

# 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.*

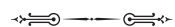
**HOSPITALIZED:** Marvin Brossette

**DISCHARGED:** Jennifer Mahoney • Jeanine Elston • Peggy Brock

**SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO** Clay Teague & family in the death of his grandfather, R. E. Woodard.

**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:

**Shirley Tufts**  
from Mariners Sunday School Class

**Terry Burke**  
from Carol and Steve McKenzie  
June and Jim Moore

**Paul Holman**  
from Carolyn and Bob Fryar  
Patty Lindsey

**Grantham Couch**  
from Betsy Peatross

**Bill Davis**

from Nancy and Steve Walker

**Grace Jean Kennedy**  
from Steve Kennedy

**HONORARIUMS:**  
**Alex Rhodes**  
from Rhonda and James Souter

## VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 07.10.16	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$67,036	\$134,072	\$2,048,705
Received	\$67,237	\$152,554	\$1,938,965
Over/(Under)	\$ 201	\$18,482	(\$109,740)

### ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF JULY 10, 2016

Traditional worship (8:30)	.....215
Traditional worship (11:00)	.....458
FaithLink worship	.....180
Wesleyan Communion	.....n/a
<b>Total worship attendance:</b>	<b>.....853</b>
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	.....515

Year to Date - June 30, 2016 (in thousands)			
	Budget	Actual	Variation
Cash Receipts	\$2,146	\$2,022	(\$124)
Cash Disbursements	\$2,470	\$2,316	\$154
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$324)	(\$294)	\$30

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: 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

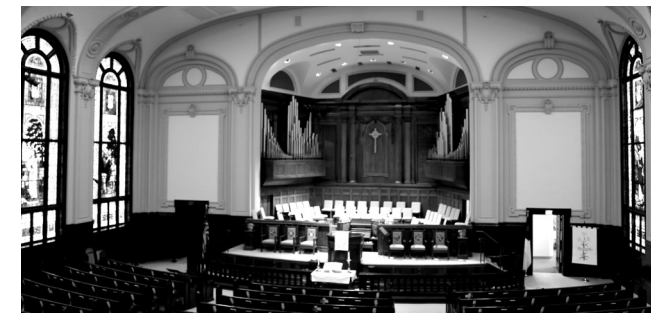
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30am & 11:00am, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00am  
FAITHLINK CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 11:00am • SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45am  
WESLEYAN COMMUNION SERVICE: 9:45 – 10:30am, FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN COUCH CHAPEL

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# FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

JULY 17, 2016 • 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



EMBRACING GRACE. GROWING LEADERS.

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Celebration of Worship – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE.....*I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
arr. Robert Train Adams

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

INTROIT.....*Come! Join Our Cheerful Song!*.....Ensemble (8:30)  
Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine”.....No. 166

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

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Hymn of Promise*.....Carla Stewart, alto  
Natalie Sleeth/Lloyd Larson Madelyn Stewart, soprano

† SCRIPTURE READING.....EPHESIANS 1:17-19.....Dr. Rhoads  
New Testament, Page 234 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. Day

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.....“Rock of Ages”.....No. 361

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Behold, How Good It Is*.....Ensemble (8:30)  
Eugene Butler 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.....COLOSSIANS 1:21-23.....Rev. Derek Joyce  
New Testament, Page 244 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**LIFE IN CHRIST**.....Rev. Derek Joyce

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Amazing Grace”.....No. 378  
Stanzas 1-3, 6

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

POSTLUDE.....*Praeludium et Fuga in G, BWV541*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
Johann Sebastian Bach

**ACOLYTES:** Kace Sweatman (8:30), Trevor Cox (11:00)

**CRUCIFER:** 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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• **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

LIFE IN CHRIST

COLOSSIANS 1:21-23 • JULY 17, 2016

*Colossians 1:21-23—Once you were alienated from God and you were enemies with him in your minds, which was shown by your evil actions. But now he has reconciled you by his physical body through death, to present you before God as a people who are holy, faultless, and without blame. But you need to remain well established and rooted in faith and not shift away from the hope given in the good news that you heard.*

This passage presents a beautiful summary of life transformation and offers a great new reality of a holy life in Christ. The gift of forgiveness and reconciliation that belongs to you in Jesus is powerful to shape your life. In Christ you can stand confidently as a new creation, one who is holy and righteous and experiencing abundant life. May we grow in the confidence that our transformation in Christ frees us from all fear, guilt and shame. Lord, remind us this morning that we are saints, and empower us to live as such!