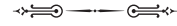


# WELCOME

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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://firstdiscipleship.org). Email Lisa Turnbull at [lturnbull@fumcshreveport.org](mailto: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](http://www.firstserves.org) or email Ashley Goad (Global) at [agoad@fumcshreveport.org](mailto:agoad@fumcshreveport.org) or Michelle Osborn (Local) at [mosborn@fumcshreveport.org](mailto: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](http://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

**HOSPITALIZED:** Jere Saur, Jack Daniel

**DISCHARGED:** Cali Lorant, Winnie Middleton

**SYMPATHY** is extended to the family & friends of Robert L. "Bob" Abney in his death; to Dr. John Hardin, III & family in the death of his father Dr. John Hardin, Jr.; to Brenda & Paul Grimm & family in the death of her son, John Eric Robinson; to Cindy Leopard & family in the death of her father, Dr. Marvin Harris; to Cynthia & Matthew Barker & family in the death of her husband & his father, Price Barker; and to the family & friends of Betty Celia in her death. **CONGRATULATIONS TO** Lauren & James (Jamey) Hill, IV on the birth of their daughter Blythe Gabrielle Hill on May 8, 2017. Paternal grandparents are Sandi & Jim Hill, III.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Price Barker from Cynthia and Matthew Barker and family.

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

**Bonnie Jean Chesley**  
from Shirley and Freddie Brown  
**Gloria Read**  
from Shirley and Freddie Brown  
**Louise Clanton**  
from Mary Cochran  
Carobeth and Bob Richardz  
**Ernest Bernhoft, Jr.**  
from Mary Cochran

**Marianna Matkin**  
from Mary Beth and Keith Wilhite  
**Jean Willis**  
from Lela Tucker  
**Ruth Isler**  
from James M. Deckman  
Penny T. Claudis  
Bruce Lacombe

## VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 05.14.17	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$74,932	\$149,864	\$1,390,988
Received	\$56,756	\$175,550	\$1,547,060
Over/(Under)	(\$18,176)	\$25,686	\$156,072

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF MAY 14, 2017	
Traditional worship (8:30)	223
Traditional worship (11:00)	557
FaithLink worship	248
Wesleyan Communion	N/A
<b>Total worship attendance</b>	<b>1028</b>
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	427



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

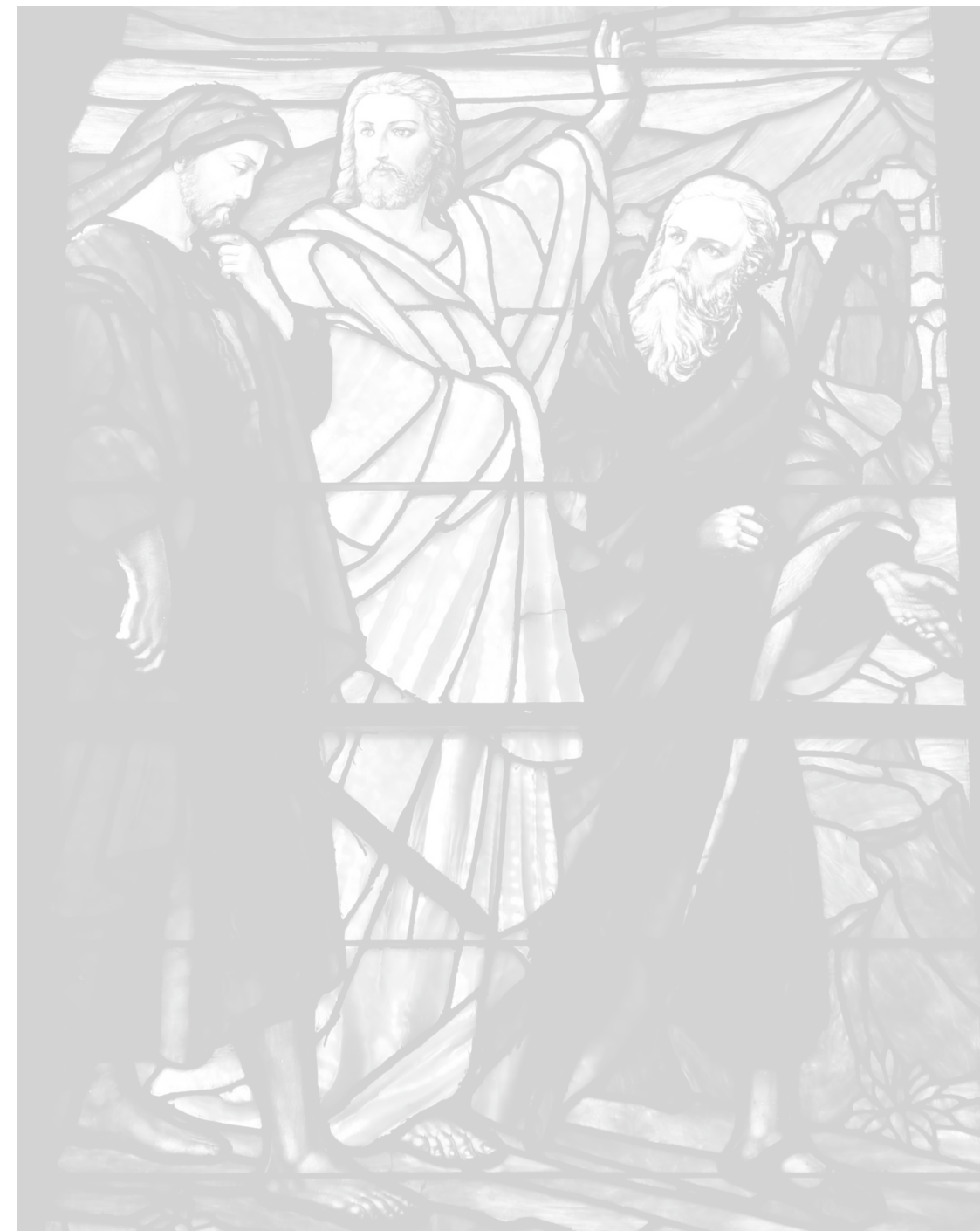
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30am & 11:00am, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00am  
FAITHLINK CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 11:00am • SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45am  
WESLEYAN COMMUNION SERVICE: 9:45 - 10:30am, FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN COUCH CHAPEL

