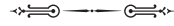


WELCOME

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, Pat Craig, Dot Cook, Richie Dublin
DISCHARGED: Jimmie Simmons, Richie Dublin
SYMPATHY is extended to Diane Lawrence & Todd Lawrence & family in the death of her mother & his grandmother Marian Ewing.
PALMS ON THE ALTAR AND UNDER THE CROSS are given to the glory of God from the Altar Flower Fund.
THE RED ROSE NEAR THE ALTAR honors those serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, at home & abroad.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

Gayle Armstrong
 from Shelley and Brad Armstrong

Leon Simpson
 from Millie Backus

Connie Jane Traylor Drake
 from Louise and Dewitt Booty
 Donna Crawford Shield
 Johanna and Kenny Loftin
 Co Wed Sunday School Class

John Charles Nolan
 from Mrs. Martha Storer
 Mrs. Mary Cochran
 Co Wed Sunday School Class
 Desiderata Sunday School Class

Dr. Chad Hargon
 From Sarah and David Barlow

HONORARIUM:
Virginia Harman Lamb
 Ginny and Rich Lamb

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 03.18.18	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$93,478	\$280,434	\$876,822
Received	\$59,325	\$226,938	\$855,483
Over/(Under)	\$(34,153)	\$(53,496)	\$(21,339)

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF MARCH 18, 2018	
Traditional worship (8:30)	175
Traditional worship (11:00)	561
FaithLink worship	175
Wesley Communion	n/a
Total worship attendance	911
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	490



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 25, 2018 › PALM SUNDAY



CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

Celebration of Worship

Sixth Sunday in Lent - March 25, 2018

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

PRELUDE..... “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Gates”.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
from *March on a Theme of Handel*
Alexandre Guilmant

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING Dr. Goad

INTROIT.....*The King of Glory Comes*.....Texas Street Singers (8:30)
Traditional Israeli Melody Chancel Choir (11:00)

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE“All Glory, Laud and Honor”..... No. 280

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

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Ride on, King Jesus!*.....Dr. David Hobson
arr. William Cutter

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Matthew 21:1-11.....Erik Rasmussen
New Testament, Page 27 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 Bishop Bill Hutchinson

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.....“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”.....No. 277

† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Erik Rasmussen

MUSICAL OFFERING (8:30).....*Come, Let Us Sing*.....Texas Street Singers
Allen Pote

MUSICAL OFFERING (11:00).....*Who is He?*.....Chancel Choir
arr. Vicki Wright Dan Santelices, violin

† 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.....Matthew 16:13-21.....Dr. Day
New Testament, Page 22 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**WHO IS THIS JESUS?**.....Dr. Day

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know”.....No. 163

(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.

BENEDICTIONBishop Bill Hutchinson

SENDING FORTH.....*God Be with You*.....Texas Street Singers (8:30)
arr. Fred Bock Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE..... *Fantasia Super: Valet Will ich dir geben*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Johann Sebastian Bach

[All Glory, Laud and Honor]

Acolytes: Henry Peacock, Harper Hearron (8:30), Caroline Smith, Catherine Corley (11:00)

Crucifer: Ellen Douglas (8:30), Shep Smith (11:00)

Banner Carrier: William Peacock (8:30), Madalyn Byrd (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.

Sermon Notes

WHO IS THIS JESUS?

Matthew 16:13-21

I. First, your answer determines your relationship with God.

II. Second, your answer determines how you will deal with life on a daily basis.

III. Third, your answer determines your character and conduct.

IV. Finally, your answer determines your courage and confidence in facing death.