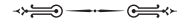


# WELCOME

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

**DISCHARGED:** Janell Bullard, Truly McDaniel, Bill Dorsey, Karen Dorsey

**SYMPATHY** is extended to Marty Davis & family in the death of her husband, Tom Davis.

**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 by the Altar Flower Fund.

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

The following memorials are given by Judge and Mrs. Eugene W. Bryson, Jr.:

Adeline Roemer  
 Steve McKinzie  
 Becky Gerardy  
 James Dee Youngblood, III  
 Carol Graham  
 Sue Ann Barnett  
 Grantham Couch  
 Richard "Dickie" Robertson  
 Claude Dance, Jr.  
 Georgiann Lamb  
 Charles Dillman  
 Alton Irwin  
 Bo Cooksey  
 Billy Burris  
 Bruce Lynn  
 Betty Kennedy  
 Anne Oden Hall  
 Bobby Gilbert  
 Jay Colvin

J. W. Peacock  
 from Sidney Marie and Martha Ross  
**Mr. D. Lloyd Hall**  
 from Rose Mary and Bob Kennedy  
**Dan Smith**  
 from Rose Mary and Bob Kennedy  
**Bruce Lynn**  
 from Rose Mary and Bob Kennedy  
**Shirley Tufts**  
 from Rose Mary and Bob Kennedy  
**Bobby Gilbert**  
 from Rose Mary and Bob Kennedy  
**Bill Davis**  
 from Rose Mary and Bob Kennedy  
**Donna Law**  
 from Suzanne and Frank Bright  
 Rose Mary and Bob Kennedy  
 Karla Argrave and Jean Crites  
 Sherry Desselle and Sue Hunt  
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Jones  
 Debra Toney and Sandra Blaylock  
 Kenneth Duerksen

## VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 02/12/17	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$66,489	\$132,978	\$436,928
Received	\$58,965	\$179,108	\$458,409
Over/(Under)	(\$7,524)	\$46,130	\$21,481

### ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF February 12, 2017

Traditional (8:30)	239
Traditional (11:00)	420
Faithlink (11:00)	268
Wesleyan Communion	n/a
<b>Total worship attendance</b>	<b>927</b>
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	596



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

FEBRUARY 19, 2017 • SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

# Celebration of Worship

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany - February 19, 2017

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

PRELUDE .....Prelude on “Come, Christians, .....E. Ray Peebles  
Join to Sing” (MADRID)  
arr. Jack Jones

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING ..... Dr. Goad

INTROIT.....*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*.....Ensemble (8:30)  
arr. Paul Sjolund Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION ..... Dr. Goad

† HYMN OF PRAISE ..... “Forward Through the Ages” ..... No. 555

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH .....No. 881 .....Dr. Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....“Draw near, all ye people”.....Richard Hemmings, baritone  
from *Elijah*  
Felix Mendelssohn

“Draw near, all ye people, come to me! Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel; this day let it be known that Thou art God, and I am thy servant! O shew to all this people that I have done these things according to Thy Word! O hear me, Lord, and answer me: and shew this people that Thou art Lord God; and let their hearts again be turned!”  
(1 Kings 18:36)

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Psalm 139:13-16 .....Rev. Wilkinson  
Old Testament, Page 710 in your Pew Bible

† 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.*

\*\*CHILDREN’S BLESSING ..... Staci Zeagler

JOYS & CONCERNS ..... Dr. Day

MORNING PRAYER ..... Dr. Rhoads

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.*

† HYMN OF PREPARATION.....“Lord, Whose Love .....No. 581  
Through Humble Service”

OFFERTORY PRAYER .....Rev. Wilkinson

MUSICAL OFFERING (8:30).....*Come, Thou Fount*.....Ensemble  
*of Every Blessing*  
arr. Eric Nelson

MUSICAL OFFERING (11:00).....*Come, Thou Fount*.....Chancel Choir  
*of Every Blessing*  
arr. Mack Wilberg

† 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 .....1 Corinthians 12:7-11 ..... Dr. Day  
New Testament, Page 212 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE .....FINDING YOUR “SWEET SPOT” .....Dr. Day

† \*HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Gift of Love”.....No. 408  
*(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. Rhoads  
*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. Rhoads

SENDING FORTH.....*God Be with You ‘Till We Meet Again*.....Ensemble (8:30)  
arr. Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart (MARION)*.....E. Ray Peebles  
arr. Albert Travis



Acolytes: John Ashton Hunter (8:30), Crew Chandler, Cannon Chandler (11:00)

Crucifer: Leslie Hunter (8:30), Connor Edwards (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

FINDING YOUR “SWEET SPOT”

1 CORINTHIANS 12:7-11

- I. First, God has uniquely designed your personal “sweet spot.”
- II. Second, God wants you to discover your “sweet spot.”
- III. Third, God wants you to spend more time working and living in your “sweet spot.”
- IV. Fourth, God wants you to bless and add value to others from your “sweet spot.”
- V. Finally, God wants you to help others discover and live in their “sweet spot.”