

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 Katie & Richard Faries on the birth of their daughter, Noel Katherine Faries on April 14, 2016. Paternal grandparents are Denise Faries and Richard Faries. Paternal great grandmother is Peggy Faries. To Mary & Matt Oates on the birth of their daughter, Madison Hart Oates on April 16, 2016. Maternal grandparents are Pat & Mark Harrison.

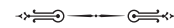
HOSPITALIZED: Gwen Branton

DISCHARGED: Virginia Megarity • Margaret Lawler • Julia Sippel

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO Bill Colbert & family in the death of his brother-in-law, Robert H. Flournoy and to Catherine Anne Couch Provine, Stuart G. Couch, Catherine R. Couch and Marianne Couch Teschner & family in the death of their father and brother Joseph Thomas Grantham Couch.

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:

Sharon Anderson
from Dianne and Curtis Turner

Steve McKinzie
from Debbie and Mike Davis

Dr. Susan Vigen Zeller
from Dr. Charles J. Rice

Harry Lazarus
from Charlotte E. Webb

Martha Storer
Frances and Richard Jones

Mr. D. Lloyd Hall
from Kitty Jo and Charles Boyd

Becky Gerardy
from Kitty Jo and Charles Boyd

Patsy Duvall
from Dr. Charles J. Rice
Allison and Jerry Montgomery
Lori and Bailey Baynham

Honorarium:

Dr. Ashley Goad
from Glenda and Hugh Ilgenfritz

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 04.17.16	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$81,210	\$243,630	\$1,199,431
Received	\$100,894	\$250,261	\$1,138,399
Over/(Under)	\$19,684	\$6,631	(\$61,032)

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF APRIL 17, 2016

Traditional worship (8:30)	188
Traditional worship (11:00)	476
FaithLink worship	222
Wednesday Business Lunch	23
Wesleyan Communion	n/a
Total worship attendance	909
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	566

≡ MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING ≡

Mother's Day offering to the Louisiana United Methodist Children's Home will be taken Sunday, May 8, 2016. Please make checks payable to First United Methodist Church, Shreveport with the memo to "Children's Home". Envelopes will be found in the pews and may be dropped in the collection plates. Thank you.



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

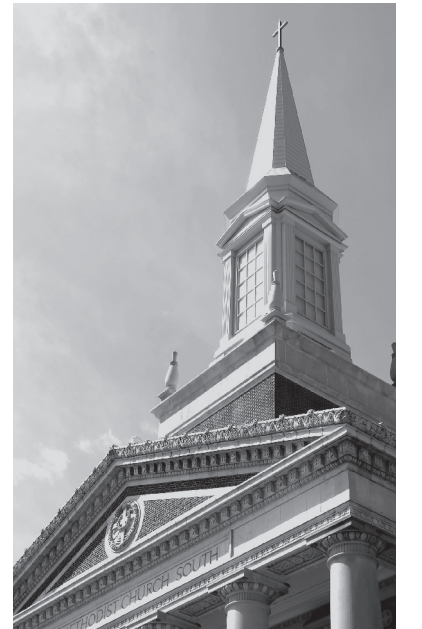
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC AT 11:00 AM
FAITHLINK CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 11:00 AM • **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 9:45 AM
WESLEYAN COMMUNION SERVICE: 9:45 – 10:30 AM, FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN COUCH CHAPEL

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FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

APRIL 24, 2016 • 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



EMBRACING GRACE. GROWING LEADERS.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebration of Worship – Fifth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE.....“Musique Royale”.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
from *First Suite de Sinfonies* Brass Ensemble
Michel-Richard Delalande/arr. Drummond Wolff

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETINGDr. Beck

INTROIT.....*Crown Him with Many Crowns*.....Chancel Choir
arr. Dennis Allen Brass Quartet

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. Beck

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”.....No. 127

AFFIRMATION OF FAITHNo. 881Dr. Beck

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*The Lord is My Light and My Salvation*.....Richard Hemmings
Frances Allitsen

† SCRIPTURE READING.....HEBREWS 10:35-39.....Rev. Wilkinson
New Testament, Pages 273 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 BLESSINGBillie Tate

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. Rhoads

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.....“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”.....No. 452

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Rev. Wilkinson

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Now Glad of Heart*.....Chancel Choir
K. Lee Scott Brass Quartet

† 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 27.....Dr. Day
Old Testament, Page 619 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**FACE YOUR FEARS WITH FAITH**.....Dr. Day

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Give to the Winds Thy Fears”.....No. 129

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.....Dr. Rhoads

SENDING FORTH.....*The Lord’s Peace*.....Chancel Choir
Aaron Zinter

POSTLUDE.....*Fiat Lux (Eternal Light)*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Théodore Dubois

ACOLYTES: Annie Anderson (8:30), Ellen Douglas (8:30), Alayna Millican (11:00),

Rowan Miller (11:00)

CRUCIFER: Emily Anderson (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.

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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.

♦ LIKE US ON FACEBOOK at www.facebook.com/fumcshreveport for the latest events, photos and more; then follow us on Twitter @FUMCShreveport.

Sermon Notes

FACE YOUR FEARS WITH FAITH
PSALM 27 • APRIL 24, 2016

I. First, the **CREED** of the psalmist. (vs. 1)

II. Second, the **NEED** of the psalmist. (vs. 2-3)

III. Third, the **PLEAD** of the psalmist. (vs. 4-7)

IV. Fourth, the **LEAD** of the psalmist. (vs. 8-13)

V. Finally, the **DEED** of the psalmist. (vs. 14)