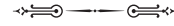


WELCOME

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: Jessica Russo

DISCHARGED: Tim Dulany, Tammie Webber, Janet Nolan, Jimmie Overdyke

SYMPATHY is extended to the family & friends of Anne King in her death, to June Miller & family in the death of her mother, June Anderson, and to Jennie, Mary Katherine, & Shelby and Jack Easterwood & family in the death of her husband and their father and brother, Don Easterwood, Jr.

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 Lee Kinnebrew from all the Kinnebrew family.

THE FLOWERS IN THE NARTHEX are given in memory of June Cowan Anderson by her family.

MEMORIALS

H. E. "Bud" Storer

from Martha Storer

Rigby Hollingsworth

from Mr. and Mrs. Lou Martinelli

Charles Dillman

from Mr. and Mrs. Lou Martinelli

Georgiann Lamb

from Mr. and Mrs. Lou Martinelli

Kay and Ray Ladymon

from Karen and Jim Stevens

Harold Reed

from The Huggins Family

James Huggins

from The Huggins Family

Dan Smith

from The Huggins Family

Betty Kennedy

from Glenda and Hugh Ilgenfritz

Sara and Henry Hearne

Doyle Pickett

from Patricia Pickett

Mark Pickett

from Patricia Pickett

Robert "Bobby" Cochran, Sr.

from Peggy O. Bennett

Janet and Cliff Burgess

Harry Hobbs, Jr.

Lottie and Wayne Hennigan

Dr. Diane Sino and Ken Maher

Common Cents Investment Club

Sue Ann Barnett

from Lottie and Wayne Hennigan

Mr. D. Lloyd Hall

from Lottie and Wayne Hennigan

Robert Parker

from Lottie and Wayne Hennigan

Mary Bamburg

from Don Bamburg

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 01/15/17	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$60,790	\$182,639	\$182,369
Received	\$53,914	\$192,031	\$192,031
Over/(Under)	(\$6,876)	\$9,662	\$9,662

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF January 15, 2017

Traditional (8:30).....	237
Traditional (11:00).....	540
Faithlink (11:00).....	224
Total worship attendance:.....	1001
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages.....	543



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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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

JANUARY 22, 2017 • THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

Celebration of Worship

Third Sunday after the Epiphany - January 22, 2017

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

PRELUDE “Claire de Lune”E. Ray Peebles
from *Pièces de Fantaisie*
Louis Vierne

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETINGDr. Rhoads

INTROIT.....*Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Fred Bock Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATIONDr. Rhoads

† HYMN OF PRAISE “Holy, Holy, Holy” No. 64

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITHNo. 881Dr. Rhoads

CELEBRATION OF LIFE.....Kay Brown (8:30)
Kay Ferguson (11:00)

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*I Walked Today*.....David Westbrook, baritone
Where Jesus Walked
Geoffrey O’Hara

† SCRIPTURE READING1 Timothy 1:18-20Rev. Wilkinson
New Testament, Page 253 in your Pew Bible

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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 Staci Zeagler

JOYS & CONCERNS Dr. Day

MORNING PRAYER Dr. Goad

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..... “A Charge to Keep I Have” No. 413

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Wilkinson

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*How Great Thou Art* Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Dan Forrest 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 Hebrews 2:1 Dr. Day
New Testament, Page 265 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE **THE DANGER OF DRIFTING**Dr. Day

† *HYMN OF INVITATION..... “I Want a Principle Within”.....No. 410
*(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..... Dr. Goad
*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 Dr. Goad

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

POSTLUDE.....*Toccata*.....E. Ray Peebles
Eugène Gigout



Acolytes: Henry Peacock (8:30), Madalyn Byrd, Avery Adams (11:00)

Crucifer: William Peacock (8:30), Lily Blaylock (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

THE DANGER OF DRIFTING

HEBREWS 2:1

I. Acknowledge the drift.

II. Realize the consequences of drifting.

A. Confusion

B. Expense

C. Lost opportunity

D. Pain and regret

III. Get back on course.

A. **Wake up** - become aware of your current location.

B. **Look up** - decide where you want to go.

C. **Move up** - start working toward your destination.