

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.

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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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Caitlin & Aaron Bronson on the birth of their daughter, Catherine Grace Bronson on September 25, 2016.

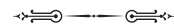
HOSPITALIZED: Cara Smith • Bobby Gilbert • Frank Green

DISCHARGED: Ron Gabbard • Jere Saur

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO Betty Smith & family in the death of her husband, Dan Smith and to Shannon Smith & family in the death of her father, John Squires, Jr.

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 Guild Fund.



MEMORIALS:

Georgiann Lamb

from Dr. and Mrs. John P. Valiulis
Missy and Paul Jackson
Martha D. McDonald
Mrs. Betty M. Turner
Sissy Mayeaux
Shirley P. Wilhite
Mrs. Roy Hurley
Mr. and Mrs. T. Haller Jackson III
Mrs. Weyman Oden, Jr.
Anna Claire Campbell Seymour
Ed Seymour, Jr.
Nancy and Joe Ed Ketner
Janet Kelly Elrod
Minett and Jim Haynes
Diane and A. W. McDonald

Georgiann Lamb

from Mary Carol and Curt McClure
Lynna and Allen Jones
Sandi and Jim Hill
Wayne and Megan Brent
Betty and Bruce Henderson
Dru and Mark Florsheim
Allison and Jerry Montgomery
Best Yet Builders
Laurie and Rick Boswell
Carter and Anne Rogers
Martha and Farrell Malone
Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. McInnis
Alpine Camp For Boys, Inc.
Jerry D. Boughton
Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Cochran

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 09.25.16	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$71,133	\$284,532	\$2,886,277
Received	\$68,093	\$236,730	\$2,726,379
Over/(Under)	(\$3,040)	(\$47,802)	(\$159,898)

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

Traditional worship (8:30)	218
Traditional worship (11:00)	497
FaithLink worship	235
Wesleyan Communion	n/a
Total worship attendance:	950
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	559



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

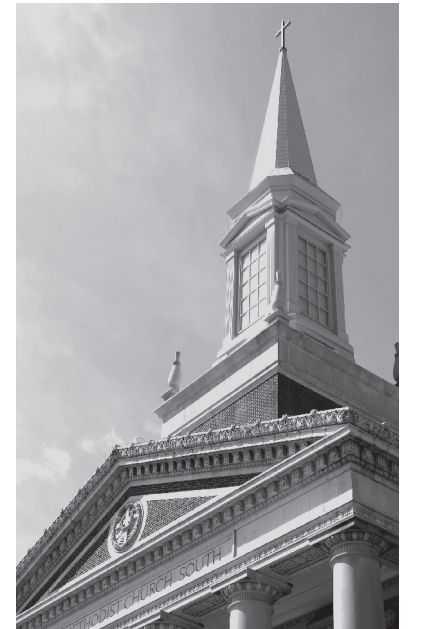
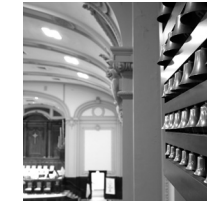
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30am & 11:00am, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00am
FAITHLINK CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 11:00am • SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45am
WESLEYAN COMMUNION SERVICE: 9:45 – 10:30am, FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN COUCH CHAPEL

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FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

OCTOBER 2, 2016 • 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



EMBRACING GRACE. GROWING LEADERS.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebration of Worship – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE “Air for the G String” E. Ray Peebles, organ
 from *Orchestral Suite #3* Hannah Kwon, violin
 Johann Sebastian Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING Dr. Rhoads

INTROIT..... *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing* Ensemble (8:30)
 Fred Bock Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION Dr. Rhoads

† HYMN OF PRAISE “Ye servants of God” No. 181

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881 Dr. Rhoads

† SCRIPTURE READING EPHESIANS 6:6-8 Dr. Rhoads
 New Testament, Page 238 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 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 Rev. Wilkinson

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 “Fill My Cup, Lord” No. 641

OFFERTORY PRAYER Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING *Sanctus** Ensemble (8:30)
 arr. Tom Fettke Chancel Choir (11:00)
 Hannah Kwon, violin

† 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.....MATTHEW 20:20-28.....Dr. Day
 New Testament, Page 26 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**I WILL...SERVE**.....Dr. Day

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

CONFESSION (IN UNISON — PAGE 26)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (IN UNISON — PAGE 30)

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(The communion tray will be passed in the pews. As you are served, partake of the bread and the cup. When you are finished, place the cup in the holder on the back of the pew. Then serve the person seated next to you.)

COMMUNION MEDITATION.....*Songs Without Words*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
 Felix Mendelssohn Hannah Kwon, violin

† HYMN OF INVITATION “Take Our Bread” No. 640
(During the singing of this hymn, those who wish to join the First Methodist family are invited to come to the front of the church for reception and recognition.)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.....Rev. Wilkinson
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 Rev. Wilkinson

SENDING FORTH.....*We Will Serve the Lord* [excerpt].....Ensemble (8:30)
 Taylor Davis Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE*In Thee is Gladness* E. Ray Peebles, organ
 Johann Sebastian Bach

* Given to the glory of God and in memory of my grandparents, The Rev. & Mrs. Carl H. Meier and The Rev. & Mrs. Razzie R. Branton, and in honor of my parents, The Rev. & Mrs. L. Ray Branton from Sarah Branton Wilkerson

ACOLYTES: Kace Sweatman (8:30), Ellen Douglas (8:30), Alex Thaxton (11:00), Cade Thaxton (11:00)

CRUCIFER: Mason Sater (8:30), Kat Thaxton (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

I WILL...SERVE

MATTHEW 20:20-28 + OCTOBER 2, 2016

I. First, servants recognize that God sets the conditions for service.

II. Second, servants are motivated by love.

III. Third, servants are not status, position or power conscious.

IV. Fourth, servants are selfless rather than selfish.

V. Finally, servants are available and open to unexpected opportunities.