

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: Kathryn DeGeneres, Ken Hayes

DISCHARGED: Emily Viskozki, Berry Glassell, Jessica Baker

CONGRATULATIONS to Jessica & Kyle Baker on the birth of their daughter, Hadley Claire Baker on April 24, 2018.

SYMPATHY is extended to Charles Higgs & family in the death of his wife, Eleanor Higgs.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Chad Hargon from Stacey, Geron, Guy, and Grayson Hargon.

THE RED ROSE NEAR THE ALTAR honors those serving in the armed forces at home and abroad.

MEMORIALS

Betty Wilmarth
 from Sidney B. Peacock
 Martha and Lew Ross
 Melanie and Barrow Peacock
 Mr. and Mrs. George H. Beeson

Marye Jane Joly
 from Diane and Chuck Chesley
 Patricia and Gary Covington

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 04.22.18	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$71,414	\$285,656	\$1,255,956
Received	\$45,675	\$321,768	\$1,256,682
Over/(Under)	(\$25,739)	\$36,112	\$726

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF APRIL 22, 2018	
Traditional worship (8:30)	168
Traditional worship (11:00)	541
FaithLink worship	163
Wesleyan Communion	n/a
Total worship attendance	872
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	514



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

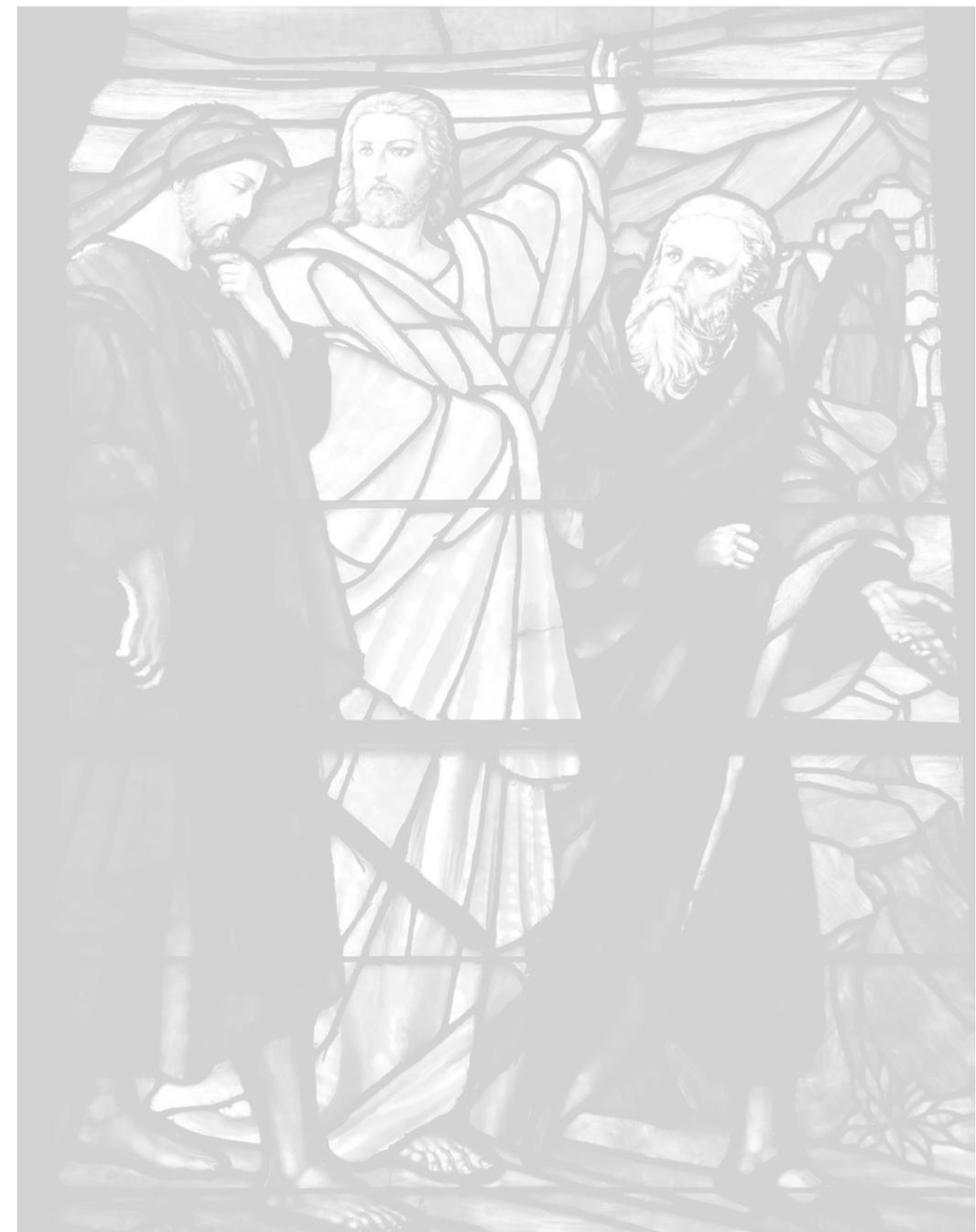
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30am & 11:00am, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00am
 FAITHLINK CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 11:00am • SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45am
 WESLEYAN COMMUNION SERVICE: 9:45 – 10:30am, FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN COUCH CHAPEL

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FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

APRIL 29, 2018 › FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

Celebration of Worship

Fifth Sunday of Easter - April 29, 2018

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

PRELUDE..... *Festival Prelude on VICTORY*.....E. Ray Peebles
arr. C.S. Lang

[The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won; the song of triumph has begun: Alleluia!]

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING Rev. Wilkinson

INTROIT.....*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*.....Chancel Choir
arr. Paul Sjolund

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”.....No. 140

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

BAPTISM (11:00)..... Sadie Ann Scurlock.....No. 39, Dr. Day
presented by her parents Mr. & Mrs. Peter Gaines Scurlock

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Agnus Dei*.....Carlos Romero, baritone
Georges Bizet

[Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; give us peace.]

† CONGREGATIONAL READING.....No. 137 (Psalm 23).....Rev. Wilkinson

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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 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.....“Close to Thee”.....No. 407

† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*.....Chancel Choir
arr. Mack Wilberg

† 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.....Hebrews 13:5-6.....Dr. Day
New Testament, Page 276 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**THE LORD WHO GOES BESIDE YOU**.....Dr. Day

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“How Firm a Foundation”.....No. 529

(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.

BENEDICTIONDr. Rhoads

SENDING FORTH.....*Alleluia*.....Chancel Choir
Larry Gatlin

POSTLUDE.....*Toccata on MARION*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
arr. Albert L. Travis
[Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart]

Acolytes: Grayson Hargon (8:30), Avery Adams, Charlie Adams (11:00)

Crucifer: William Peacock (8:30), Madalyn Byrd (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.**

* **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

• K5–3RD 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 LORD WHO GOES BESIDE YOU

Hebrews 13:5-6

I. First, the Lord who goes beside you will give you **courage and confidence.**

II. Second, the Lord who goes beside you will give you **companionship.**

III. Third, the Lord who goes beside you will give you **comfort.**

IV. Fourth, the Lord who goes beside you will give you **conscience.**

V. Finally, the Lord who goes beside you will give you **creative counsel.**