

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. | Hill College Group, noon
Childrens Ministry Team Meeting, 12:15 p.m. | David Pedraza, Viola, 5 p.m.
EDGE Bible Study, 5 p.m.
Unite Student Ministry (Middle School and High School), 5 p.m.

Monday _____
Evening Pickleball, 5 p.m. | Robinson Handballs Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday _____
Ventures at the Caldwell Zoo, 9 a.m. | 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.
Church Properties Committee Meeting, 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday _____
Morning Pickleball, 8:30 a.m. | Connections Committee Meeting, noon
Midweek Meditation, 12:05 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Thursday _____
Prayer Warriors, 9:30 a.m. | Men’s Covenant Group, noon
Marvin Mahjong, noon | Fishers of Men Bible Study, 1 p.m.
Afternoon Pickleball, 4 p.m. | 18+ Volleyball, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday _____
Laude Chorum, 9:30 a.m. | Hill College Group, 12 p.m.

Ways to Serve

<p>Habits of the Heart</p> <p>Bring full size bars of bath soap and large tubes of toothpaste to benefit the Billy Moore Correctional Center.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">kkizer@marvin.church</p>	<p>VBS Volunteers!</p> <p>Calling all Marvin Kids and awesome volunteers! Kingdom Quest VBS 2026 registration opens TODAY! Sign up to join us for July 13-16 at 8:30-12!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">sscott@marvin.church</p>	<p>Greeters</p> <p>Be the reason someone feels seen and known at church every Sunday! Step into hospitality and help create a welcome that could change someone’s story.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">amanfrin@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 *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*
arr. Larry Dalton

WELCOME
***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God of truth and knowledge, by your wisdom we are taught the way of truth and gratitude.

People: **We give thanks for the gifts our students have brought to this community, and we trust their futures to Your hands.**

People: **Let us worship the God who walks with us and leads us into true happiness.**

***OPENING HYMN 8** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore The*
HYMN TO JOY/ arr. Samuel Metzger

***SERMON TEXT** Psalm 37:4-6

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

SERMON *From Happiness Through Pleasure to Happiness with God*
Dr. Doug Baker

GRADUATE INTERVIEWS (11) *Will Butts, Caz Franks*

THE INVITATION
Christ our Lord invites to his table all who truly love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, who dwell in charity with their neighbors, and intend to live a holy life. Draw near with faith and take this holy sacrament to your comfort, making your humble confession to Almighty God. Let us pray.

THE CONFESSION
Almighty and merciful God, we confess and lament that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. Because the remembrance of our sin is more than we can bear, have mercy on us and forgive us. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, pardon us of all that is past and grant that we may ever serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

THE PARDON
In his great mercy, our Almighty God and heavenly Father has promised forgiveness of sins to all who repent and with true faith turn to him. May he have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

OFFERTORY *An Expression of Gratitude*
David Schwoebel
Laude Chorum (8:30); Chancel Choir (11)

***DOXOLOGY** OLD 100th
**Be present at our table, Lord;
be here and everywhere adored;
These mercies bless, and grant that we
may feast in paradise with thee.
Amen.**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**
The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
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 concludes:

Therefore, we praise you with the angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, forever singing this hymn to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The pastor recalls the last supper, and concludes:

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

The congregation joins the pastor in praying:

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.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP
Everyone, regardless of denomination, is invited to receive communion. Gluten-free bread is available on request. If you are unable to come forward, let an usher know and we will serve you in your pew. Communion offerings can be placed on the chancel rail.

Communion Meditation *O Taste and See*
Ralph Vahughan Williams

Communion Meditation *Cross of Christ Medley*
Larry Shackley
Kara & Jonathan Story, piano

Communion Hymn 236 *The Old Rugged Cross*
THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER
MARVIN CONNECTION
RECOGNITION OF THE 2026 GRADUATION CLASS AND PRAYER
Owen Samuel Adcock, Jared Beaumont, Will Butts, Caleb Cook, Hunter Cook, Ayla Rowan Ellery, Clayton Ellis, Michael Caswell Franks, Jacoby Gilmore, Genevieve Hand, Max Hiltbold Leah Joy McDonald, Caitlyn Modisette, Samuel Shaffer, Knox Tefteller, Samuel Eugene Walters

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP & CHURCH MEMBERSHIP
***COMMITMENT HYMN 589** *Here I Am, Lord*
HERE I AM

***CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING**
We pledge to support these graduates through prayer, encouragement, and giving godly counsel. Just as those who came before us poured into us, so will we pour into these graduates as they enter the next stage of their lives. We pray that they will be faithful followers of Jesus wherever God takes them next, and that they will share His presence in every space they go. Come, Holy Spirit! Do a work in them, and also in us.

