiah- Part One, 5 p.m.

Ways to Serve

<p>Habits of the Heart</p> <p>Bring new blankets to benefit the homeless community in Tyler. Blankets can be placed on the shelves by the elevator near the Welcome Center.</p> <p>kmoore@marvin.church</p>	<p>Christmas Eve Hospitality</p> <p>Help us welcome the many new faces into our church home by greeting at doors or assisting in Pirtle Hall on Christmas Eve.</p> <p>amanfrin@marvin.church</p>	<p>Serve Night</p> <p>Join us on Dec. 15 at 6 p.m. in Pirtle Hall to help us stuff backpacks full of necessities for individuals in the Salvation Army shelter.</p> <p>kmoore@marvin.church</p>
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

_____ *Let the prelude be a veil dropped between a secular world of distractions _____ and a singular desire to be in God’s presence.*

PRELUDE

Greensleeves
arr. Richard Purvis

WELCOME

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Kathy and Russ Willis (8:30)
Laurie and Paul Breedlove (11:00)

Leader: As we light this candle, we remember that Jesus is the hope of the world.

People: **May this flame remind us to place our trust in the promises of God, who is faithful to redeem and restore.**

Leader: Lord of hope, as we begin this Advent season, kindle in us a remarkable hope. Help us to trust in your promises and share the light of your hope with those around us

People: **Shine in our hearts and in our world!**

Sung Response: **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*OPENING HYMN 163

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
HYFRYDOL/arr. Metzger

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI 33

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**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. Amen.**

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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (11)

MEDITATION

The Christmas Tree
by Peter Cornelius
Linda Nylund, soprano; Tom Laine, baritone

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 40:29-31

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Heavenly Father, in this Advent season, fill our hearts with the radiant hope that only Christ can bring. As we look towards Christ’s return, teach us to trust You in the quiet and even difficult moments. Let Your light break into our darkness and renew our strength. May the hope of Jesus anchor our souls and stir us to love, serve, and rejoice in You. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

OFFERTORY

From the Prophet Comes a Promise
Joseph M. Martin
Laude Chorum (8:30); Chancel Choir (11)

*DOXOLOGY

OLD 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*SERMON HYMN 168

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
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*SERMON TEXT

Luke 1:5-25

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Brought To The Light: Hope
Rev. Jacob Joiner

*COMMITMENT HYMN 193

There’s a Song in the Air
CHRISTMAS SONG

*RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

We welcome and receive you into the fellowship of Marvin Methodist Church. We promise to surround you with a community of love and forgiveness as you grow in Christ. Today, we renew our vows of loyalty both to Christ and the church. As representatives of Christ in the world, we promise to do all in our power to strengthen Marvin’s ministries through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
arr. Robert MacDonald

**Please stand as you are able.*

Ministers: The people of Marvin Methodist Church
Associate Pastor: Rev. Jacob Joiner | **Lay Liturgist:** Jake Strain
Director of Music and Fine Arts: Kara Story | **Organist:** Jonathan Story
Acolytes: Luke Philley, Jack Philley (8:30); Liam Long, Liliana Long (11)
Altar Flowers: Given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Paul Breedlove’s 70th year, from his beloved
Liturgical color: Purple, signifying our spiritual preparation for the celebration of His birth as we look forward to the future reign of Jesus Christ.

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Coming Events

Christmas Joy

Wednesday, Dec. 3 and Thursday, Dec. 4

We will share the joy of the holiday seasons with children and families in the Tyler area. For more information about volunteer opportunities, visit the table by the Information Desk or visit marvin.church/events and search for Christmas Joy 2025.

Widows Luncheon

Sunday, Dec. 7, 12:15 p.m., Pirtle Hall

Marvin Women's Ministry will be hosting a special luncheon to honor widows – a time of fellowship, a beautifully catered meal served by the men of Marvin, a special Christmas message and the Moon Sisters will entertain us and get us all singing with the Christmas favorites.

Baby's First Christmas

Sunday, Dec. 7, 9-11 a.m., Garden Room

All babies, and their families, celebrating their first Christmas are invited for a reception and a family photo. Each baby will receive a Christmas keepsake book.

Advent Poinsettias and Blankets

Order deadline is Sunday, Dec. 7

Purchase poinsettias and/or blankets in memory or in honor of a loved one. Visit the Welcome Center or scan the QR code to make your purchase.

Poinsettias



Blankets



Christmas Eve Hospitality

Wednesday, Dec. 24

Christmas Eve is a beautiful and sacred night when we welcome many new faces into our church home. We are asking each member of our church family to consider serving one hour as part of our Christmas Eve Hospitality Team—greeting at the doors or assisting in Pirtle Hall. Your presence can make the difference between someone simply attending a service and someone feeling loved, known, and drawn closer to Christ. Use the QR code to sign up to serve.



Marvin's Family

Pray for | Ken Aitken, Joan Beach, Betty Bower, Suzy Bruce, Audrey Chartier, Bill Cooper, Cris Criswell, Rusty Fletcher, Carol Glidewell, Tom Gregory, Benji Guinn, Kathleen Herschbach, Jim Higgs, John Horton, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Bart Lane, Maria Lopez, Dorothy Mackey, Anita Nourse, Anne Odendhal, Pam Petty, Jay Riley, Su Plunkett, Barbara Sjerven, Juanita Smotherman, Margaret Spellman, Nancean Stover, Kathy Strain, Suzie Tomme, Susan Turner, Tim West, Russ Willis, Vida Wooten, military personnel and their families.

New this week | Barbara Dorsey

Sympathy to | Cathy Bertram, Caroline and Kathleen on the death of Cathy's husband and Caroline and Kathleen's father, Hal Bertram, November 23.

Prayers for the Amazing Grace Church in Tanzania

Join us from wherever you are on Thursday, December 4 as we pray for Alfred Njau and the Amazing Grace Church in Tanzania. Alfred and the Amazing Grace Church will go before a Tanzanian Judge for a hoped-for ruling on the disaffiliation with property dispute.

NOTES

Giving Update

Financial Update Through October 2025

October Budget	Budget	Actual
Gifts Received/Other Income	\$341,000	\$288,950
Expenditures	\$496,306	\$480,278
Excess/<Shortage>	<\$155,306>	<\$191,328>
Year to Date	Budget	Actual
Gifts Received/Other Income	\$3,410,000	\$3,522,629
Expenditures	\$4,295,696	\$3,989,502
Excess/<Shortage>	<\$885,696>	<\$466,873>

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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