

# 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 [erasmus@fumcshreveport.org](mailto:erasmus@fumcshreveport.org) or call the church office 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:** Jasper Lynn

**DISCHARGED:** • Bobby Gilbert • Frank Green • Cara Smith

**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 the Clanton family by the Barbara and Don L. Clanton families.



**MEMORIALS:**  
**Rigby Hollingsworth**  
from Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Bain

**Leonard Gates**  
from Martha Storer  
Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Bain

**James Huggins**  
from Mary and Aubrey Wynn

**Bill Davis**  
from Mary and Aubrey Wynn

**Carol Fullilove**  
from Jo Ann and Bill Golden

**Steve McKinzie**  
from Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Bain

**Judge Charles B. Peatross**  
from Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Bain

**Alton Irvin**  
from Nelda and Steve Thomas

**Bo Cooksey**  
from Nelda and Steve Thomas

**B. E. M. Skerrett, III**  
from The Fouts Family  
Marian Skerrett

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## VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 10.2.16	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$70,454	\$70,454	\$2,956,731
Received	\$89,343	\$89,343	\$2,815,722
Over/(Under)	\$18,889	\$18,889	(\$141,009)

**ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF OCTOBER 2, 2016**

Traditional worship (8:30)	114
Traditional worship (11:00)	454
FaithLink worship	145
Wesleyan Communion	16
<b>Total worship attendance</b>	<b>729</b>
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	463



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 9, 2016 • 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



EMBRACING GRACE. GROWING LEADERS.

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Celebration of Worship – Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE.....*Salvation Is Created*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
Paul Tchesnokoff Brass Ensemble

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING .....Erik Rasmussen

INTROIT.....*To God be the Glory*.....Chancel Choir  
arr. Russell Mauldin Brass Ensemble

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”.....No. 158

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

CELEBRATION OF LIFE.....Jerry Montgomery

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Be Still My Soul* (Finlandia).....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
Jean Sibelius/arr. Christina Harmon Mike Scarlato, trumpet  
Dave Hardin, trumpet

† SCRIPTURE READING.....II CORINTHIANS 8:1-7.....Erik Rasmussen  
New Testament, Page 222 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:*  
• 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.....“The Gift of Love”.....No. 408

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*The Armor of God*.....Chancel Choir  
John Ness Beck Brass Ensemble  
Congregation Invited to Sing as Directed  
Hymn No. 513 “Soldiers of Christ, Arise”  
Stanzas 1 and 4

† 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.....II CORINTHIANS 9:6-11.....Dr. Day  
New Testament, Page 224 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**I WILL...GIVE GENEROUSLY**.....Dr. Day

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”.....No. 399

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.*

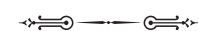
BENEDICTION.....Dr. Rhoads

SENDING FORTH.....*May the Grace of Christ Be With You*.....Chancel Choir  
arr. Dale Wood

POSTLUDE.....*Toccata on “Amazing Grace”*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
(for the Hour of Power, May 23,1999)  
arr. J. Christopher Pardini

ACOLYTES: Emily Anderson (8:30), Ellen Douglas (8:30), Crew Chandler (11:00),  
Cannon Chandler (11:00)

CRUCIFER: Annie Anderson (8:30), 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

**I WILL...GIVE GENEROUSLY**

II CORINTHIANS 9:6-11 + OCTOBER 9, 2016

I. First, Generous givers **choose** to have an abundance mentality rather than a scarcity mentality.

II. Second, Generous givers **know** their happiness is determined by how many people they serve and how well they serve them.

III. Third, Generous givers **believe** the most valuable gift they have to offer is themselves.

IV. Fourth, Generous givers **develop** an attitude of humility and gratitude.

V. Finally, Generous givers **realize** the key to effective giving and living is staying open to receiving.