

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.

NEW MEMBER: Elizabeth & Karl Bradley • Justin Sevier

CONGRATULATIONS TO Ann & Cody Green on the birth of their son, Ira Samuel Whitman Green on July 19, 2016. Maternal grandparents are Drs. Cindy & Keith Payne. Also to Paige & Cameron Dorsey on the birth of their daughter Della Monroe Dorsey on July 6, 2016. Paternal grandparents are Karen & Bill Dorsey.

HOSPITALIZED: Lois Harris • Jannie "Pat" Gabbard

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO the family & friends of Leonard Gates in his death and to Lyndell Hollingsworth & family in the death of her husband, Rigby Hollingsworth.

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. Please call Ann Rhoads (798-8116) to place flowers on the altar in honor of or in memory of a loved one.

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 07.24.16	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$67,036	\$268,144	\$2,182,777
Received	\$84,582	\$300,107	\$2,086,518
Over/(Under)	\$17,546	\$31,963	(\$96,259)

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF JULY 24, 2016

Traditional worship (8:30)	193
Traditional worship (11:00)	450
FaithLink worship	189
Wesleyan Communion	n/a
Total worship attendance:	832
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	441



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

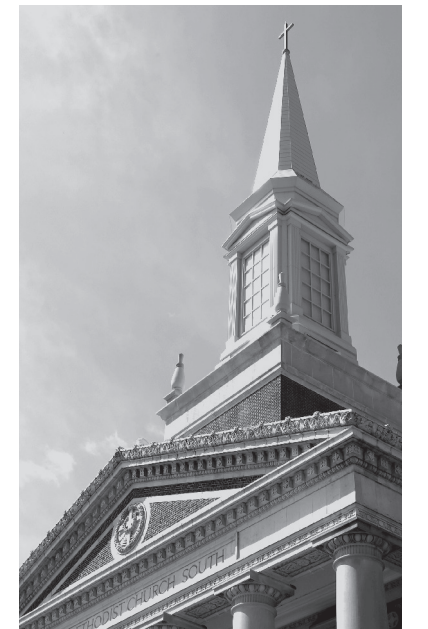
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30am & 11:00am, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00am
FAITHLINK CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 11:00am • SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45am
WESLEYAN COMMUNION SERVICE: 9:45 – 10:30am, FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN COUCH CHAPEL

318.424.7771 office • 318.429.6888 fax • PRAYER LINE: 318.429.6898 TOLL FREE: 1.888.393.PRAY
www.firstshreveport.org • fumc@fumcshreveport.org

FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

JULY 31, 2016 • 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



EMBRACING GRACE. GROWING LEADERS.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebration of Worship – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE.....“Méditation” from *Trios Improvisations*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Louis Vierne

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETINGDr. Address

INTROIT.....*This is the Day*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Mark Hayes Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. Address

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”.....No. 160

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 881.....Dr. Address

BAPTISM (11:00).....James Granville Eakin, IV.....No. 39, Dr. Address
Presented by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. James Granville Eakin, III

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Praise to the Lord, The Almighty*.....Vocal Octet
Hugo Distler

† SCRIPTURE READING.....JAMES 4:13-16.....Dr. Address
New Testament, Page 280 in your Pew Bible

‡
† 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.*

‡
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.

‡

† HYMN OF PREPARATION.....“Spirit Song”.....No. 347

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Day

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Sing Out This Day!*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Jacob Handl Chancel Choir (11:00)

† 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 118:24.....Dr. Day
Old Testament, Page 695 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**HOW TO HAVE A GREAT DAY EVERYDAY**.....Dr. Day

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Blessed Assurance”.....No. 369

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.....*This is the Day*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Warren Angell Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Praeludium et Fuga in D Major BWV 532*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Johann Sebastian Bach

ACOLYTES: Wilson Guidry (8:30), Abby Weego (8:30), Madalyn Byrd (11:00),
Leslie Hunter (11:00)

CRUCIFER: Vicki Guidry (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.**

♦ **YOU MAY JOIN THE CHURCH** by profession of faith, transfer of membership, or reaffirmation of your vows of discipleship. Our church receives persons from other traditions by transfer. If you have been baptized in another denomination, re-baptism is not necessary. If you wish to join our church family, please come to the front of the church, and meet the pastors during the singing of the last hymn.

♦ **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

HOW TO HAVE A GREAT DAY EVERYDAY

PSALM 118:24 • JULY 31, 2016

I. First, begin and end your day with God.

II. Second, choose and expect to have a great day.

III. Third, plan and pray for God to bless your day.

IV. Fourth, live each day as though it was your last.

V. Finally, get going and make it a great day.