

# 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](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). 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).

# 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.*

**HOSPITALIZED:** Jere Saur • Arthur Clyde Harper • Gairy Baker • LouAnn Hancock

**DISCHARGED:** Erik Rasmussen • Ernie Bernhoft

**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:

**Harry Lazarus**  
from Shirley and Billy Giles  
Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Lazarus

**Sue Ann Barnett**  
from Shirley and Billy Giles  
Betty and Bruce Henderson  
Liffy Jones  
Dr. and Mrs. Seborn Woods  
Allsion and Jerry Montgomery  
Dr. and Mrs. Larry M. Allen and Meredith Allen  
Lisa Skamangas  
Dr. and Mrs. John Eric Bicknell  
Alison and Robert Touchstone  
McCary's Jewelers, Inc.

**Mr. D. Lloyd Hall**  
Mrs. Linda Ferguson  
Dr. and Mrs. Seborn Woods

**Honorarium:**  
**Kay Ferguson**  
from Mrs. Linda Ferguson



## VITAL SIGNS & ATTENDANCE

*Vital Signs and attendance numbers were not available at the time of print of this Sunday's bulletin. Numbers will be posted next week.*



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

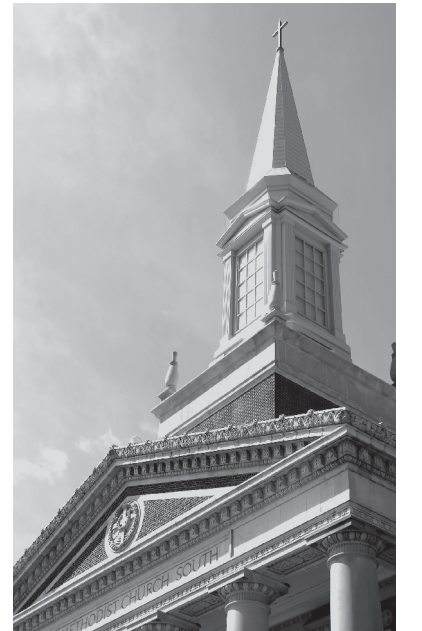
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00 AM  
FAITHLINK CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 11:00 AM • SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 AM  
WESLEYAN COMMUNION SERVICE: 9:45 – 10:30 AM, FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN COUCH CHAPEL

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# FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

MAY 22, 2016 • 1ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



EMBRACING GRACE. GROWING LEADERS.

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Celebration of Worship – First Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE.....*Processional* .....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
William Mathias

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING ..... Dr. Goad

INTROIT.....*Crown Him with Many Crowns*.....Chancel Choir  
arr. Dennis Allen Brass Ensemble

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Rejoice, the Lord is King!”.....No. 715

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 888.....Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*How Firm A Foundation*.....Brass Ensemble  
arr. Andrew Clarke E. Ray Peebles, organ

† SCRIPTURE READING.....EPHESIANS 2:4-10.....Dr. Goad  
New Testament, Pages 235 in your Pew Bible

† 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  
*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. Beck

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.*

† HYMN OF PREPARATION.....“At the Name of Jesus”.....No. 168

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*We Believe*.....Chancel Choir  
Dan Forrest Brass Ensemble

† 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.....MATTHEW 16:13-18.....Dr. Beck  
New Testament, Page 22 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**YOU’RE IN GOOD HANDS**.....Dr. Beck

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Christ for the World We Sing”.....No. 568

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.*

BENEDICTION.....Dr. Rhoads

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

POSTLUDE.....*Wir glauben all’an einen Gott, Schöpfer*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
(We all Believe in one God, Father)  
Johann Sebastian Bach

**ACOLYTES:** Wilson Guidry (8:30), Abby Weego (8:30), Madalyn Byrd (11:00),

Harrison Ayres (11:00)

**CRUCIFER:** Vicki Guidry (8:30), Dixon Poirier (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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# Sermon Notes

YOU’RE IN GOOD HANDS

MATTHEW 16:13-18 • MAY 22, 2016

## I. Jesus is building his church...

“I will build my church...” Mt. 16:18

## II. ...And NOTHING can stop Jesus’ work

“...and the gates of hell won’t overpower it!”  
Mt. 16:18

## III. Jesus calls us to work alongside him

“For we are God’s workmanship created in Christ  
Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in  
advance for us to do.” Eph 2:10

## IV. Our greatest work is to trust Jesus

“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”  
Mt. 16:16