

# 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](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:** Peggy Brock • Jeanine Elston • Jennifer Mahoney

**DISCHARGED:** Gerogiann Lamb • Mary Beth Willis

**SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO** the family & friends of Mary Jo Whited in her death.

**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 Bud Storer from Martha Storer and family.



### MEMORIALS:

**Shirley Tufts**

from Circle 1, UMW of FUMC

**Edward Neilson**

from Ann and Ralph Richardson

**Paul Holman**

from Women of Faith Sunday School Class  
Mary Anna and Bill Adams

**Carol Fullilove**

from Jean Whitaker

**Yvonne McDaniels**

from C. D. McDaniels

### HONORARIUMS:

**Dr. Jonathan Beck**

from Mr. and Mrs. George A. Baldwin Jr.

**Marian Skerrett**

from Holly and Lane Fouts

## VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 07.03.16	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$67,036	\$67,036	\$1,981,669
Received	\$85,317	\$85,317	\$1,871,728
Over/(Under)	\$18,281	\$18,281	(\$109,971)

## ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF JULY 3, 2016

Traditional worship (8:30)	156
Traditional worship (11:00)	340
FaithLink worship	203
Wesleyan Communion	35
<b>Total worship attendance</b>	<b>734</b>
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	400



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

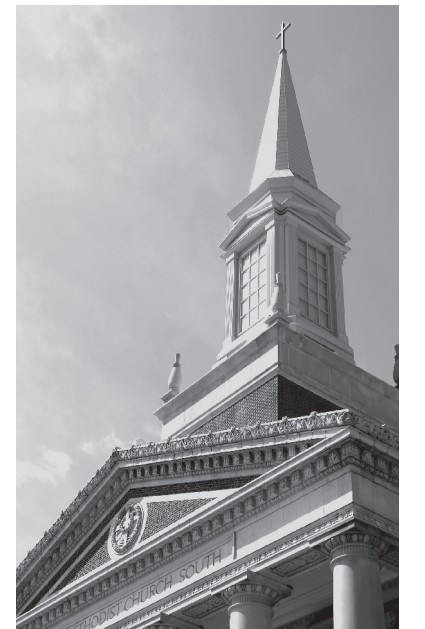
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30am & 11:00am, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00am  
FAITHLINK CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 11:00am • SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45am  
WESLEYAN COMMUNION SERVICE: 9:45 – 10:30am, FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN COUCH CHAPEL

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# FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

JULY 10, 2016 • 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



EMBRACING GRACE. GROWING LEADERS.

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Celebration of Worship – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE.....*Jerusalem, My Happy Home*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
George Shearing

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

INTROIT.....*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*.....Ensemble (8:30)  
Paul Sjolund Chancel Choir (11:00)

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”.....No. 731

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 881.....Dr. Rhoads

BAPTISM (11:00).....Rhodes Marshall Roberts.....No. 39, Dr. Day  
Presented by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Allen Roberts, Jr.

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*The Lark Ascending*.....Elizabeth Beck, violin  
Ralph Vaughan Williams E. Ray Peebles, organ

† SCRIPTURE READING.....GENESIS 12:1-5.....Dr. Rhoads  
Old Testament, Page 12 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 .....Billie Tate  
*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.....“We Gather Together”.....No. 131

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Come, Thou Fount*.....Ensemble (8:30)  
arr. Eric Nelson Chancel Choir (11:00)

† 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 69:13.....Dr. Day  
Old Testament, Page 653 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**HOW TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S BLESSING**.....Dr. Day

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“He Leadeth Me”.....No. 128

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.....*God Be With You ‘Til We Meet Again*.....Ensemble (8:30)  
arr. Fred Bock Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Fanfare*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
Nicolas Jacques Lemmens

**ACOLYTES:** William Peacock (8:30), Garland Barrett (11:00), Lily Blaylock (11:00)

**CRUCIFER:** Russell Peacock (8:30), Benjamin Foreman (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

**HOW TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S BLESSING**

PSALM 69:13 • JULY 10, 2016

I. First, position yourself by praying and asking God for His favor.

II. Second, take the necessary steps to get to know God better.

III. Third, cultivate a humble, hungry heart for God.

IV. Fourth, be faithful and obedient in following His guidance and direction.

V. Finally, commit to being a channel for God’s blessing to others.