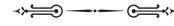


WELCOME

We are glad you're here. Please sign our register to let us know that you're visiting, so our members can make you feel at home.



Want to know more about how you can be involved in the life of First United Methodist Church, Shreveport:

- Ask one of our ushers or volunteers in the Welcome Center. They'll be glad to help!
- Call the church office at 318.424.7771. We're open 8:30am - 5:00pm Monday - Thursday and 8:30am - 4:00pm on Friday.
- Visit www.firstshreveport.org.

STARTING POINTS

- Starting Point tours happen the second Sunday of each month at 9:45am beginning in the Welcome Center located in the Education & Administration Building. Whether you're joining us for the first time or have been considering making this your church home, join us as we explore our church campus.
- If you're curious about what membership means and want to meet our pastors before deciding, join us for our next Starting Point Luncheon right after 11:00am Worship in the Hunter Building, Room 101 or contact our Pastor of New Members, Rev. Caroline Wilkinson at 424-7771, ext. 135 or cwilkinson@fumcshreveport.org.

NEXT STEPS

- Find a Sunday school class! Contact Rev. Caroline Wilkinson at cwilkinson@fumcshreveport.org or call the church office for more info.
- Join a connect group! Contact Erik Rasmussen at erasmussen@fumcshreveport.org or call the church office for more info.
- Serve with us! For Local and Global service opportunities visit www.firstserves.org or email Ashley Goad (Global) at agoad@fumcshreveport.org or Michelle Osborn (Local) at mosborn@fumcshreveport.org.

FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Pick up a copy of the *First Weekly* and *The Columns* located at any of the entryways or visit firstshreveport.org.

ACCESS US DIGITALLY

- To watch online, download bulletins and sermons, visit our website: www.firstshreveport.org.
- Worship services are available for free download online at firstshreveport.org, via iTunes and on your Android and iPhone. Copies of today's sermon are also available for purchase on CD or DVD. Please contact the church office, 424-7771, for additional information.
- Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fumcshreveport for the latest events, photos and more; then follow us on Twitter @FUMCShreveport.

Our Heritage in Stained Glass

Jesus, the Good Shepherd—"The Lord is my Shepherd" Psalm 23:1

The fourth stained glass window on the right is in loving tribute to the entire Hutchinson family and was installed in 1950. The seven brothers and two sisters were active and devoted members of First Methodist. They served on the committee for the building completed in 1913, as teachers in the Sunday school, and in various other capacities. Some of their descendants are still active in the church. Christ, the Good Shepherd, guides us through His teachings and his works to Ash Wednesday.

JOYS & CONCERNS

HOSPITALIZED: Anna King

DISCHARGED: Jere Saur, Pat Craig

SYMPATHY is extended to the family & friends of Carl Futrell in his death and to Allison & Jerry Montgomery & family in the death of their niece, Emily Dunkerton.

THE RED ROSE NEAR THE ALTAR honors those serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, at home & abroad.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John R. Mills on his birthday and in honor of Vassar Mills on her birthday from Robert and Sheila Mills.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Robert "Bobby" Cochran, Sr.
from Ms. Elizabeth B. Beck
Mr. and Mrs. D. Frank Green, Jr.
Linda and Bill Bradford
H & H Contracting Co. Inc
Helen E. DeBeaux
Harvey Lane
Cynthia A. Murray
Betty D. Vaughan
Melissa and Gill McElroy
Tommy Williams & Staff of Williams Financial Advisors
Denny E. Gamble, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Ted A. Hunter
Mr. and Mrs. James S. Blewett
Martha Storer
Judith K. Storer
Georgiann Lamb
from Murphy-Payne Charitable Trust
Bobby Gilbert
from Evelyn and Larry Richardson
Sue Slusher

Anne Oden Hall
from Betty D. Vaughan
Lynn and Armand Roos
Caroline and Walt Stevens
Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Tutt
Mr. and Mrs. D. Frank Green, Jr.
Sarah and Christopher Baker
Darlene and Paul Mattiace
Mr. and Mrs. John F. Wood, III
Patty and Carl Newton
Mr. and Mrs. James S. Blewett
Martha Storer
Judith K. Storer
Gloria and Niven Morgan
Ginny and Brian Homza
Cissie and Harrison Smith
March and Bruce Kingsdorf
Rita and Rob King

~ Honorariums ~
Margaret Evans
from Mr. and Mrs. Carl Behrens

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 12.31.16	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$207,791	\$831,164	\$4,406,500
Received	\$383,376	\$826,892	\$4,219,110
Over/(Under)	\$175,585	(\$4,272)	(\$187,390)

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF January 1, 2017	
Traditional (11:00).....	374
Faithlink (11:00).....	87
Total worship attendance:.....	461
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages.....	n/a

Year to Date Summary for 12/31/16 Will Be Available Next Week.



WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRIES CARING CONGREGATION. If you are in need of personal prayer, we have Stephen Ministers available to listen and pray with you. A Stephen Minister will be at the altar by the left door at the end of each service.

Senior Pastor: Dr. R. Pat Day • Executive Pastor: Rev. Derek Joyce • Associate Pastor: Rev. Caroline Wilkinson
Associate Pastor, Global Missions & Women's Ministry: Dr. Ashley Goad • Pastor of Senior Adult Ministry: Dr. Carl E. Rhoads
Director of Music: Dr. David Hobson • Director of Fine Arts: Dr. Will K. Andress • Principal Organist: E. Ray Peebles
Bishop-in-Residence: William W. Hutchinson

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30am & 11:00am, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00am
FAITHLINK CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 11:00am • SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45am
WESLEYAN COMMUNION SERVICE: 9:45 - 10:30am, FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN COUCH CHAPEL

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FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

JANUARY 8, 2017 · FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

Celebration of Worship

First Sunday after the Epiphany - January 8, 2017

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00 AM

PRELUDE *Elegy* E. Ray Peebles
George Thalben-Ball

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING Dr. Rhoads

INTROIT *This is the Day* Ensemble (8:30)
Mark Hayes Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION Dr. Rhoads

† HYMN OF PRAISE “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” No. 117

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881 Dr. Rhoads

BAPTISM (11:00)..... Charlotte Marie Carr.....No. 39, Dr. Day
presented by her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Justin Adam Carr

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Ave Maria*.....Madelyn Stewart, soprano
J.S. Bach/Charles Gounod
*Hail Mary Full of grace, The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners
Now and in the hour of our death Amen.*

† CONGREGATIONAL READING.....No. 607 Dr. Rhoads

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† GLORIA PATRI
*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.*

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**CHILDREN’S BLESSING.....Billie Tate

JOYS & CONCERNS Dr. Day

MORNING PRAYER Rev. Wilkinson

THE LORD’S PRAYER Congregation (speaks in unison)
*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. ✠ Thy kingdom come, thy will
be done on earth as it is in heaven. ✠ Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive
us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. ✠ And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. ✠ For thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.*

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HYMN OF PREPARATION.....“O Come and Dwell in Me” No. 388

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Wilkinson

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Create in Me A Clean Heart*..... Ensemble (8:30)
Allen Pote Chancel Choir (11:00)

† DOXOLOGY No. 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose
power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

SCRIPTURE READINGRomans 12:1-2 Dr. Day
New Testament, Page 196 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE **YOUR BREAKTHROUGH YEAR**..... Dr. Day

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“This is a Day of New Beginnings”.....No. 383
*(During the singing of this hymn, those who wish to join the First Methodist family
are invited to come to the front of the church for reception and recognition.)*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS..... Rev. Wilkinson
*We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ’s holy church, and bid you welcome
to the congregation of First United Methodist Church. With you, we renew our vows
to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.*

BENEDICTION Rev. Wilkinson

SENDING FORTH.....*Alleluia*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Larry Gatlin Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Praeludium, Fuge und Ciacona*.....E. Ray Peebles
Dietrich Buxtehude



Acolytes: Wilson Guidry, Kace Sweatman (8:30), Ben Vance, Catherine Corley (11:00)

Crucifer: Vivian Vekovius(8:30), Anna Toms (11:00)

† *Those who are able may stand. ‡ Latecomers may be seated at these times.*

• COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED AT 9:30AM IN THE SANCTUARY AND NOON IN COUCH CHAPEL.

* IF YOU WISH TO JOIN the First United Methodist Church family, please come forward at this time.

**Children leaving the service for Children’s Chapel may be picked up after the service:

- Infants–4 years (8:30 & 11:00): Children’s Ministry Center
- K5–1ST graders (11:00): Dawson Building, Room 207, behind the Sanctuary
- 2ND–3RD graders (11:00): Dawson Building, Room 208, behind the Sanctuary

Sermon Notes

YOUR BREAKTHROUGH YEAR

ROMANS 12:1-2

I. First, a breakthrough year involves a PROCESS.

II. Second, a breakthrough year involves a PURPOSE.

III. Third, a breakthrough year involves a POWER greater than your own.

IV. Fourth, a breakthrough year involves a PARTNERSHIP.

V. Finally, a breakthrough year involves a PRODUCTIVE LIFE.