

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.

HOSPITALIZED: Bill Hitchcock • Estelle Midyett • Lydia Ehrhardt

DISCHARGED: Joe Sepulvado • Janet Nolan • Bill Tucker • Larry Hudson

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO: Jack Lamb, Richard Lamb, II, Walter Lamb, Patrick Lamb & Ann Tolleson; Betsy Peatross and Harman Chandler & family in the death of his wife & their mother & sister, Georgiann Lamb and to Robert Murray & family in the death of his father, Rev. Spencer Murray and to family & friends of Charles Dillman in his 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 Tigner Walker by his family.



MEMORIALS:

Paul Holman
from Velda McCormick

Rigby Hollingsworth
from Lula Hodge
Johnette and Jim Barnes
Jimmie and Doug King
Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hirsch

Charlotte E. Webb
from Debbie and Ken Harrison

James Huggins
from Bonida Huggins

Leonard Gates

from Jane and Paul Cooke
Velda McCormick
Louise and Tom Eason
Diane and Chuck Chesley

Bill Davis
from Frances and Richard Jones
Greg Gaar
Tim Andreu

Jerry Elsworth
from Tom Larance

HONORARIUM:
Betty McDonald
from Jo Pennington

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 08.21.16	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$87,983	\$263,949	\$2,513,762
Received	\$135,319	\$285,119	\$2,424,675
Over/(Under)	\$47,336	\$21,170	(\$89,087)

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF AUGUST 21, 2016

Traditional worship (8:30)	225
Traditional worship (11:00)	547
FaithLink worship	213
Wesleyan Communion	n/a
Total worship attendance:	985
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	628



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

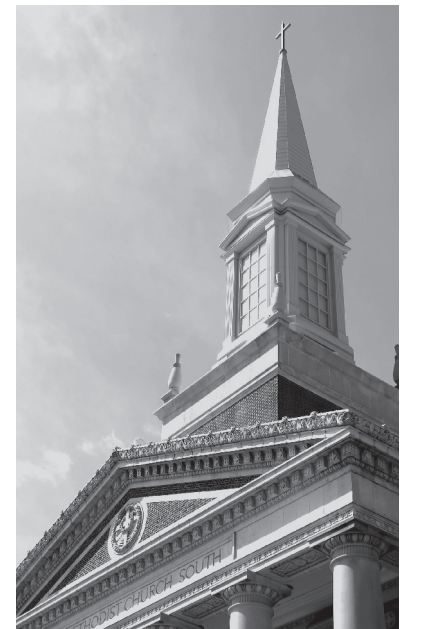
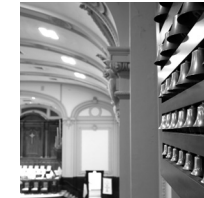
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30am & 11:00am, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00am
FAITHLINK CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 11:00am • SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45am
WESLEYAN COMMUNION SERVICE: 9:45 – 10:30am, FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN COUCH CHAPEL

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FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

AUGUST 28, 2016 • 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



EMBRACING GRACE. GROWING LEADERS.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebration of Worship – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE.....*Trumpet Tune*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
David German
To a Wild Rose
Edward MacDowell

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETINGDr. Rhoads

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

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Maker, in Whom We Live”.....No. 88

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

BAPTISM (11:00).....John Paul Lazenby Peoples.....No. 39, Dr. Day
Presented by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. John Walter Peoples, Jr.

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Wondrous Love*.....Elizabeth Beck, violin
arr. Alison Beck Alison Beck, piano

† SCRIPTURE READING.....JUDGES 6:11-18.....Dr. Rhoads
Old Testament, Page 276 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 BLESSINGBillie 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. Goad

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.....“Have Thine Own Way Lord”.....No. 382

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Search Me, O God*.....Ensemble (8:30)
K. Lee Scott 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 139.....Dr. Day
Old Testament, Page 710 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE A NOBODY**.....Dr. Day

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”.....No. 400

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.....Dr. Goad
*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. Goad

SENDING FORTH.....*On Eagle’s Wings*..... Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Mark Hayes Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Toccata on “Gather Us In”*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
arr. Donald M. Verkuilen III

ACOLYTES: Abby Weego (8:30), Garland Barrett (11:00), Lily Blaylock (11:00)

CRUCIFER: Drew Moffitt (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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♦ **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

WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE A NOBODY
PSALM 139 • AUGUST 28, 2016

I. Lesson 1: God knows you intimately. (vs. 1-6)

II. Lesson 2: God is lovingly pursuing you. (vs. 7-12)

III. Lesson 3: God says you are amazing. (vs. 13-16a)

IV. Lesson 4: God has a wonderful plan just for you.
(vs. 16b-18)

V. Lesson 5: God’s world is broken and darkened
by sin. (vs. 19-24)