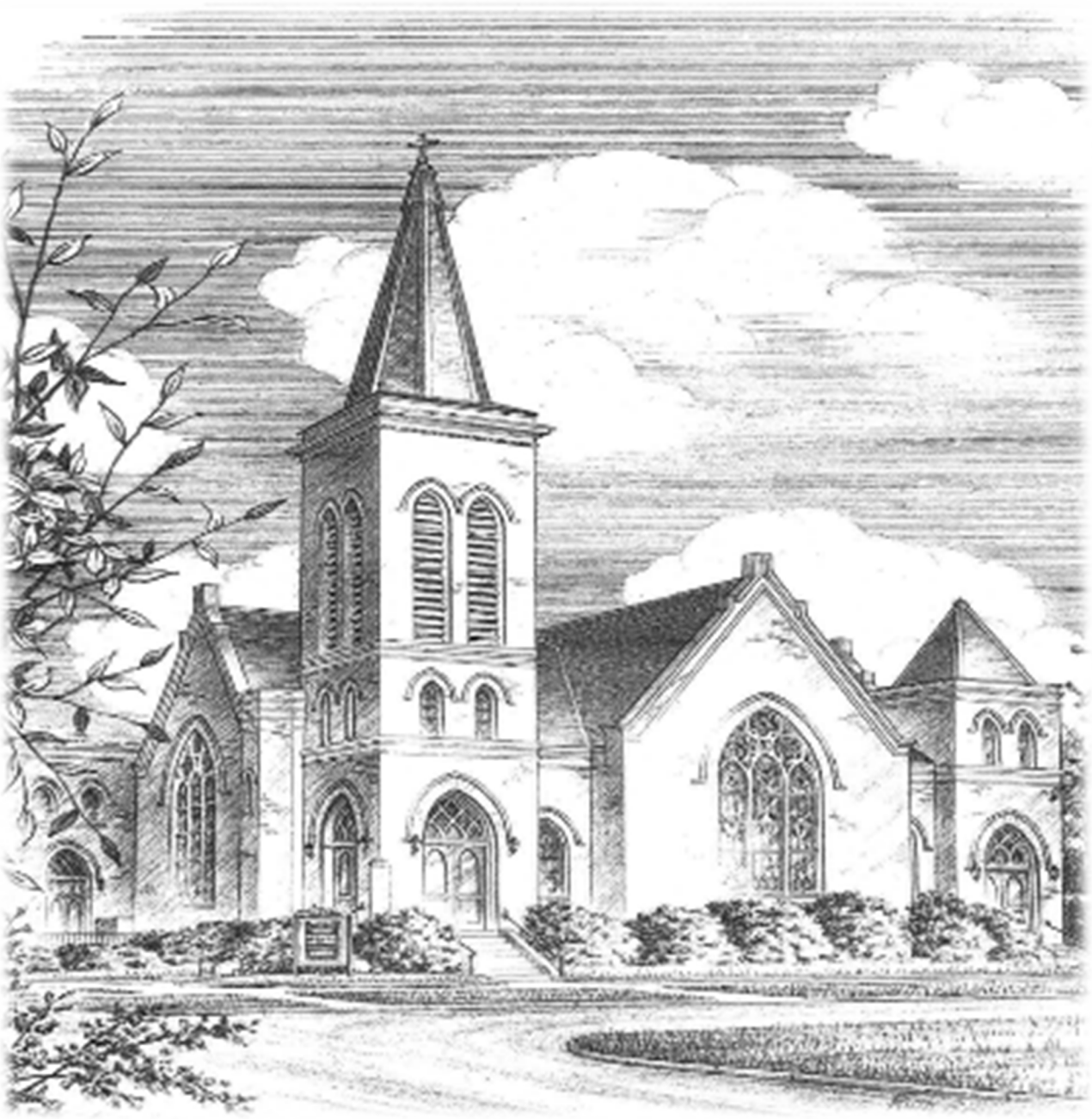
Duncan Memorial Methodist Church

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



November 8, 2026

“Late to the Party!”

