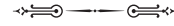


WELCOME

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.
- 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. Email Lisa Turnbull at lturnbull@fumcshreveport.org or 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.

Our Heritage in Stained Glass

On the road to Emmaus—"He being dead yet speaketh" Hebrews 11:4
The third window on the left, directly opposite of the beautiful Easter window, depicts Christ on the Road to Emmaus walking with two companions after His Resurrection. This journey when Christ was not recognized until they reached the village and were at supper is found in Luke 24. The window was installed in memory of Gus Palmer, a steward of this church. "Mr. Gus," a successful cotton broker and a beloved member of First Church takes us Easter People to Pentecost.

JOYS & CONCERNS*

**Joys and Concerns are listed as of April 27th, 2017.*

HOSPITALIZED: Frank Green • Richard Hemmings • Glenda Crout
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 and in loving memory of Aaron and Mike Singer and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Leath from Vicki Singer.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Bonnie Jean Chesley

from Shelia and Tommy Berry
Patricia and Gary Covington
Desiderata Sunday School Class
Linda and Jimmy Ray
Lucille Rainey
Pattie Neurater

Cassie Covington

from Patricia and Gary Covington
Mr. and Mrs. D. Brian Covington
from Patricia and Gary Covington
Mr. and Mrs. Dale Weisel
from Patricia and Gary Covington
John David Matlock
from The Byrum W. Teekell Family

~Honorariums~

Staff of First United Methodist Church

from Patricia and Gary Covington
Desiderata Sunday School Class
from Patricia and Gary Covington
The D. Brian Covington, Jr. Family
from Patricia and Gary Covington
Sharon Weisel
from Patricia and Gary Covington
The Reverend Stuart Sherman Family
from Patricia and Gary Covington
The James L. Covington Family and Maryanne
from Patricia and Gary Covington
The Brian D. Covington Family
from Patricia and Gary Covington
The Jonathan Scoggin Family
from Patricia and Gary Covington

• *Vital Signs and Attendance for the week of April 30th will be printed in the May 14th bulletin.* •



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

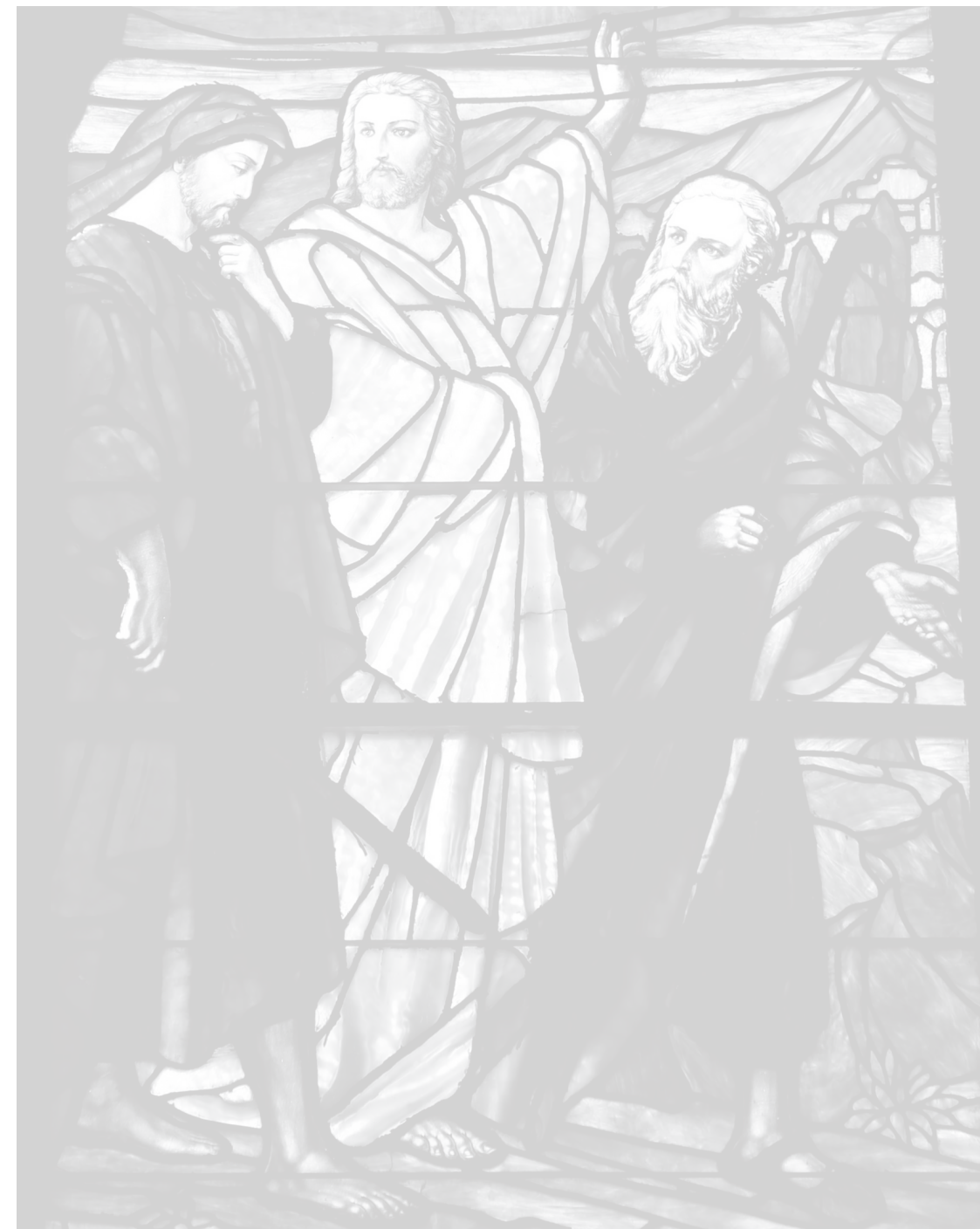
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30am & 11:00am, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00am
FAITHLINK CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 11:00am • SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45am
WESLEYAN COMMUNION SERVICE: 9:45 - 10:30am, FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN COUCH CHAPEL

