

WELCOME



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.
- 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. Call the church office at 424.7771 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.

Welcome to First United Methodist Church.

To all of our guests – welcome! We are glad you're here. Please be sure to let us know that you're visiting, so we can make you feel at home.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Mary Helen & Brandon Marrs on the birth of their son, Nicholson Joseph Marrs on April 11, 2016. Paternal grandparents are Sharon & Jimmy Marrs.

HOSPITALIZED: Margaret Lawler • Grantham Couch • Virginia Megarity

DISCHARGED: Lois Lucas • Dr. Hollis Gamble • Mary Helen Marrs • Tom Bullock

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO Peyton Johnson & family in the death of her mother, Penney Johnson and to Dr. Darrell Barnett & family in the death of his mother, Sue Ann Barnett.

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 by the Altar Flower Fund.



MEMORIALS:

James Dee Youngblood, III
from Charlotte E. Webb

Steve McKinzie
from Mr. and Mrs. Gene Nims

Evelyn Wilcox
from David R. Zielinski

Elizabeth Joyce
from Georgiann and Jack Lamb

Betty Alvis
from Georgiann and Jack Lamb

Ethel Hazlewood
from Sue and Paul Horton

Donna Dutton
from F. Brad Dutton, Sr.

Patsy Duvall
from Laurie and Rick Boswell
Jean and George Baldwin

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 04.10.16	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$81,210	\$162,420	\$1,118,221
Received	\$59,938	\$149,367	\$1,037,505
Over/(Under)	(\$21,272)	(\$13,053)	(\$80,716)

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF APRIL 10, 2016

Traditional worship (8:30)	214
Traditional worship (11:00)	620
FaithLink worship	159
Wednesday Business Lunch	19
Wesleyan Communion	n/a
Total worship attendance	1012
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	624



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. A private space is available for visiting.*

Senior Pastor: Dr. R. Pat Day • Executive Pastor: Dr. Jonathan Beck • Associate Pastor: Rev. Derek Joyce
Associate Pastor: Rev. Caroline Wilkinson • Pastor of Senior Adult Ministry: Rev. Dr. Carl E. Rhoads • Director of Music: Dr. David Hobson
Director of Fine Arts: Rev. Dr. Will K. Andress • Principal Organist: E. Ray Peebles • Scholar-in-Residence: Dr. Donald Webb

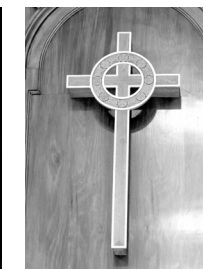
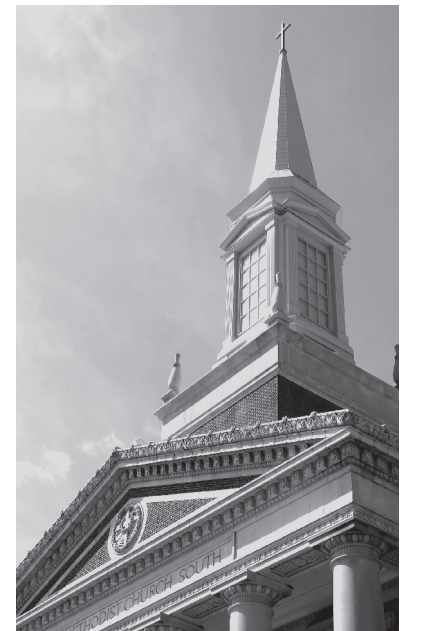
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC AT 11:00 AM
FAITHLINK CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 11:00 AM • SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 AM
WESLEYAN COMMUNION SERVICE: 9:45 – 10:30 AM, FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN COUCH CHAPEL

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FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

APRIL 17, 2016 • 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



EMBRACING GRACE. GROWING LEADERS.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebration of Worship – Fourth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE.....*More Love to Thee, O Christ*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
arr. Mary Hall Cara Lamb, piano

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING Rev. Wilkinson

INTROIT.....*Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Fred Bock Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Rev. Wilkinson

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”.....No. 152

AFFIRMATION OF FAITHNo. 885 Rev. Wilkinson

CELEBRATION OF LIFE (11:00)Steadfast Servants

MUSICAL OFFERING....“I know that my redeemer liveth” ...Brenda Wimberly, soprano
from *Messiah*
George Frideric Handel

† SCRIPTURE READING.....GENESIS 1:1-2, 26-31.....Dr. Rhoads
Old Testament, Pages 1 & 3 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
Children leaving the service for Children’s Chapel may be picked up after the service:

- *Infants–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*

JOYS & CONCERNS Dr. Day

MORNING PRAYER.....Dr. Beck

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.....“Great is Thy Faithfulness”.....No. 140

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Eric Nelson Chancel Choir (11:00)
Laura Crawford, violin
Ruth Drummond, cello
Cara Lamb, piano

† 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.....PSALM 8.....Dr. Day
Old Testament, Page 605 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**DISCOVERING YOUR FULL POTENTIAL**.....Dr. Day

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“How Great Thou Art”.....No. 77

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.....Dr. Beck
*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.....Dr. Beck

SENDING FORTH.....*On Eagle’s Wings*.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Mark Hayes Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Carillon-Sortie*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Henri Mulet

ACOLYTES: Kace Sweatman (8:30), Abby Weego (8:30), Landry Hobson (11:00),
Leslie Hunter (11:00)

CRUCIFER: Drew Moffitt (8:30), Grant Reagan (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.**

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♦ **To watch online**, download bulletins and sermons, visit our website: www.firstshreveport.org.

♦ **WORSHIP SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR FREE DOWNLOAD ONLINE** at 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.

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Sermon Notes

DISCOVERING YOUR FULL POTENTIAL
PSALM 8 • APRIL 17, 2016

I. First, we see the **majesty** of God. (vs. 1)

II. Second, we see the **simplicity** of God. (vs. 2)

III. Third, we see the **creative power** of God.
(vs. 3-4)

IV. Fourth, we see the **grace** of God. (vs. 5)

V. Finally, we see the **mastery** of God. (vs. 6-8)