



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

- 10/29- Fall Fest/ Trunk or Treat (Troy Methodist Kids)*
- 11/1- All Saints Day Prayer, Worship and Healing Service*
- 11/5- Membership Class and Lunch*
- 11/7- Upward Evaluation Night*
- 11/9- Troy United Women in Faith*
- 11/12- Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Due*
- 11/14- GriefShare- "Surviving the Holidays"*
- 11/16- Upward Evaluation Night*
- 11/19- Share Thanksgiving Meal Delivery Day*
- 11/22- Thanksgiving Service with Potluck Lunch*
- 11/28- Joy Seekers*

Message Notes

October 29, 2023

The Power of God: Stephen – Facing Persecution

Acts 6:8-8:3

Stephen the first martyr - his speech (Acts 7:2-53):

- God's covenant with Abraham and promise of blessing
- How Israel repeatedly resisted what God was doing:
 - Joseph's brothers
 - Israel in Egypt
 - Israel in the wilderness
- Now you Jewish leaders have rejected the Messiah!

Stephen was not the last martyr:

- 50-100 million Christian martyrs
- Persecution has rapidly increased over the last 30 years
- 360 million Christians today face at least 'high' levels of persecution
- 5,600 Christians were martyred last year
- Over 3 billion people around the globe are unreached by the gospel (don't have access)
- Most are in the 10/40 window where persecution is highest

What can you do?

- Become informed - stop by the back table, and read Andy's newsletter article
- Consider God's call to be a missionary around the world (or partner with some)
- Pray for the persecuted church