

# 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.

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## 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:** Ernie Bernhoft • JoAnne Waldron • Mary Elizabeth Christian

**DISCHARGED:** Gwen Branton

**SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO** Nonie Caruthers & family in the death of her brother, Paul Bruechner and to Eric, Karl, Rolf & David Holman and Kris Hiers, Lynn Moffitt & Lynn Byrne & families in the death of their father, Paul Holman.

**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.

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God from the Altar Flower Fund. If you would like to give flowers, for use during the worship service, in memory or in honor of a loved one, please call Ann Rhoads, 798-8116. After worship services, flowers from the altar are arranged into smaller bouquets and delivered to members who are hospitalized.



### MEMORIALS:

**Mr. D. Lloyd Hall**

from Mary Sawyer

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Cochran

Kathy and Dayne Hassell

**Audrey Allison**

from JoAnn Hable

**Sue Ellen Brown Dykes**

from Kathy and Dayne Hassell

**Sharon Anderson**

from Kathy and Dayne Hassell

**Sue Ann Barnett**

from Evelyn Quinn and family

Dr. and Mrs. A. Edward Dean

Jane and Ryan Bicknell

Sidney Peacock

Martha and Lew Ross

Melanie and Barrow Peacock

Carobeth and Bob Richardz

Lisa and Gary Love, Austin, Taylor & Hannah

Janet and Cliff Burgess

Jim and Sandi Hill

Dr. and Mrs. Edward L. Morgan

Lynne F. Holladay

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones

Louise and Tom Eason

## VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 05.29.16	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$63,112	\$315,560	\$1,596,201
Received	\$60,227	\$306,978	\$1,525,373
Over/(Under)	(\$2,885)	(\$8,582)	(\$70,828)

### ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF MAY 29, 2016

Traditional worship (8:30)	220
Traditional worship (11:00)	412
FaithLink worship	194
Wednesday Business Lunch	n/a
Wesleyan Communion	n/a
<b>Total worship attendance</b>	<b>826</b>
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	332



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

JUNE 5, 2016 • 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



EMBRACING GRACE. GROWING LEADERS.

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Celebration of Worship – Third Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE.....“[IV] Trio a 2 dessus de Chromhorne .....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
et la basse de Tierce [IX] Basse de Trompette”  
from *Mass for the Convents*  
François Couperin

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

INTROIT.....*As the Deer* (Psalm 42:1).....Ensemble (8:30)  
Martin Nystrom Chancel Choir (11:00)

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE..... No. 103 “Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise”, st. 1 & 3  
No. 126 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”, st. 1 & 3

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 88I.....Dr. Rhoads

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

† SCRIPTURE READING.....PSALM 22:1-11.....Dr. Goad  
Old Testament, Pages 579 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.....Dr. Beck

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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† CHORAL RESPONSE.....“My Soul is Waiting for the Lord”.....AUS TIEFER NOT

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Like as the Hart Desireth the*.....Ensemble (8:30)  
*Waterbrooks* (Psalm 42:1-3) Chancel Choir (11:00)  
Herbert Howells

† 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.....PSALM 42.....Dr. Day  
Old Testament, Page 633 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**WHERE ARE YOU GOD?**.....Dr. Day

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“How Firm a Foundation”.....No. 529

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.....Dr. Beck  
*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. Beck

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

POSTLUDE.....*Hymne d’Action de Grâce (Te Deum)*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
Jean Langlais

*The postlude is a hymn of thanksgiving based on the well-known chant “Te Deum” (We Praise Thee O God:  
We acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.)*

**ACOLYTES:** Annie Anderson (8:30), Vivian Vekovius (8:30), Lily Blaylock (11:00),  
Catherine Corley (11:00)

**CRUCIFER:** Emily Anderson (8:30), Connor Edwards (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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• **WORSHIP SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR FREE DOWNLOAD ONLINE** at [firstshreveport.org](http://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.

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# Sermon Notes

**WHERE ARE YOU GOD?**

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I. First, the sense of the absence of God can be used to make us want Him more than anything He can give us or do for us. (vs. 1-3)

II. Second, the sense of the absence of God can become an opportunity to grow in our faith and understanding of His true nature. (vs. 4-7)

III. Third, the sense of the absence of God is experienced by everyone, many times, when we need His presence the most. (vs. 9-10)

IV. Finally, the sense of the absence of God reminds us God is present and involved in our lives even when He seems deaf or on an extended leave of absence. (vs. 8)