

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 Leigh & Beau Raines on the birth of their son, Lucas Walker Raines born on April 27, 2016.

HOSPITALIZED: Gwen Branton • Mike Mooney • Jennifer Mahoney • Jere Saur

DISCHARGED: Leigh Raines

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO Chris Irvin & family in the death of his grandfather, Thomas Durward Chandler and to Bill Windham & family in the death of his father, William Abbot Windham.

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:

Steve McKinzie
from Dr. Lynne Holladay

Harry Lazarus
from Dr. Lynne Holladay

Claude Dance
Mrs. Lynn W. Carr

Patsy Duvall
from Lori and Bailey Baynham
Friendship Sunday School Class

Audrey Allison
from Eleanor and Charles Higgs

Yvonne McDaniels
from C. D. McDaniels

Honorarium:
Mrs. Pat Johnson
from C. D. McDaniels

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 04.24.16	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$81,210	\$324,840	\$1,280,641
Received	\$79,996	\$330,257	\$1,218,395
Over/(Under)	(\$1,214)	\$5,417	(\$62,246)

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF APRIL 24, 2016

Traditional worship (8:30)	251
Traditional worship (11:00)	430
FaithLink worship	250
Wednesday Business Lunch	21
Wesleyan Communion	n/a
Total worship attendance	952
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	556

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

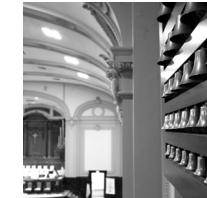
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC AT 11:00 AM
FAITHLINK CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 11:00 AM • SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 AM
WESLEYAN COMMUNION SERVICE: 9:45 – 10:30 AM, FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN COUCH CHAPEL

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FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

MAY 1, 2016 • 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



EMBRACING GRACE. GROWING LEADERS.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebration of Worship – Sixth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE.....*Aria*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Flor Peeters

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETINGDr. Rhoads

INTROIT (8:30).....*Come, Join Our Cheerful Song*.....Ensemble
Dale Wood

INTROIT(11:00).....*Come to the Water*.....Adoramus Youth Choir
Mary and Joseph Martin

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”.....No. 160

AFFIRMATION OF FAITHNo. 885Dr. Rhoads

CELEBRATION OF LIFE.....Debra Herrin

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings*.....Kyle Boston, bass
Samuel Liddle

† SCRIPTURE READING.....PHILIPPIANS 4:6-9.....Dr. Beck
New Testament, Pages 242 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.....Rev. Wilkinson

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.....“Lord, Speak to Me”.....No. 463

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Beck

MUSICAL OFFERING (8:30).....*And Can It Be*.....Ensemble
Dan Forrest

MUSICAL OFFERING (11:00).....*Glorious Everlasting*.....Chancel Choir
Thomas Cousins

† 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 32:8-11.....Dr. Day
Old Testament, Page 623 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**HOW TO REGAIN CONTROL WHEN YOU’VE LOST IT**.....Dr. Day

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“O Master Let Me Walk with Thee”.....No. 430

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.....Rev. Wilkinson
*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.....Rev. Wilkinson

SENDING FORTH.....*God Be with You ‘Till We Meet Again*..... Ensemble (8:30)
Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Lobe den Herren,*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
den mächtigen König der Ehren
Johann Gottfried Walther

ACOLYTES: William Peacock (8:30), Caroline Wood (11:00), Garland Barrett (11:00)

CRUCIFER: Russell Peacock (8:30), Mason Brady (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

HOW TO REGAIN CONTROL WHEN YOU’VE LOST IT
PSALM 32:8-11 • MAY 1, 2016

I. First, admit the need to be in control of your life has resulted in a fear of losing control. (vs. 8a)

II. Second, choose to turn your life completely over to His control and counsel. (vs. 8b)

III. Third, don’t worry needlessly about the things you can’t control or change - control what you can and let go of the rest. (vs. 9)

IV. Fourth, believe God is still in control as He intervenes and brings good out of evil that happens to and around us. (vs. 10)

V. Finally, make a choice to give God control daily, (vs. 11)