

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.



WE'RE SO GLAD YOU ARE JOINING US FOR WORSHIP TODAY! If you have any questions about Sunday morning activities & Worship or you would like more information about how you can be involved in the life of First United Methodist Church, Shreveport:

- Ask one of our wonderful ushers or volunteers in the Welcome Center. They'd 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/getconnected

WANT A TOUR OF THE CAMPUS?

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.

READY TO JOIN OUR FIRST SHREVEPORT FAMILY?

If you're curious about what membership means and want to meet our pastors before deciding, join us for our next Starting Point Luncheon. Contact our New Member Pastor, Rev. Caroline Wilkinson at 424-7771, ext. 135 or cwilkinson@fumcshreveport.org for more information.

You may join the church today by profession of faith, transfer of membership or reaffirmation of your baptismal vows. Our church receives persons from other traditions by transfer. If you have been baptized in another denomination, re-baptism is not necessary. To join, simply come to the front of the church and meet the pastors during the singing of the last hymn.

NEXT STEPS:

- Join a small 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 OTHER UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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

Our Heritage in Stained Glass

Jesus, the Good Shepherd—"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" John 14:6
The fourth window on the left is a memorial to the Fullilove family. This is one of two windows reserved for families whose members have long records of service to First Methodist dating from the 1800's. The stained glass window's center panel depicts Christ with outstretched arms proclaiming, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life," words taken from his discourse with his disciples following the Last Supper. So, through the 40 days of Lent He welcomes and encourages us to follow.

JOYS & CONCERNS

HOSPITALIZED: Patricia Lonnecker, Dot Cook, Jimmie Simmons, Pat Craig

DISCHARGED: Donald Clanton

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ernest Bernhoft, Jr. from Bruce and Teri Bernhoft.

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

MEMORIALS

Dr. Ernest Lampkins
from Ellen and Sam Caverlee

John Charles Nolan
from Lela Tucker
Diane and Chuck Chesley
Mr. and Mrs. James Blewett

Robert "Bob" King
from Nancy Erickson
JoAnn and Lavern Tucker

Connie Jane Drake
from Jane and Paul Cooke
Carroll P. Traylor
Mr. and Mrs. James M. Herring
Billie Ann Bates
Linda Rogers
Pattie Lachle
Margaret Lawler

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 03.11.18	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$93,478	\$186,956	\$783,344
Received	\$55,847	\$167,613	\$796,158
Over/(Under)	(37,631)	(19,343)	\$12,814

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF MARCH 11, 2018	
Traditional worship (8:30)	172
Traditional worship (11:00)	427
FaithLink worship	163
Wesley Communion	n/a
Total worship attendance	762
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	449



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

MARCH 18, 2018 • FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

Sermon Notes

IN QUEST OF A KINGDOM

Mark 1:14-15

I. First, the kingdom of God has to do with the rule and reign of God in the human heart.

II. Second, the kingdom of God has to do with doing God's will on earth as it is in heaven.

III. Third, the kingdom of God has certain conditions of citizenship.

IV. Fourth, the kingdom of God has special blessings and rewards.

V. Finally, the kingdom of God requires a definite decision before being a citizen.

Celebration of Worship

Fifth Sunday in Lent - March 18, 2018

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

PRELUDE..... *Fairest Lord Jesus*.....Michael Scarlato, trumpet
arr. Christina Harmon David Hardin, trumpet
E. Ray Peebles, organ

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETINGMathew Hargett

INTROIT.....*Brethren We Have Met to Worship*.....Chancel Choir
arr. Bruce Greer Brass Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Mathew Hargett

† HYMN OF PRAISE“Rejoice, the Lord is King”..... No. 715

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 884.....Mathew Hargett

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Matthew 18:21-31.....Erik Rasmussen
New Testament, Page 24 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. Day

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.....“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”.....No. 405

† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Erik Rasmussen

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*What Wondrous Love is This?*.....Chancel Choir
arr. Paul Halley Brass Ensemble

† DOXOLOGYNo. 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

SCRIPTURE READING.....Mark 1:14-15.....Dr. Day
New Testament, Page 42 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**IN QUEST OF A KINGDOM**.....Dr. Day

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”.....No. 569

(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.....Erik Rasmussen

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.

BENEDICTIONMathew Hargett

SENDING FORTH.....*God Be With You ‘Till We Meet Again*.....Chancel Choir
arr. Fred Bock

POSTLUDE..... *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
arr. Johann Sebastian Bach



Acolytes: Henry Peacock (8:30), Quinton Hilliard, Harrison Ayres (11:00)

Crucifer: William Peacock (8:30), Vivian Vekovius (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:*

• 3–4 years (8:30 & 11:00): Children’s Ministry Center

• K5–3RD graders (11:00): Dawson Building, Room 208, behind the Sanctuary

Childcare for infants through 4 years is available from 8:15 to 12:15 in the Children’s Ministry Center. From the sanctuary, follow the sign located in the hallway between the sanctuary and the Dawson Building. Outdoor access is located on the corner of Douglas and Milam Streets.