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

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. 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.

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: JoAnne Waldron

Discharged: Ernie Bernhoft • Mary Elizabeth Christian • Lucy Engman

Sympathy is extended to Dick Fullilove & family in the death of his wife, Carol Fullilove.

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 her husband Malcolm Dutton and her mother Thelma Fuller from Betty Dutton, her children and grandchildren.

Memorials:

Grantham Couch
from James Couch
Mary Bea and Ken Hiegel
Elizabeth Couch Dober
Nan Smith Stewart
Trish and Don Douglass
Justin R. Querbes, III
Wheless Foundation

Sue Ann Barnett
from Mary Sawyer
Nancy and Bill Sale
Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Baynham

James Dee Youngblood, III
from Nancy and Bill Sale

Joseph Laird
from Roland and Nan Wibker
Nancy and Bill Sale
Elite Heath Solutions, LLC
Elizabeth and Claude Franklin
Betty A. and Robert K. Mayo
Weiser Brown Oil Co.
Susan and Ryan Wicker
Carolyn Smith
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lindsey

Honorarium:

Betsy Peatross
from Allison and Patrick Walsh

Attendance: week of June 5, 2016

Traditional worship (8:30)	222
Traditional worship (11:00)	444
FaithLink worship	261
Wesleyan Communion	25
Total worship attendance:	**952**
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	526

Vital Signs

Contributions	Week Ending 06.05.16	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	$79,608	$79,608	$1,675,809
Received	$113,031	$113,031	$1,638,404
Over/(Under)	$33,423	$33,423	($37,405)

Year to Date – May 31, 2016 (in thousands)			
	Budget	Actual	Variation
Cash Receipts	$1,793	$1,736	($57)
Cash Disbursements	$2,057	$1,957	$100
Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)	($264)	($221)	$43

Funds from advanced pledge giving and the Hunter Foundation are moved to the operating account each month on a prorated basis to help fund the deficit that we always experience through the year. We pray that members will consider their individual pledges as a floor to giving and not a ceiling, and that those in a position to do so, will move ahead to help fund God's 365-day-a year work through our church. – Your Finance Team

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 12, 2016 • 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Embracing grace. Growing leaders.

First United Methodist Church

Celebration of Worship – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude.....Variations su "Nous chanterons pour toi, Seigneur" ("The Old Hundredth") Denis Bédard .....E. Ray Peebles, organ

Words of Welcome & Greeting .....Dr. Beck

Introit.....*Come, Join Our Cheerful Song*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Dale Wood — Chancel Choir (11:00)

Call to Worship & Invocation.....Dr. Beck

† Hymn of Praise....."O For a Heart to Praise My God".....No. 417

Affirmation of Faith.....No. 885.....Dr. Beck

Baptism (8:30).....Brooke McKenzie Johnson.....No. 39, Dr. Beck
Presented by her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hutchinson Johnson

Baptism (11:00).....Savannah Joy Zappa.....No. 39, Dr. Day
Presented by her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Russell Todd Zappa

Musical Offering.....*Bist du bei mir (You Are with Me)*.....Dr. Pat Craig, bass
Gottfried Heinrich Stölzel/Johann Sebastian Bach

† Scripture Reading.....II Samuel 12:1-10.....Rev. Wilkinson
Old Testament, Page 354 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 .....Rev. Wilkinson

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. 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....."Grace Greater than Our Sin".....No. 365

Offertory Prayer.....Rev. Wilkinson

Musical Offering.....*Write Your Blessed Name*.....Ensemble (8:30)
K. Lee Scott — Chancel Choir (11:00)

Given to the glory of God and in honor of Rev. and Mrs. L. Ray Branton by Mr. and Mrs. Wade Wilkerson.

† 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 44:20-21.....Dr. Day
Old Testament, Page 635 in your Pew Bible

Message.....**Secrets of the Heart**.....Dr. Day

† Hymn of Invitation....."I Want a Principle Within".....No. 410

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*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Larry Gatlin — Chancel Choir (11:00)

Postlude.....*War March of Priests*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Felix Mendelssohn

Acolytes: Abby Weego (8:30), Kace Sweatman (8:30), Landry Hobson (11:00), Leslie Hunter (11:00)
Crucifer: Drew Moffitt (8:30), Sanders Graf (11:00)

† Those who are able may stand. ‡ Latecomers may be seated at these times.

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- **To watch online**, download bulletins and sermons, visit our website: www.firstshreveport.org.
- **Worship services are available for free download online** at 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.

Sermon Notes

Secrets of the Heart

Psalm 44:20-21 • June 12, 2016

I. There are three types of secret carriers.

A. The first group are carriers of secrets of the past.

B. The second group of secret carriers lives with hidden issues in the present.

C. The third group attempts to deceive themselves as well as God.

II. Second, steps to effectively deal with secrets of the heart.

A. First, realize God knows the real you, so live authentically with Him.

B. Second, regularly self-examine your heart.

C. Third, live in total honesty and transparency.

D. Finally, confess your sins to the Lord, repent, and begin to walk in a new direction.