

# 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:erasmussen@fumcshreveport.org) or call the church office for more info.
- Firstdiscipleship.org is Now Live! Find out where you are in your discipleship journey and steps you can take to go deeper. Sign in today at [firstdiscipleship.org](http://firstdiscipleship.org). Email Lisa Turnbull at [lturnbull@fumcshreveport.org](mailto:lturnbull@fumcshreveport.org) or call the church office at 424.7771 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 OTHER UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Grab a copy of the *First Weekly* or *The Columns* located at any of the entryways or visit [firstshreveport.org](http://firstshreveport.org).

## Our Heritage in Stained Glass

Easter Morning—"I go to prepare a place for you," John 14:3  
The exquisite center window on the right proclaims the glory of Easter in its depiction of Jesus in the garden speaking to Mary after His Resurrection. The nail prints are visible in His hands. Note the whiteness of His garment and red of hers—so vivid in the stained glass rendition. HALLELUAH! HE IS RISEN!

## JOYS & CONCERNS

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** Congratulations to Catherine & Potter Adams on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Holmes Adams on March 16, 2018. Paternal grandparents are Susan & Mike Adams.

**HOSPITALIZED:** Patricia Lonnecker, Pat Craig

**DISCHARGED:** Dot Cook

**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 Mr. John William Peacock, Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Peacock, and Mr. And Mrs. Russell Barrow from their family.

## MEMORIALS

**Ruth Fowler Belcher**  
from Jo Pennington

**Timothy Dulany**  
from Dr. Gale W. Bridger

**Connie Jane Traylor Drake**  
from Beth and Ken Hayes  
Shirley and Billy Giles

**Denny E. Gamble, Sr.**  
from Lesa and Denny E. Gamble, Jr.

**John Charles Nolan**  
from Shirley and Billy Giles

**Kathryn C. Gamble**  
from Lesa and Denny E. Gamble, Jr.

**Robert "Bob" King**  
from Shirley and Billy Giles

## VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 3.25.18	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$93,478	\$373,912	\$970,300
Received	\$79,431	\$306,369	\$934,914
Over/(Under)	(\$14,047)	(\$67,543)	(\$35,386)

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF MARCH 25, 2018	
Traditional worship (8:30)	221
Traditional worship (11:00)	576
FaithLink worship	218
Wesleyan Communion	n/a
<b>Total worship attendance</b>	<b>1015</b>
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	500



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

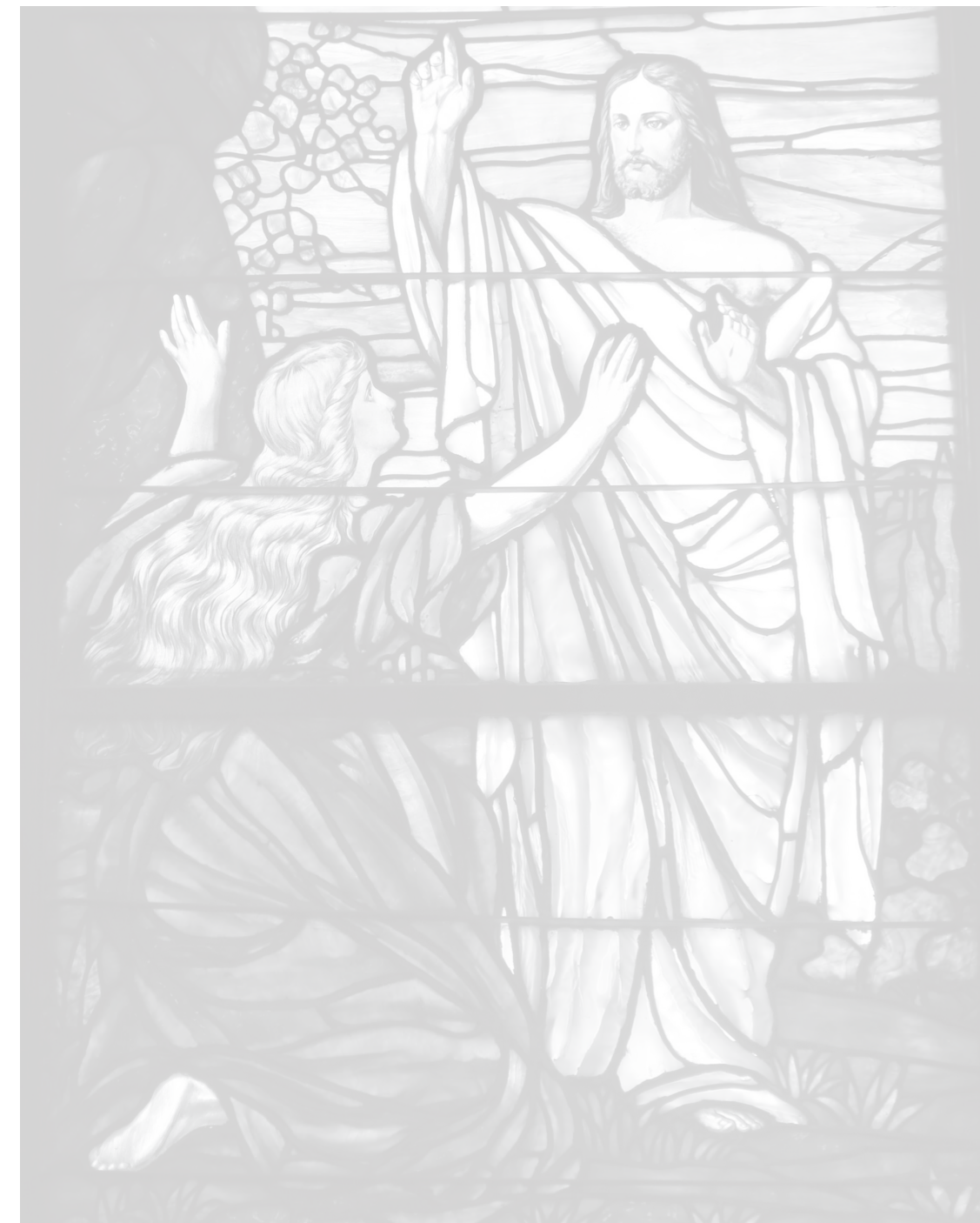
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30am & 11:00am, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00am  
FAITHLINK CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 11:00am • SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45am  
WESLEYAN COMMUNION SERVICE: 9:45 - 10:30am, FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN COUCH CHAPEL