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# FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

MAY 21, 2017 • 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

# Celebration of Worship

## Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 21, 2017

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

PRELUDE .....“Intermezzo” from *Suite Romantique*.....E. Ray Peebles  
Denis Bédard

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING .....Dr. Rhoads

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

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE .....“God, Whose Love is Reigning O’er Us”..... No. 100

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 885 .....Dr. Rhoads

BAPTISM (8:30).....Beckett Robert Valentine.....No. 39, Dr. Day  
Presented by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Merrell Valentine

BAPTISM (8:30).....Reed Emerson Call.....No. 39, Dr. Day  
Presented by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Aaron Call

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Prelude in G# Minor* ..... Alison Beck, piano  
Sergei Rachmaninoff

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Joshua 24:13-18..... Rev. Wilkinson  
Old Testament, Page 268 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

JOYS & CONCERNS ..... Dr. Day

MORNING PRAYER ..... Bishop William Hutchinson

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.....“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” ..... No. 297

OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Rev. Wilkinson

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Bound for the Promised Land*..... Chancel Choir  
arr. Mack Wilberg Cara Lamb, piano  
E. Ray Peebles, organ

† DOXOLOGY .....No. 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 .....Deuteronomy 30:15-20 ..... Dr. Day  
Old Testament, Page 233 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE .....**LIVING BY CHOICE, NOT BY CHANCE**.....Dr. Day

† \*HYMN OF INVITATION.....“I Am Thine, O Lord” .....No. 419  
*(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.*

BENEDICTION ..... Bishop William Hutchinson

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

POSTLUDE.....“Final-Toccatà” from *Suite Romantique*..... E. Ray Peebles  
Denis Bédard



**Acolytes:** Henry Peacock (8:30), Trevor Cox, Chandler Gulett (11:00)

**Crucifer:** William Peacock (8:30), Carter Cox (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
- K5–1ST graders (11:00): Dawson Building, Room 207, behind the Sanctuary
- 2ND–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

**LIVING BY CHOICE, NOT BY CHANCE**

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

I. First, your greatest power is the power of choice.

II. Second, success is a choice, not a chance - decide for life or life will decide for you.

III. Third, your choices will bring consequences whether good or bad.

IV. Fourth, you never know how large the impact may be for a seemingly minor choice.

V. Finally, today’s choices bring tomorrow’s results.