Rev. Dr. Dora Gafford **Rev. Dr. Ben Gafford**

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+Congregation standing, if able. Congregation responses in **BOLD**.

GATHERING *Quiet conversation among congregants is encouraged.*

PRELUDE "Wayfaring Stranger" arr. M. Hayes

Please observe a moment of prayerful silence as we enter our worship time.

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS KassiJo Lloyd

+THE INTROIT "Father, I Adore You" arr. T. Coehlo

I sing praises to Your name, O Lord, praises to Your name, O Lord,
for Your name is great and greatly to be praised;
I sing praises to Your name, O Lord, praises to Your name, O Lord,
for Your name is great and greatly to be praised.

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Each new day is an opportunity to grow in faith and draw closer to God.
People: May our hearts be ready and our spirits filled with hope.
Leader: Let us live with purpose, keeping our faith alive and our eyes fixed on Christ.
People: With joyful hearts, we praise the Lord and await His promises with faith.

+OPENING HYMN "My Hope Is Built" Hymnal Pg. 368

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed Hymnal Pg. 881

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 "Glory Be To The Father" Hymnal Pg. 70

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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT KassiJo Lloyd

Children ages 3 years – 3rd Grade are invited to Children's Church.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Gafford

THE LORD'S PRAYER Congregation

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Before the Throne of God Above" arr. V. Cook

+DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymnal Pg. 95

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.

ANTHEM "Shine On Us" arr. R. Sterling

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:1-13 Pew Bible NT Pg. 28

SERMON "Late to the Party!" Rev. Gafford

+CLOSING HYMN "O Jesus, I have Promised" Hymnal Pg. 396
Verses 1, 2, & 4

+DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Rev. Gafford

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION "Threefold Amen"

POSTLUDE "Joy in My Soul" arr. M. Hayes

The altar flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory and honor of God.

Weekly Calendar	
Nov. 8	
10:00am	Choir & Sunday School
11:00am	Worship
4:30pm	MYF Canned Food Drive
Nov. 9	
9:00am	Counter – Velva Ellerbe
3:30pm	Stephen Ministry
Nov. 10	
7:30am	Men's Breakfast
10:00am	Nurture Group
Nov. 11	
5:45pm	Wonderful Wednesday Dinner
6:30pm	LOL & Bridge
6:30pm	Adult Bible Study
6:30pm	Choir Practice
Nov. 12	
10:00am	Women's Bible Study

This Sunday's Greeters & Ushers

Greeters: Cindy Thompson, Cindy Shaw, Margaret Ulrichsen, Jan Moore

Ushers/Offering: Bobo Thompson, Kenny Moore, Louise Walters, Melanie Daniels, Jerry Broome, Margaret Ulrichsen

We are glad you are here!

Welcome to Duncan Memorial Methodist Church. May this time of worship renew your spirit, draw you closer to God, and remind you that you are deeply loved and never alone.

Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday	9:00am – 4:30pm
Friday	9:00am – 12:00pm

CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Veteran's Day Parade: Duncan needs your help to honor our local veterans on Wednesday, **November 11**. Everyone who would like to participate, please meet at the church at 1:45pm. We will walk to the corner of Front and Orange Streets and stand together to give our thanks.

Quilts of Valor: Sunday, November 15, immediately following our regular worship service, Duncan will honor our veterans with a special Quilts of Valor presentation. Each veteran will receive a handmade quilt as a heartfelt expression of our gratitude for their service and sacrifice to our country. Everyone is encouraged to stay for this special ceremony, which will last approximately 30 minutes, as we come together to show our appreciation for the men and women who have served our nation. **Veterans:** If you have not already done so, please return your questionnaire to Debbie Kaufman as soon as possible so we can be sure to include you in this special presentation.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Jesse Cooper for his generosity and for sharing a portion of proceeds from a recent raffle with our church youth. Congratulations to our own Jerry Broome, who was the lucky winner!

Our Faithfulness

November 1, 2026 Collection:	$11,228.00
November 1, 2026 Attendance:	130