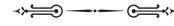


WELCOME

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

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
Total worship attendance	927
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

PRELUDEPrelude 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 FAITHNo. 881Dr. 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 139:13-16Rev. Wilkinson
Old Testament, Page 710 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. 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.

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HYMN OF PREPARATION.....“Lord, Whose LoveNo. 581
Through Humble Service”

OFFERTORY PRAYERRev. 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 READING1 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.”