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Peter C. Lutkin

POSTLUDE *And Can It Be*
Marilynn Hamm

**Please stand as you are able.*

Ministers: The people of Marvin Methodist Church
Lead Pastor: Dr. Doug Baker | **Associate Pastor:** Rev. Brandy Stevens
Director of Music and Fine Arts: Kara Story | **Organist:** Jonathan Story
Acolytes: Elizabeth McCord, James McCord (8:30); Liliana Long (11)
Altar Flowers: In honor of our graduating seniors.

Liturgical color: White, calling to mind the purity of Christ and our light and joy in Him.

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Coming Events

David Pedraza, Viola Tonight, 5 p.m., Chapel

As a part of the Marvin Concert Series, we are pleased to welcome David Pedraza. David has performed all over North and South America and Europe, is part of the Con Brio Quartet, and Principal Viola with Symphony of the Americas.

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, May 7, 6:30 a.m., W.T. Brookshire Conference Center

You are invited to the 35th annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, a meaningful morning dedicated to faith, leadership, and community. This special gathering brings together neighbors, local leaders, and organizations to pause, reflect, and pray for our city and those who serve it.

Abide (Prayer in the Chapel)

Thursday, May 21, 6 p.m., Chapel

Come pray in the Chapel as we seek God through worship, guided prompts, journaling, and silence, interceding for Marvin Methodist Church.

Lakeside Bible Study and Middle School Jam

Summer is here! Join us beginning Tuesday, May 26 and Wednesday, May 27, for Lakeside Bible Study (high school students) and Middle School Jam (middle school students). We will meet at Marvin at 5 p.m. every Tuesday for Middle School Jam and at the Tyler Yacht Club at 6 p.m. every Wednesday for Lakeside Bible Study. Students going into 9th grade in August will come to Lakeside. Hope to see you there!

Marvin Kids Pop Up - Summer Kick Off

Wednesday, May 27, 6 p.m., Pollard Park

Come join us for an evening with our Breckenridge Village friends. We'll fellowship together with games, activities, snacks, and fun.

Methodist Mission Week

Monday, June 13 - Thursday, June 17

Join us for a week of serving our neighbors and relationally living out what Jesus has called us to do. Registration opens on May 17.

VBS 2026

Monday, July 13 - Thursday, July 17, 8:30 a.m.-noon

Let's go on an epic journey to discover God's Kingdom on a KINGDOM QUEST. Register your kids or sign up to volunteer by scanning the QR code. Space is limited, so save your spot by July 8. Kingdom Quest VBS is for COMPLETED Kindergarten to 5th grade. (We offer a Pre-K VBS for volunteers.) We can't wait for you to join us for VBS 2026!



Marvin's Family

Pray for | Ken Aitken, Joan Beach, Audrey Chartier, Bill Cooper, Cris Criswell, Barbara Dorsey, Rusty Fletcher, Carol Glidewell, Tom Gregory, Benji Guinn, Kathleen Herschbach, Jim Higgs, Sherri Higgs, Kelvin Iske, John Horton, Doug Hogue, Phyllis Kimmel, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Bart Lane, Maria Lopez, Dorothy Mackey, Judie Murphey, Anita Nourse, Anne Odendhal, Nita Pennington, Pam Petty, Su Plunkett, Janis Reid, Jacque Shackelford, Terri Sharman, Barbara Sjerven, Juanita Smotherman, Margaret Spellman, Nancean Stover, Kathy Strain, Susan Turner, military personnel and their families.

New this week | Bob Davis

Congratulations to | Pat and Bob Davis on their 50th wedding anniversary, May 1.

SERMON NOTES

MAY 3, 2026
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
GRADUATING SENIOR SUNDAY

Transformed
TO OVERCOME

Giving Update

March 2026

	Budget	Actual
Gifts Received/Other Income	\$362,500	\$332,907
Expenditures	\$423,443	\$420,613
Excess/<Shortage>	<\$60,943>	<\$87,706>

Year to Date (Through March 2026)

	Budget	Actual
Gifts Received/Other Income	\$1,087,500	\$1,347,987
Expenditures	\$1,226,104	\$1,185,777
Excess/<Shortage>	<\$138,604>	\$162,210

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