

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

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: Patricia Lonnecker, Eleanor Higgs, John Pleasant, Katheryn DeGeneres

DISCHARGED: Rose Mary Kennedy, Andrew Crawford, Calli Lorant

SYMPATHY is extended to Dr. F. Dean Griffen & family in the death of his mother, Betty Wilmarth and to the family & friends of C. D. McDaniels in his death.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR 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

Marion Ewing

From Louise Benoit

Cathey and Steve Sholar

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 04.08.18	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$71,414	\$142,828	\$1,113,128
Received	\$89,431	\$187,061	\$1,121,975
Over/(Under)	\$18,017	\$44,233	\$8,847

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF APRIL 8, 2018

Traditional worship (8:30)	207
Traditional worship (11:00)	567
FaithLink worship	194
Wesleyan Communion	n/a
Total worship attendance	968
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	531



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 15, 2018 · THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

Celebration of Worship

Third Sunday of Easter - April 15, 2018

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

PRELUDE..... Choral Partita on "At the Lamb's High Feast We Bring".....E. Ray Peebles
arr. Johann Pachelbel

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETINGDr. Rhoads

INTROIT.....Crown Him with Many Crowns.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Dave Williamson Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. Rhoads

† HYMN OF PRAISE“The Day of Resurrection”.....

*The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The passover of gladness, the passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.*

*Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
And listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All Hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.*

*Lead on, O King Eternal, we follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning where e'er thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.*

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 885.....Rev. Wilkinson

MUSICAL OFFERING (8:30).....Softly and Tenderly.....Rebecca Vacha, soprano
arr. Raymond Brown

MUSICAL OFFERING (11:00).....I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing....Wesley Bells
arr. Valerie W. Stephenson

† SCRIPTURE READING.....John 15:1-11.....Rev. Wilkinson
New Testament, Page 133 in your Pew Bible

† 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.*

† **CHILDREN'S BLESSING..... Billie Beck

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.....“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”.....No. 381

† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....The Lord is My Shepherd.....Ensemble(8:30)
Allen Pote Chancel Choir (11:00)

† DOXOLOGYNo. 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.....Isaiah 52:12.....Dr. Day
Old Testament, Page 836 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....THE LORD THAT GOES BEFORE YOU.....Dr. Day

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”.....No. 128
*(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. Goad
*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.....On Eagle's Wings.....Ensemble(8:30)
arr. Mark Hayes Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....Toccatà on "Thou Art the Rock"E. Ray Peebles, organ
(Tu es Petra)
Henry Mulet

Acolytes: Harper Hearron (8:30), Mae Graf, Vivian Vekovius (11:00)
Crucifer: Ellen Douglas (8:30), Sanders Graf (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.

Sermon Notes

THE LORD THAT GOES BEFORE YOU

Isaiah 52:12

I. First, the Lord that goes before you is an **Abiding God.**

II. Second, the Lord that goes before you is a **Guiding God.**

III. Third, the Lord that goes before you is a **Providing God.**

IV. Fourth, the Lord that goes before you is a **Confiding God.**

V. Finally, the Lord that goes before you is a **Residing God.**