

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.

Service of Hope and Healing, 5 p.m.

Monday _____

Evening Pickleball, 5 p.m. | Robinson Handbells Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m. | SHINE, Night 6 p.m.

SHINE Kids, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday _____

Women in The Word Bible Study, 10 a.m. | Laymen's Lunch & Bible Study, 11 a.m.

Tuesday Men's Bible Study, 11 a.m.

Wednesday _____

Morning Pickleball, 8:30 a.m. | Midweek Meditation, 12:05 p.m. | Chancel Choir

Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Thursday _____

Prayer Warriors, 9:30 a.m. | Fishers of Men Bible Study, 1 p.m. | Afternoon Pickleball,

4 p.m. | 18+ Volleyball, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday _____

Sunday _____

Laude Chorum, 9:30 a.m. | Hill College Group, 12 p.m. | Unite Student Ministry -

Middle School, 5 p.m. | Unite Student Ministry - Highschool, 6:30 p.m.

Ways to Serve

Great Day of Service

Saturday, March 21
8 a.m.- 3 p.m.

One day. All ages.
Serving our community
together.

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Altar Flowers

Donate altar flowers to
adorn our worship space.
This can be done in honor
of or in memory of a
loved one.

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Greeters

Can we count on you to
give 25 minutes of your
time on Sunday mornings
to greet and welcome all
those who enter the doors
of our church?

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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

Processional in C
Hal Hopson

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

People: **His steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my song;

People: **He has become my salvation.**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

People: **This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made;

People: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*OPENING HYMN 279

All Hail, The Power Of Jesus' Name
CORONATION/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

MEINEKE

**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.**

MARVIN CONNECTION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11)

MEDITATION

There on a Cross
J. Paul Williams & Benjamin Harlin
Laude Chorum

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippianes 2:5-8

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

Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Lord Jesus, You are the Prince of Peace in a world that glorifies power. We grieve for those who are suffering—especially the innocent and unseen. We confess our attraction to strength that does not look like yours. Help us to love our enemies, to hold our tongue, and to trust in you more than any other. Keep us faithful, humble, and compassionate until the day you make all things new. Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus. 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

Cross of Christ, O Sacred Tree
Lloyd Larson
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 473

Fight the Good Fight
Duke Street

*SERMON TEXT

1 Samuel 17:41-49

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Story of God, The Story of Us: Another Young Hero
Dr. Marc Donaldson

*COMMITMENT HYMN 569

And Can It Be
SAGINA/arr. Metzger

*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

Onward, Christian Soldiers
arr. Mark Kellner

**Please stand as you are able.*

Ministers: The people of Marvin Methodist Church

Executive Pastor: Dr. Marc Donaldson | **Lay Reader:** Jake Strain (8:30), Jonathan Becker (11)

Director of Music and Fine Arts: Kara Story | **Organist:** Jonathan Story

Acolytes: Liam Long, Liliana Long (11)

Altar Flowers: In loving memory of Bootsey and Dan Woldert and Jo and Jack Woldert.

Given by the Tom Woldert and Chris Woldert families.

Liturgical color: Purple, the color of Lent, representing following Jesus with penitence and prayer.

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Coming Events

Mission Trip | Leander, TX March 8-12

Over the past year, Marvin Church has sent more than \$35,000 through the Trinity Conference to support flood relief efforts in the Hill Country. This week, a team from Marvin is spending their spring break in Leander, Texas, serving families impacted by the floods. They'll be helping with yard work and debris cleanup, distributing supplies, hosting a community meal, and completing small building projects — all while praying with and encouraging those they meet. Please keep this team, the Hill Country, and the community of Leander in your prayers this week.

Legacy Giving Luncheon Sunday, March 22, noon, Pirtle Hall

Save the date for Marvin's Legacy Giving Lunch to learn more about the Marvin Foundation and the lasting legacy you can help create. Megan Doran and Kyle Penney will join us as guest speakers for this special event. Please register to attend this complimentary lunch by scanning the QR code or visiting the Event page on the Marvin website.



Maudy Thursday Service Thursday, April 2, 6 p.m., Herd Worship Center

As a community of believers, we will remember the events from the Last Supper, Jesus praying in the garden, and his betrayal and arrest.

Good Friday Concert - The Seven Last Words of Christ Friday, April 3, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

The Seven Last Words of Christ is presented in eight movements: an introduction, followed by a movement for each word of Christ from the cross. The Seventh Word concludes the sacred cantata with a setting of a serene hymn that provides the listener with a foretaste of the resurrection after the compelling drama of the Passion story.

Easter Services Sunday, April 5

Make plans to attend one of our services on Easter Sunday. Services include the Sunrise Service (6:30 a.m.), Traditional Easter Service (8:15, 9:30, & 11 a.m.), and Easter in the Park (10:30 a.m.).

Marvin Choir Tour to Spain and Portugal May 28-June 11, 2026

Marvin's Chancel Choir will be touring and performing in Spain and Portugal this summer, including a concert at the iconic Sagrada Familia in Barcelona! Any congregants who want to hear our choir sing in magnificent Spanish and Portuguese cathedrals and concert halls are invited to travel with us! For more information, contact Kara Story at kstory@marvin.church.

Marvin's Family

Pray for | Ken Aitken, Joan Beach, Betty Bower, Suzy Bruce, Audrey Chartier, Bill Cooper, Cris Criswell, Janell Edwards, Rusty Fletcher, Tom Gregory, Benji Guinn, Kathleen Herschbach, Jim Higgs, John Horton, Burl Johnson, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Maria Lopez, Dorothy Mackey, Anita Nourse, Anne Odendhal, John Perkins, Pam Petty, Su Plunkett, Nick Sholars, Barbara Sjerven, Juanita Smotherman, Margaret Spellman, Nancean Stover, Kathy Strain, Suzie Tomme, Susan Turner, Russ Willis, military personnel and their families.

Congratulations to | Danielle and Jake Strain on the birth of a son, Jack Harland Strain, February 26.

Sympathy to | Leah Leifer, Lily and Ceci Leifer, on the death of Leah's father, Lily and Ceci's grandfather, John Grigsby, February 23, Kevin and Carol Foley, Michael and Nonnie Foley, on the death of Kevin's Father, Michael and Nonnie's Grandfather, Col. James G. Foley of Denton, TX, March 1.

Easter Lilies and Fans February 22-March 25

Purchase Easter lilies and fans in memory or in honor of a loved one. Visit the table near the Welcome Center or scan the QR code to make your purchase. When scanning the QR code, make sure to select the See Details button to fill out the form and complete the purchase.

Lily Purchase



Fan Purchase



SERMON NOTES



MARCH 8, 2026
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

THE STORY OF *God*,
the Story of US



DR. DOUG BAKER, LEAD PASTOR
MARVIN.CHURCH



Giving News



Because of your faithful giving, CORE Worship continues to thrive each week. Your generosity supports our worship band and musicians as they lead us in meaningful, Spirit-filled worship. Thank you for investing in our shared life together.

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