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FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

MAY 7, 2017 • 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

Celebration of Worship

Fourth Sunday of Easter - May 7, 2017

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

PRELUDE “Berceuse” from *Suite Bretonne*.....E. Ray Peebles
 Marcel Dupré

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING Rev. Wilkinson

INTROIT.....*This is the Day*..... Ensemble (8:30)
 Mark Hayes Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION Rev. Wilkinson

† HYMN OF PRAISE “The God of Abraham Praise” No. 116

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITHNo. 885..... Rev. Wilkinson (8:30)
 Olivia Zeagler (11:00)

CELEBRATION OF LIFE.....Sadie McGuire

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Great Peace Have They*Melonie Hilton, soprano
Which Love Thy Law
 James Rogers

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Philippians 3:10-16..... Rev. Wilkinson (8:30)
 New Testament, Page 242 in your Pew Bible Jake Talley (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 BLESSINGBillie Tate

JOYS & CONCERNS Dr. Day

MORNING PRAYERDr. Rhoads (8:30)
 Madeline Osborn (11:00)

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.

‡
 HYMN OF PREPARATION.....“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand” No. 724

OFFERTORY PRAYERDr. Rhoads (8:30)
 Ethan Barton (11:00)

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Deep River*.....Ensemble (8:30)
 arr. Mack Wilberg Chancel Choir (11:00)

† 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.....Joshua 1:1-10 Dr. Day
 Old Testament, Page 240 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE**SET YOUR SAIL FOR SUCCESS**Dr. Day

† *HYMN OF INVITATION“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”No. 127
*(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.*

BENEDICTIONRev. Wilkinson (8:30)
 Dr. Rhoads (11:00)

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

POSTLUDE.....*Epilogue*E. Ray Peebles
 Norman Gilbert

Acolytes: Emily Anderson (8:30), Alex Thaxton, Cade Thaxton (11:00)

Crucifer: Annie Anderson (8:30), Kat Thaxton (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.

— Graduating 2017 Seniors —

Wilton Joseph Barlow
 Ethan Roy Barton
 Craig Bryce Bohannon
 Molly Matthews Bowman
 Mackenzie Caroline Brown
 Sidney Earl Cook, III
 Jacob Edward Crusan
 Lal Ellison Echterhoff, Jr.
 Eleanor Marie Golson
 Marian Laura Jackson
 Spencer Todd Saxon Kennedy

Shelby Kay Leonard
 George Thomas Mainous
 Thomas Osborn Mayeaux, II
 Jake Oliver Mayfield
 Sadie Katherine McGuire
 Steele Spinks Netterville
 Madeline Ruth Osborn
 Danielle F. Perkins
 Grace Poimboeuf
 Lawson Alexander Pumphrey
 Nicole Dianne Ramstad
 Emily Ellen Rennix

Alexander Brice Robertson
 Richard Paul Robertson, III
 Fredric Thomas Siskron, V
 Jackson Merrill Smith
 Sara Rias Sutton
 Sadie Ann Sutton
 Jacob Douglas Talley
 Casey Elise Thurmon
 Camille Brooke Williams
 Sarah Anne Wynn
 Olivia Ann Zeagler

Sermon Notes

SET YOUR SAIL FOR SUCCESS

Joshua 1:1-10

I. First, you must sight the port. (vs. 1-2)

II. Second, chart the course. (vs, 3-4)

III. Third, follow the captain’s orders. (vs. 5,6,10)

IV. Fourth, move ahead with singleness of purpose. (vs. 7)

V. Finally, sail on with persistence. (vs. 9)