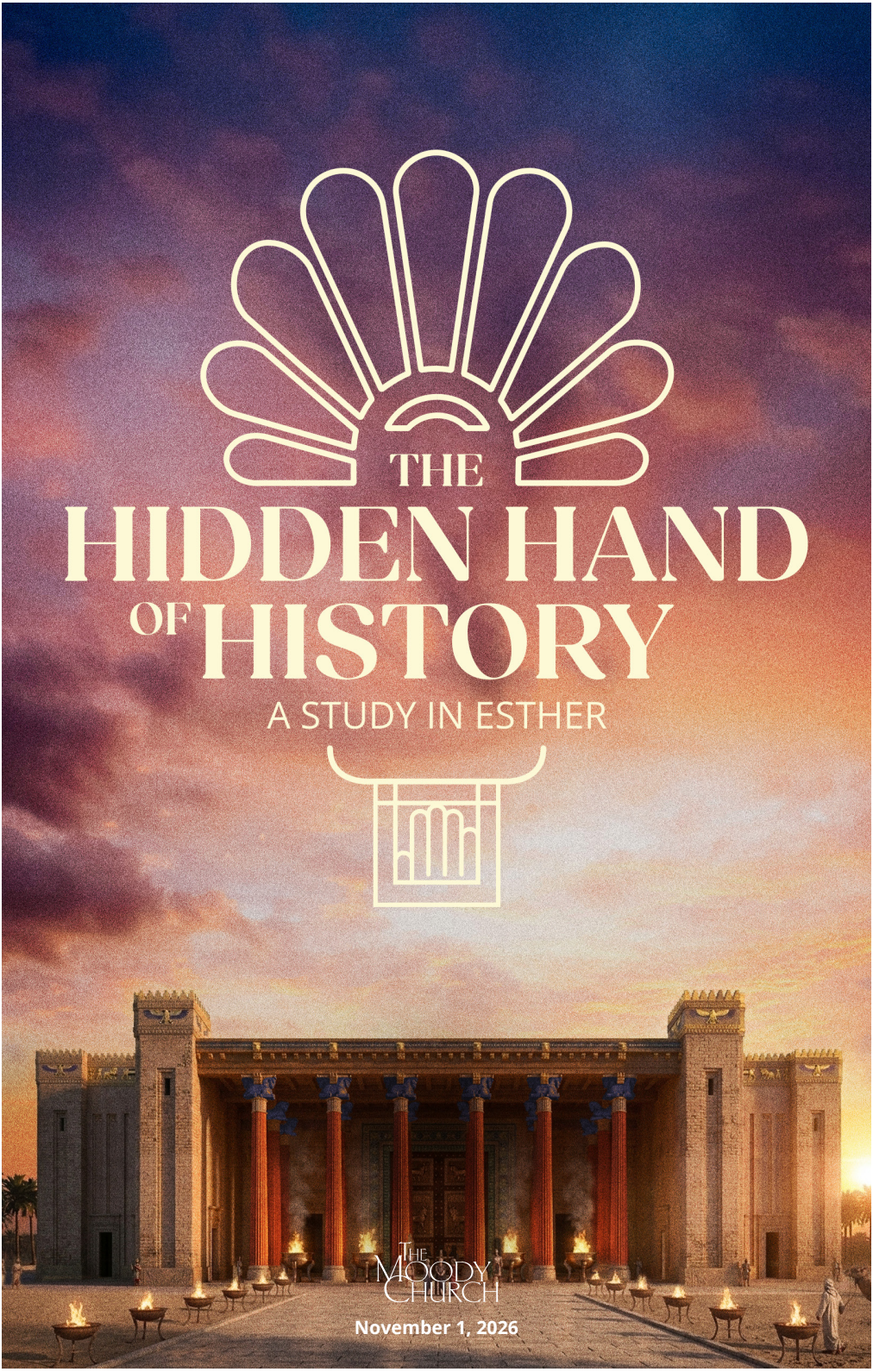

THE
HIDDEN HAND
OF HISTORY
A STUDY IN ESTHER
THE MOODY CHURCH
November 1, 2026

WELCOME

Thanks so much for worshiping with us today!
We believe that Jesus is inviting you on *The Journey of a Lifetime*.

We're here to help you take the next step on your journey with Jesus. If you have questions, stop by the Connection Center after the service or send us an email to info@moodychurch.org.



PASTOR TO PEOPLE *Philip Miller, Senior Pastor*

When Winston Churchill stood before the House of Commons on June 18, 1940, he delivered an unforgettable address as the unavoidable realities of World War II came home. He proclaimed, "The Battle of Britain is about to begin. . .The whole fury and might of the enemy must very soon be turned on us. . . .Let us therefore brace ourselves to our duties, and so bear ourselves that, if the British Empire and its Commonwealth last for a thousand years, men will still say, 'This was their finest hour.'"

Today we come to what is undoubtedly "Their Finest Hour" in the book of Esther. It is in this hour that Queen Esther will step out of the shadows and embrace her identity as a child of the covenant-keeping God. It is in this hour that the king will become an unexpected ally in the defense of Esther's people. It is in this hour that Mordecai will be raised to unimagined prominence to protect God's family. This is their finest hour. But above all, this finest hour belongs to God, as He shows up in redemptive power!

Let's lean in as we discover anew how our God is weaving a tapestry of redemption for His own eternal glory and for our own everlasting good! For we are loved in Christ, more than we know!

