

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 MEMBERS: Brad Gunter • Larry & Linda Phillips • Jerry Lee • Brian & Angela Cornelius • Garrett & Corrie Hill

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Rachel & Joshua Ward on the birth of their daughter, Clementine Bertie Grace Ward on September 2, 2016. Maternal grandmother is Jann Connell and maternal great grandmother is Winnie Middleton.

HOSPITALIZED: Bill Hitchcock • Jere Saur • Dr. Bill Tenney • Jamie Sanders

DISCHARGED: Bob Richard • Estelle Midyett

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO: Edward Parker, Jody Parker and Pam Sepulvado & family in the death of their father, Robert M. "Bob" Parker.

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 Travis Schermerhorn, Jr. from Mrs. Travis Schermerhorn, Jr.



MEMORIALS:

Rigby Hollingsworth
from Dr. and Mrs. W. Reid Grimes
Dr. and Mrs. Robert A. Palmer, Jr.

Leonard Gates
from Jo Pennington
Donna and Mike Bell
Laura and Jay Sawyer
New Beginnings Sunday School Class

Joseph Laird
from Mr. and Mrs. Bob Anderson

Marie Trest
from Sally and James Cox

Claude Dance, Jr.
from Cole, Evans & Peterson

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

Traditional worship (8:30)	172
Traditional worship (11:00)	375
FaithLink worship	205
Wesleyan Communion	32
Total worship attendance:	784
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	401

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 09.04.16	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$71,133	\$71,133	\$2,672,878
Received	\$64,294	\$64,294	\$2,553,943
Over/(Under)	(\$6,839)	(\$6,839)	(\$118,935)

Year to Date - August 31, 2016 (in thousands)			
	Budget	Actual	Variation
Cash Receipts	\$2,913	\$2,766	(\$147)
Cash Disbursements	\$3,337	\$3,082	\$255
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$424)	(\$316)	\$108

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

SEPTEMBER 11, 2016 • 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



EMBRACING GRACE. GROWING LEADERS.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebration of Worship – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE.....*O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Benjamin M. Culli Brass Ensemble

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETINGErik Rasmussen

INTROIT.....*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Bruce Greer Chancel Choir (11:00)
Brass Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Erik Rasmussen

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”.....No. 79
Stanza 1 – All; Stanza 2 – Women; Stanza 3 – Men; Stanza 4 – All

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 885.....Erik Rasmussen

CELEBRATION OF LIFE.....Shannon Smith

MUSICAL OFFERING.....“*Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott*”Brass Ensemble
from *Reformation Suite* E. Ray Peebles, organ
Benjamin M. Culli

† SCRIPTURE READING.....HEBREWS 1:1-4.....Erik Rasmussen
New Testament, Page 264 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:
• 3–4 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.....“O Jesus, I Have Promised”.....No. 396

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Servants of Peace*.....Ensemble (8:30)
K. Lee Scott Chancel Choir (11:00)
Brass Ensemble

† 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.....I SAMUEL 3:1-10.....Dr. Day
Old Testament, Page 306 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**I WILL...LISTEN TO GOD**.....Dr. Day

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Here I Am, Lord”.....No. 593

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.....Dr. Rhoads
*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. Rhoads

SENDING FORTH.....*May the Grace of Christ Be with You*..... Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

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

ACOLYTES: Annie Anderson (8:30), Vivan Vekovius (8:30), Will Brady (11:00),
Madalyn Byrd (11:00)

CRUCIFER: Emily Anderson (8:30), Mason Brady (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.

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Sermon Notes

I WILL...LISTEN TO GOD

I Samuel 3:1-10 • SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

I. First, develop the discipline of stillness and solitude.

II. Second, seek counsel from mature Christians.

III. Third, test the promptings on leadings of the Spirit.

IV. Fourth, believe and expect God to speak to you.

V. Finally, when He speaks write it down, submit, and obey.