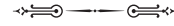


WELCOME

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: Ken Hayes

DISCHARGED: Dick DeMoss

SYMPATHY is extended to the family & friends of Patricia Lonnecker in her death; to Jim Nichols & family in the death of his sister, Kathryn deGeneres and to Karen Preslar & family in the death of her mother, Gisele Preslar.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marie and Charles Hamel from Carolyn and Dean Griffen, Shelly, Christian, Lily, Griffen, and Charles Valiulis and Lauren and Dan Ruane.

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

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 04.29.18	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$71,414	\$357,070	\$1,327,370
Received	\$71,234	\$393,002	\$1,327,916
Over/(Under)	(\$180)	\$35,932	\$546

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF APRIL 29, 2018

Traditional worship (8:30)	194
Traditional worship (11:00)	465
FaithLink worship	195
Wesleyan Communion	n/a
Total worship attendance	854
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	473



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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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

MAY 6, 2018 • SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

Celebration of Worship

Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 6, 2018

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

PRELUDE..... *Amazing Grace*.....Benjamin Wilkinson, trumpet
arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace/John Head E. Ray Peebles, organ

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING Dr. Goad

INTROIT.....*Crown Him With Many Crowns*.....Texas Street Singers (8:30)
arr. Dave Williamson Chancel Choir (11:00)
Brass Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. Goad

† HYMN OF PRAISE“O For a Heart to Praise My God”.....No. 417

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 881.....Dr. Goad (8:30)
Halle Hutchison (11:00)

CELEBRATION OF LIFE (11:00).....Abigail Henington

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Crown Him*.....Benjamin Wilkinson, trumpet
With Many Crowns E. Ray Peebles, organ
arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace/John Head

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Galatians 5:16-25.....Rev. Wilkinson (8:30)
New Testament, Page 232 in your Pew Bible Ryan Embry (11:00)

† 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..... Staci Zeagler

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.....“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”.....No. 382

† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Rev. Wilkinson (8:30)
Megan Downey (11:00)

MUSICAL OFFERING (8:30).....*You are the Light of the World*.....Texas Street Singers
Mary McDonald

MUSICAL OFFERING (11:00).....*Cry Out and Shout*.....Chancel Choir
Douglass Wagner Brass Ensemble

† 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.....Colossians 1:27Dr. Day
New Testament, Page 244 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**THE LORD WHO LIVES WITHIN YOU**.....Dr. Day

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”.....No. 384
(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.....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.

BENEDICTIONRev. Wilkinson

SENDING FORTH.....*God Be With You*Texas Street Singers (8:30)
‘Till We Meet Again Chancel Choir (11:00)
arr. Fred Bock

POSTLUDE.....*Toccata pour Grand Orgue*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ

— Graduating 2018 Seniors —

Matthew Hardee Barnard
Stephen Hollis Carney
Caroline Scott Cunningham
Christopher Sidaris Dopson
Megan Renee Downey
Ryan Christopher Embry
Christopher Quinn Ferrier
Abigail Clair Henington

Madison Leigh Hines
Courtney Christian Hogg
Madison Joy Huckaby
Halle Marie Hutchison
Helen Hutchinson Jackson
Madeline Grace Laborde
Samuel Marshall Lolley

Emily Victoria Mashburn
Ellen Kate Patterson
Sarah Grace Prestwood
Karli Cecelia Smith
Kelsey Lauren Thornhill
Lily Christian Valiulis
Annaleigh White
Benjamin Joseph Wilkinson

Sermon Notes

THE LORD WHO LIVES WITHIN YOU

Colossians 1:27

I. First, the Lord who lives within you will give you a character transplant.

II. Second, the Lord who lives within you will give you inner peace.

III. Third, the Lord who lives within you will help you get up when you are down.

IV. Fourth, the Lord who lives within you will release His amazing resources.

V. Finally, the Lord who lives within you will give you the victory.