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# FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

APRIL 01, 2018 • EASTER SUNDAY



CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

# Celebration of Worship

Easter Sunday - April 01, 2018

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

PRELUDE.....*Intrada for Easter*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
Jean Langlais/arr. Thomas Hundemer Brass Ensemble

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING .....Dr. Rhoads

INTROIT .....*Introit for Easter*..... Chancel Choir  
Giovanni Gabrieli Brass Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Dr. Rhoads

The Lord is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed!**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

**We have an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled and unfading.**

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously!

**Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; for the Lord has comforted his people.**

Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

**Thanks be to God who gives us the victory.**

INVOCATION .....Dr. Rhoads

† HYMN OF PRAISE .....“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” ..... No. 302  
Stanzas 1-4

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH .....No. 888 .....Dr. Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem*.....Chamber Choir  
Charles Villiers Stanford

† CONGREGATIONAL READING .....No. 320 ..... Dr. Goad

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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 .....Billie Beck

JOYS & CONCERNS ..... Dr. Day

MORNING PRAYER .....Bishop William 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.....“Up from the Grave He Arose” .....No. 322

OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Rev. Wilkinson

MUSICAL OFFERING .....“Antiphon” from *Five Mystical Songs* ..... Chancel Choir  
Ralph Vaughan Williams Brass Ensemble

† 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.....MATTHEW 28:1-15.....Dr. Day  
New Testament, Page 41 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**THE RESURRECTION: SO WHAT?**.....Dr. Day

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”.....No. 312

*(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 .....Rev. Wilkinson

*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 .....Bishop William Hutchinson

SENDING FORTH.....“Hallelujah” from *Messiah* ..... Chancel Choir  
George Frideric Handel Brass Ensemble

POSTLUDE.....“Toccata” from *Symphony No. 5* .....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
Charles-Marie Widor

**BANNER CARRIER:** William Peacock (8:30), Carter Cox (11:00)

**ACOLYTES:** Henry Peacock, Caroline Wood (8:30), Ivy Frierson, Claire Frierson (11:00)

**CRUCIFER:** Kace Sweatman (8:30), Trevor Cox (11:00)



† *Those who are able may stand. ‡ Latecomers may be seated at these times.*

\* **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*

• K5–1ST graders (11:00): *Dawson Building, Room 207, behind the Sanctuary*

• 2ND–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

**THE RESURRECTION: SO WHAT?**

Matthew 28:1-15

I. First, the resurrection is essential because it allows us to trust Jesus Christ totally.

II. Second, the resurrection is essential because it tears down the walls in our lives.

III. Third, the resurrection is essential because it provides a hope transfusion.

IV. Fourth, the resurrection is essential because it provides dynamic power for living.

V. Finally, the resurrection is essential because it can transform death into life without limits.