THE JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME

KNOW GOD *THROUGH WORSHIP*

FEED YOUR SOUL *THROUGH COMMUNITY*

GROW IN LOVE *THROUGH SERVICE*

CHANGE YOUR WORLD *THROUGH MISSION*

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Music | Pastor Tim Stafford

Pastoral Prayer | Pastor Bill Bertsche

Message | Pastor Philip Miller

Communion Prayer | Elder Joseph Carre

SERMON NOTES

THEIR FINEST HOUR

Esther 7:1–8:2

Pastor Philip Miller

Unveiled Identity

- Esther embraces her own true identity.

Unmasked Villainy

- Haman falls into his own sinister trap.

Unexpected Ascendency

- Mordecai rises above his own ambitions.

Takeaway: God is weaving a tapestry of redemption for His own eternal glory and for our own everlasting good.

For song titles and more details, visit moodychurch.org/live-stream.

Watch this sermon again at **moodychurch.org/sermons**.

Need prayer? Visit moodychurch.org/prayer to submit a request, receive in-person prayer with our Prayer Team after the service, or call 312.319.1570.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

The Thanksgiving Offering is our opportunity to give above and beyond our regular giving. We give, first, to express our gratitude to God for His generosity toward us; and second, as a church family to bless others who are doing Gospel work.

This year's offering is called *For Such a Time as This*, because we are working with several ministry partners who are sharing the Gospel in dangerous places. Just as in the book of Esther, God is still at work today, doing extraordinary things in the very places where His people face the fiercest opposition.

Our Thanksgiving Offering will be given to **12** of our trusted partners who are proclaiming Christ in some of the most challenging places around the world. This year, we're praying for an additional **$250,000** beyond our regular giving.

Give today and learn more about our ministry partners we will be supporting at the link below.
moodychurch.org/thanksgiving-offering



Our 55th Annual Christmas Concert is coming up on December 12th!

Each year, our Music Ministry fills the sanctuary with joy through a powerful Christmas concert, one of the highlights of the season! This year, join us at either the 2:30 or 6:00pm concert times.

Thousands from our community join us to celebrate the birth of Jesus and hear the Gospel. We'd love for you to come and invite your friends, family, and neighbors to experience the Good News and the warmth of our church family.

Pick up Christmas Concert invitations in the lobby or at the exits to make inviting easy!

RSVP today through the link or scan the QR code below: **moodychurch.org/christmas**





"Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." —Mark 10:14

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. Each shoebox is an opportunity for a child to experience God's love in a tangible way and hear the Gospel. Since 1993, millions of boys and girls in more than 170 countries have received these gifts. Every box is an opportunity to reach a child with the Gospel.

Be a part of this year's operation by picking up a shoebox located around the church, filling it with new gifts, and returning it to church by Sunday, November 22.

Learn more about Operation Christmas Child and how to fill a box by visiting **moodychurch.org/occ**

You can also fill a shoebox online at the QR Code below.

TODAY AT A GLANCE

7:30AM
Senior Breakfast: Northview

8:30AM COMMUNITIES
Fourth Watch: Room 103
Impact: Room 307
Light & Life: Room 107
Next Chapter: Room 108
Sisters In Christ: Room 303

9:45AM
TMC Kids (Infant–PreK): 2nd floor

10:00AM
Sunday Morning Service: Sanctuary
ASL Translation: Facebook
Transmisión en Español: Facebook (online)
Traducción en Español: WaveCast (live)

10:30AM
TMC Kids (K–Grade 2): 2nd Floor

11:15AM
Connection Center: Main Lobby
Prayer Partners: Front of the sanctuary

11:30AM COMMUNITIES
Apply The Message (ATM): Room 304
Co-Laborers/Deaf Bible Study: Room 301
Crossroads: Room 303
Fusion: Room 103
InFocus: Room 107
International Friends: Room 112D
Moody en Español: Kappeler Hall
Mosaic: Room 307
Veritas: Sankey Hall
YourMarriage YourFamily: Room 108

TMC Kids (Grades 3-5): 2nd Floor
Junior High Sunday School: Room 308
Senior High Sunday School: Room 309

12:45PM
Youth Choir: Choir Room

1:00PM
Children's Chorus: Kappeler Hall
Mental Health Support Group: Room 301
Prayer for the City of Chicago: Room 303
Thrivent Seminar: Room 107

1:30PM
Foundations of a Healthy Marriage: Room 307

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY
Women's Prayer Meeting: 7:00am, Zoom

TUESDAY
Women's Prayer Meeting: 7:00am, Zoom
Women's Precepts Bible Study: 9:30am, Room 108

WEDNESDAY
Women's Prayer Meeting: 7:00am, Zoom
Ladies Lunchtime Bible Study: 11:45am, Room 307
Children's Chorus: 5:30pm, Kappeler Hall
AWANA (registration required): 6:00pm, 2nd Floor
Youth Group: 6:30pm, 3rd Floor
Adult Choir: 6:45pm, Choir Room
Parenting/Marriage Class: 6:45pm, Room 108
Prayer Meeting: 6:45pm, Room 103
Beth Sar Shalom Bible Study: 7:00pm, Zoom
Reunión de Oración: 7:00pm, Zoom
International Friends Bible Study: 8:00pm, Zoom

THURSDAY
Women's Prayer Meeting: 7:00am, Zoom

FRIDAY
Women's Prayer Meeting: 7:00am, Zoom
Cafecito con Dios: 10:00am, Zoom
First Friday Service: 6:30pm, Room 103

SATURDAY
Men's Prayer and Praise: 7:30am, Room 103
International Friends Prayer Meeting: 9:00am, Zoom

Links to Ministries and Communities at **moodychurch.org/calendar**

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