

**Be the Church:** Check out the ways to get involved below!

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM Walking at the Church

Monday-1PM Blood Drive

Monday-6PM Morton Methodist Women Kick-off

Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday-9:30AM Skeins of Love

Tuesday-10AM XYZ Game Day

Tuesday-7PM Praise Team Practice

Wednesday-6:30AM UMM Prayer Group

Wednesday-5PM Dinner Church

Wednesday-6:15PM Family Ministry

Wednesday-6:30PM Pastor Paul's Bible Study

Wednesday-7PM Pub Theology

Thursday-8:30AM Quilters

Thursday-9:30AM Pastor Paul's Bible Study

Thursday-6PM Thursday Night Bible Study

Saturday-7AM Men's Bible Study

Saturday-8AM Walk and Talk

Sunday-8AM Blood Pressure Sunday

Sunday-8:30AM Traditional Worship Service

Sunday-9:45AM Sunday School

Sunday-10:45AM Cross Connections Worship

**Thank you to Scout Troop 178 for your service this Sunday.**

**Be the Church:**

Scan the QR code to see the upcoming events for next week!

You can also download our app to keep up to date with events in the church!



## MORTON METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Schedule:

- Traditional Service: 8:30 am
- Sunday School: 9:45 am
- Cross Connections: 10:45 am

Contact us!

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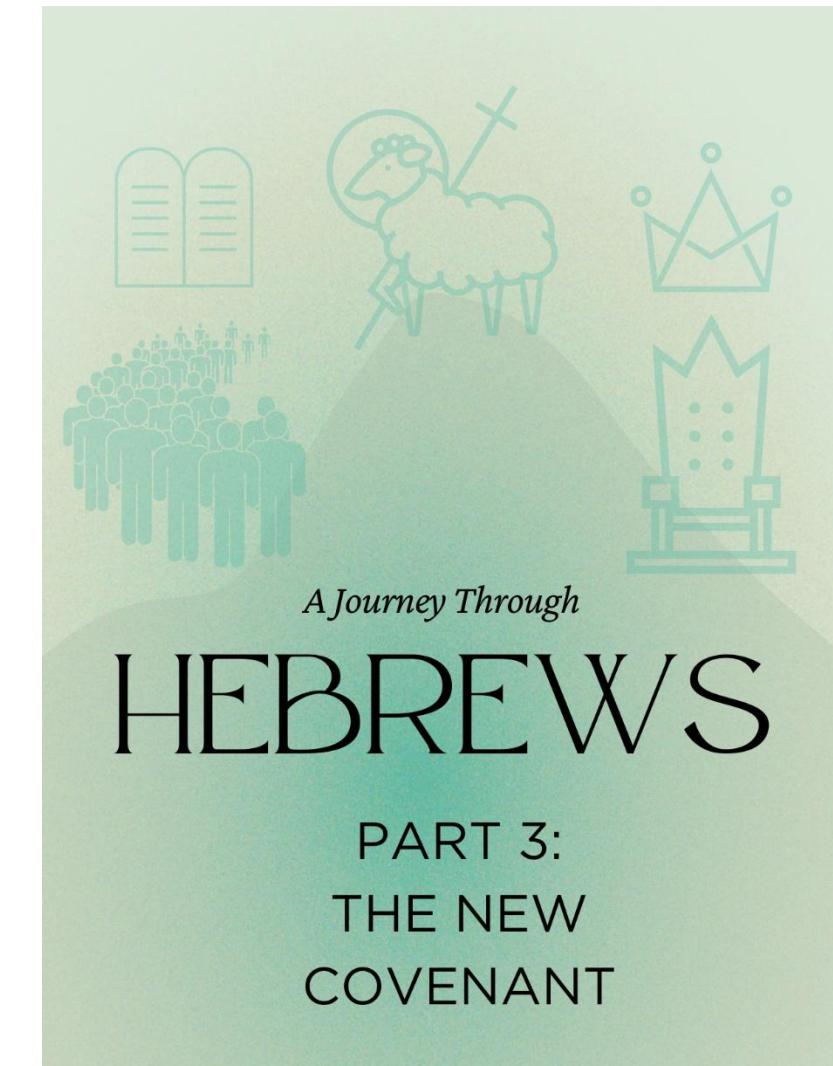
Welcome Visitors!

Stop by the Welcome Desk in the lobby to receive a Welcome Packet

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

For more information, or to download our church app, please scan the QR code below.



**MORTON**  
Methodist Church

Sunday, February 8th, 2026

## Announcements

### A/V Update

Our audio/visual system upgrade has been completed in both the sanctuary and the gym. Thanks to those who have already donated towards our \$90,000 fundraising goal. To make a donation towards this project, checks may be made payable to the church with "A/V Upgrade" in the memo line.

### VBS Coordinators

We are looking for a team of 2-4 (or more) volunteers that would be willing to coordinate VBS this year. We are working to pare down the load so it won't be as much work for any one person. If interested/willing, please contact Pastor Bill at [billn@mortonmethodist.org](mailto:billn@mortonmethodist.org) or (309)266-7174.

### XYZ

On Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am, XYZ will be having a Game Day at church.

### Red Cross Blood Drive

The Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive here at church on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 1-6pm. Use the link below to make an appointment.



## Worship Service

February 8th, 2026

8:30 a.m.

### Welcome/Announcements

Prelude *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Call to Worship(from Psalm 40)\*

L: Blessed are they who trust in the Lord.

**P: Many, Lord, are the wonders you have done, the things you have planned for us.**

L: Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but our ears you have opened.

**P: We desire to do your will, God; your law is within our hearts.**

Passing the Peace\*

Opening Hymn\*

*Lead On, O King Eternal*  
UMH 580

Children's Moment

Offertory *The Power of the Cross*  
UMH 94

Doxology\*

Centering Hymn\* *Take My Life and Let It Be*  
UMH 399

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Reading

Hosea 6:1-6

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 10:1-10

Gospel Reading\*

Matthew 9:9-13

Gloria Patri\*

UMH 70

Sermon

*"Grasping for Grace"*

Pastor Adam Penn

Closing Hymn\*

*I Stand Amazed in the Presence*  
UMH 371 vs.1,2&4

Benediction

*I Stand Amazed in the Presence* vs.5

Going Forth\*

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

## Scripture Readings

### **Hebrews 10:1-10**

#### **Christ's Sacrifice Once for All**

**10** The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. **2** Otherwise, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. **3** But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins. **4** It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

**5** Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said:

"Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,  
but a body you prepared for me;

**6** with burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you were not pleased.

**7** Then I said, 'Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—I have come to do your will, my God.'

**8** First he said, "Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them"—though they were offered in accordance with the law. **9** Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second. **10** And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

### **Matthew 9:9-13**

#### **The Calling of Matthew**

**9** As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

**10** While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. **11** When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

**12** On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. **13** But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."