

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'll 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Ashley & Brad Petree on the birth of their daughter, Molly Anne Petree on June 30, 2016; also to Heidi & Justin Carr on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Marie Carr on June 16, 2016.

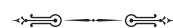
HOSPITALIZED: Mary Beth Willis • Peggy Brock • Gerogiann Lamb

DISCHARGED: Caroline Wilkinson • Lois Harris • Ashley Petree

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO Joyce, Thad, Todd & Tim Davis & family in the death of her husband and their father, Bill Davis.

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 Bill Davis by Joyce Davis and family.



MEMORIALS:

Joseph Laird

from Sibyl Vickers

Jerry Zamzow and Ann Bishop

Mrs. Faye Jackson

Edward Neilson

from Patricia and Gary Covington

Sue Ann Barnett

from Renee and Jim McGee

Bobby Hughes

from Debbie and John Phillips

Dawn and Michael Phillips

Emmit Faries

from Peggy Faries and family

Paul Holman

from Mrs. J. W. Peacock

Martha Peacock

Melanie and Barrow Peacock

Louise and Tom Eason

Patricia and Gary Covington

Mr. and Mrs. T. Haller Jackson III

VITAL SIGNS

| Contributions | Week Ending 06.26.16 | Month-to-Date | Year-to-Date |
|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Goal | \$79,608 | \$318,432 | \$1,914,633 |
| Received | \$41,128 | \$261,038 | \$1,786,411 |
| Over/(Under) | (\$38,480) | (\$57,394) | (\$128,222) |

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF JUNE 26, 2016

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| Traditional worship (8:30) | 204 |
| Traditional worship (11:00) | 469 |
| FaithLink worship | 189 |
| Wesleyan Communion | n/a |
| Total worship attendance: | 862 |
| Total Sunday School attendance, all ages | 510 |



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: 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

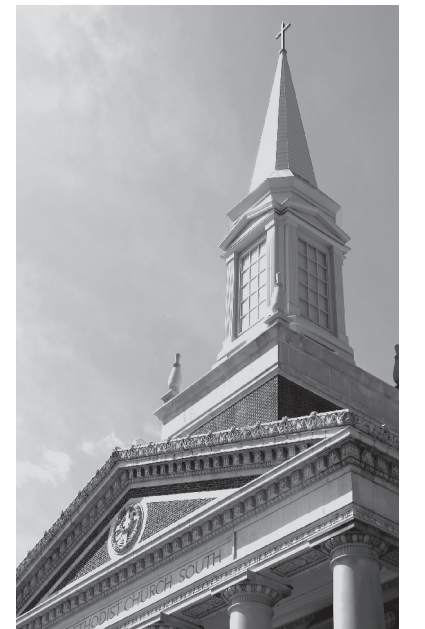
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30am & 11:00am, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00am
FAITHLINK CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 11:00am • SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45am
WESLEYAN COMMUNION SERVICE: 9:45 – 10:30am, FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN COUCH CHAPEL

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FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

JULY 3, 2016 • 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



EMBRACING GRACE. GROWING LEADERS.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebration of Worship – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE.....*The Star Spangled Banner*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
(Concert Variations)
Dudley Buck

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETINGDr. Rhoads

INTROIT.....*America, the Beautiful*.....Chancel Choir
arr. Bob Krogstad

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“God of the Ages”.....No. 698

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.....Dr. Rhoads

BAPTISM (11:00).....Archie Beckwith McCotter.....No. 39, Dr. Day
Presented by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kyle McCotter

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor*.....Melvin Simmon, tenor
Irving Berlin

† SCRIPTURE READING.....II CHRONICLES 7:11-16.....Dr. Goad
Old Testament, Page 486 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. 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.....“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”.....No. 697

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Battle Hymn of the Republic*.....Chancel Choir
Peter J. Willhousky

† 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.....PSALM 85:4-7.....Dr. Day
Old Testament, Page 668 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**LORD, OPEN THE HEAVENS**.....Dr. Day

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“This is My Song”.....No. 437

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.....Dr. Day
*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. Day

SENDING FORTH.....*Amen*.....Chancel Choir
John Rutter

POSTLUDE.....*Processional*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Grayston Ives

ACOLYTES: Kace Sweatman (8:30), Abby Weego (8:30), Sydney Harrel (11:00),
William Harrel (11:00)

CRUCIFER: 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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♦ **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.

♦ **LIKE US ON FACEBOOK** at www.facebook.com/fumcshreveport for the latest events, photos and more; then follow us on Twitter @FUMCShreveport.

Sermon Notes

LORD, OPEN THE HEAVENS
PSALM 85:4-7 • JULY 3, 2016

I. First, when the Lord opens the Heavens there will be a deep sense of conviction for our sins.

II. Second, when the Lord opens the Heavens many people will be filled with the Holy Spirit.

III. Third, when the Lord opens the Heavens there will be an outpouring of joy and love upon His people.

IV. Fourth, when the Lord opens the Heavens there will be a new emphasis and excitement about personal evangelism and winning people to Jesus Christ.

V. Fifth, when the Lord opens the Heavens there will be a new and deeper involvement of the laity in ministry.

VI. Finally, when the Lord opens the Heavens there will be a widespread moral and ethical change.