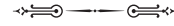


# WELCOME

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](http://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](mailto:cwilkinson@fumcshreveport.org).

## NEXT STEPS

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

## ACCESS US DIGITALLY

- To watch online, download bulletins and sermons, visit our website: [www.firstshreveport.org](http://www.firstshreveport.org).
- Worship services are available for free download online at [firstshreveport.org](http://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](http://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
<b>Total worship attendance:.....</b>	<b>461</b>
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 READING .....Romans 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.