



Welcome to Troy Methodist Church!

New to TMC?

We invite you on a journey with Jesus...

Connect to God and our faith community.

Grow into a wholehearted follower of Jesus.

Serve with your God-given gifts and passions.

Share God's love regionally and globally.

Worship God in everything you say and do.

Stop by the Welcome Center after service to pick up a gift!



Point your phone camera at the QR code to connect!

Upcoming Events

8/20- All Church Potluck

8/20- Back to School Bash (Troy Methodist Kids)

8/22- Joy Seekers Fieldtrip to Casey, IL

8/22- GriefShare Support Group Kickoff

8/22- Children's Ministry Meeting (Troy Methodist Kids)

8/26- Going Beyond Women's Conference and Simulcast



Message Notes

August 20, 2023

The First Church: Background

Acts 1:1-3

About the Book of Acts:

- *Who wrote Acts?* Luke, the physician
- *When was Acts written?* Likely 60s or 70s AD
- *What is the genre of Acts?* Ancient Historiography - recounting events and speeches using rhetoric and moral lessons from a particular vantage point; in this case it is a theological apologetic of the mission and expansion of the early church by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- *Speeches in the book of Acts:* At least 12 speeches in Acts by Peter, Stephen, and Paul - evangelistic and defense speeches
- *Themes in the book of Acts?* There are many themes including prayer, signs and wonders, bold witness, evangelism, culture crossing mission, dignity for marginalized people, and especially **the Spirit of God**.

Goal for this series: Be filled with and transformed by the Spirit of God to live out our God-given mission in the world!

Helps toward this goal:

- Subscribe to the daily devotional journeying through Acts (began August 14): seedbed.com/wakeupcall
- Get your Acts Scripture journal for \$10 at the welcome center - companion to the devotional.
- Pray for God to awaken you to the movement of the Holy Spirit!