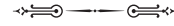


# WELCOME

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

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- 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

*The Welcoming Christ—"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:** June Miller, Ruth Isler, Winnie Middleton  
**SYMPATHY** is extended to Sharon Matlock & family in the death of her husband, John David Matlock; to Jean Darrow & family in the death of her son, Billy Darrow; to Dr. Keith Payne & family in the death of his mother, Patsy Payne; to Cozie Wilhite & family in the death of his wife, Susan Wilhite and to Becky Billingsley & family in the death of her mother, Marianna Matkin.  
**THE RED ROSE NEAR THE ALTAR** honors those serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, at home & abroad.  
**THE PALMS ON THE ALTAR AND UNDER THE CROSS** are given to the glory of God and in honor of the ministerial and custodial staff of First UMC and in memory of Leonard Gates.

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

**Don G. Easterwood, Jr.**  
 from Karen and Martin Anthony  
 Lynna and Allen Jones  
 Mr. and Mrs. Shelby L. Smith  
 Mr. and Mrs. James S. Blewett  
 Mr. and Mrs. W. Michael Adams  
**Fred W. Bailey**  
 from Mary Ann Webb  
 Mrs. T. J. Ostendorff, Jr.  
 Mr. and Mrs. T. Haller Jackson, III  
 Mrs. Jane W. Johnson  
 Sally Seyler  
 Helen Smith  
 Ginny and Tom Murphy  
 Sherry and David Hardin  
 Mr. and Mrs. W. Michael Adams  
 Randall W. Sparger, III  
 Velda L. Sparger  
 Mr. and Mrs. James S. Blewett

**Charles H. Kirkland, Jr.**  
 from Parry and David Holden  
 Lori and Bailey Baynham  
 Cyndy and Jim Nichols  
 Dr. and Mrs. Dean Griffen  
 Raley and Associates, Inc.  
 Mrs. Weyman Oden, Jr.  
 Kaye W. Williams  
**Anne M. King**  
 from Virginia Kay Goss  
 ~Honorariums~  
**Beth and Sammy Renda**  
 from Lounelle Black

### ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF April 2, 2017

Traditional (8:30).....	173
Traditional (11:00).....	385
Faithlink (11:00).....	129
Wesleyan Communion.....	n/a
<b>Total worship attendance:</b> .....	<b>703</b>
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages.....	470

## VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 04/02/17	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$62,478	\$62,478	\$991,212
Received	\$96,876	\$96,876	\$1,077,979
Over/(Under)	\$34,398	\$34,398	\$86,767

### Year to Date - March 31, 2017 (in thousands)

	Budget	Actual	Variation
Cash Receipts	\$1,066	\$1,083	\$17
Cash Disbursements	\$1,246	\$1,139	\$107
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$180)	(\$56)	\$124

Funds from advanced pledge giving and the Hunter Foundation are moved to the operating account each month on a prorated basis to help fund the deficit that we always experience through the year. We pray that members will consider their individual pledges as a floor to giving and not a ceiling, and that those in a position to do so, will move ahead to help fund God's 365-day-a-year work through our church. —Your Finance Team



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. Address • 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 9, 2017 • PALM SUNDAY



CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

# Celebration of Worship

Palm Sunday - April 9, 2017

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  
from *March on a Theme of Handel*  
Alexandre Guilmant

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

INTROIT.....*The Lord Reigns*.....Ensemble (8:30)  
Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE .....“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” ..... No. 278

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH .....No. 887 .....Dr. Goad

BAPTISM (8:30)..... Joshua Robert Conway.....No. 39, Dr. Day  
Presented by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. John Michael Conway

CELEBRATION OF LIFE (11:00).....No. 45-49 .....Reception of Confirmation Class  
Dr. Day & Rev. Joyce

MUSICAL OFFERING.....“Sanctus” from *Solemn Mass*.....Ensemble (8:30)  
Louis Vierne Chancel Choir (11:00)  
[Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and Earth are full of thy glory.  
Hosanna in the Highest!]

† CONGREGATIONAL READING.....No. 281.....Dr. Rhoads

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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 Tate

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.....“Am I a Soldier of the Cross”.....No. 511  
(Stanzas 1 and 4)

OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING..... “Benedictus” from *Solemn Mass*.....Ensemble (8:30)  
Louis Vierne Chancel Choir (11:00)  
[Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!]

† DOXOLOGY ..... No. 95

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

SCRIPTURE READING.....Matthew 21:1-11.....Dr. Day  
New Testament, Page 27 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**HOW TO BE COURAGEOUS LIKE JESUS**.....Dr. Day

† \*HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Here I Am, Lord” ..... No. 593  
*(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 ..... Bishop William Hutchinson

CONGREGATIONAL SENDING FORTH.....“Lord, I Want To Be Like Jesus”  
*Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.*

POSTLUDE.....*Fantasia Super: Valet Will ich dir geben*.....E. Ray Peebles  
Johann Sebastian Bach  
[All Glory, Laud and Honor]

**BANNER:** Russell Peacock (8:30), Trevor Cox (11:00)  
**ACOLYTES:** Henry Peacock, Grayson Hargon (8:30), Sarah Margaret Foreman, Kate Foreman (11:00)  
**CRUCIFER:** William Peacock (8:30), Benjamin Foreman (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.**

## — 2017 Confirmation Class —

Mason Patrick Brady	Isabella Grace Fertitta	Mary Catherine Osborn
Christopher James Carey	Davis Wood Gilmer	Russell Barrow Peacock, Jr.
Tyler Kane Carey	Vicki Elizabeth Guidry	Brayden Neil Robinson
Abigail Sarah Carney	Christopher Guy Hargon	Mary Ella Sanders
Katherine Grace Carney	Thomas Grey Jackson, Jr.	Reed Thomas Sepulvado
Carter Lewis Cox	Peyton Allen Johnson	Ivan Sutton Smith
Brennan Kate Deshotel	Thomas Payne Johnson	Brooke Ellen Turnbull
Emmaline Erin Drummond	Grant Clayton Lolley	Holden McInnis Webb
Annah Klaira Duffy	Mary Ella Mangin	Anna Kate Wilhite
Katie Claire Ferrier	Laura Lee Mayfield	Keith Kairbo Willis
	Hannah Danielle McGuire	

# Sermon Notes

HOW TO BE COURAGEOUS LIKE JESUS

Matthew 21:1-11

I. First, courage begins with an inward battle with fear.

II. Second, courage deals with principles and not perceptions.

III. Third, courage is contagious.

IV. Fourth, courage opens the door to a better future.

V. Finally, courage brings positive results.