

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.
- 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: Carl Futrell, Kitty Jo Boyd, Betty Kennedy

DISCHARGED: • Jasper Lynn, Ann Walke

SYMPATHY is extended to Caroline Pumphrey & family in the death of her father, Ed Powell and to Marsha Wilson & family in the death of her mother, Helen Elliott.

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:

Charles Dillman

from Martha Storer

Mr. and Mrs. George Beeson

Dru and Mark Florsheim

Jim and Johnette Barnes

Dianne and Johnny Brock

Marilyn and Craig Prothro and Family

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Bain

Georgiann Lamb

from Joan and George Lukacs

Gloria Rosen

Jim and Johnette Barnes

Dianne and Johnny Brock

Jo Ann and Bill Golden

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Bain

Sam and Martha Talbot

Georgiann Lamb

from Jane H. James

Mr. and Mrs. Michael McCarthy

Kirk R. Lavigne, Jr.

Dr. and Mrs. Craig Springmeyer

Mrs. John C. Bray

Donald and Kathleen Wiener

George and Myra Beeson

Thomas and Pam O'Brien

Kathy and Tony Janca

from Dr. and Dr. David Clemons

Ann Rivers and Vicki Thibodeaux

David L. Holloway, Jr.

C. Cody White, Jr.

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF OCTOBER 9, 2016	
Traditional worship (8:30)	238
Traditional worship (11:00)	465
FaithLink worship	170
Wesleyan Communion	N/A
Total worship attendance:	873
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	520

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 10.09.16	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$70,454	\$140,908	\$3,027,185
Received	\$77,561	\$166,904	\$2,893,283
Over/(Under)	\$ 7,107	\$25,996	(\$133,902)

Year to Date - September 30, 2016 (in thousands)			
	Budget	Actual	Variation
Cash Receipts	\$3,231	\$3,017	(\$214)
Cash Disbursements	\$3,725	\$3,448	\$277
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$494)	(\$431)	\$63

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

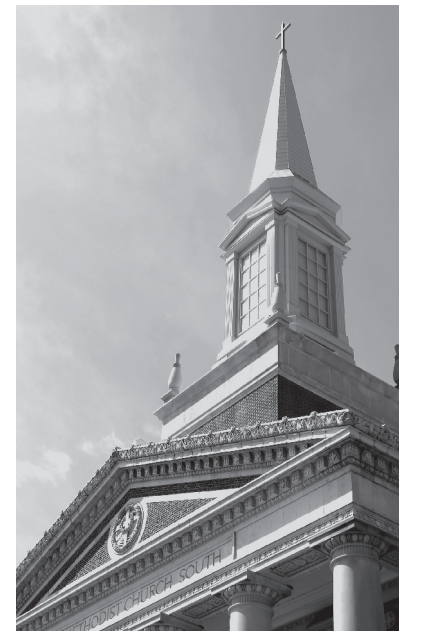
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30am & 11:00am, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00am
 FAITHLINK CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 11:00am • SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45am
 WESLEYAN COMMUNION SERVICE: 9:45 – 10:30am, FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN COUCH CHAPEL

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FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

OCTOBER 16, 2016 • 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



EMBRACING GRACE. GROWING LEADERS.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebration of Worship – Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE.....“Introduction Choral” and “Menuet gothique”E. Ray Peebles, organ
from *Suite Gothique*
Leon Boëllmann

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING Dr. Goad

INTROIT.....*This is the Day the Lord Hath Made*.....Texas Street Singers (8:30)
Warren Angell Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. Goad

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Forward through the Ages”.....No. 555

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 881.....Dr. Goad

BAPTISM (11:00).....Madison Hart Oates.....No. 39, Dr. Day
Presented by her parents, Mr. & Mrs. John Matthew Oates

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Love Ye The Lord*.....Madelyn Stewart, soprano
George Frideric Handel

† SCRIPTURE READING.....I CORINTHIANS 12:21-31.....Dr. Goad
New Testament, Page 212 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 BLESSINGBillie Tate
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.....“Jesus, United by Thy Grace”No. 561

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING (8:30).....*River in Judea*.....Texas Street Singers
arr. John Leavitt Pat Craig, soloist

MUSICAL OFFERING (11:00) *We Are the Church of God*Chancel Choir
David Angerman and Jon Paige

† 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.....ACTS 2:41-47.....Dr. Day
New Testament, Page 145 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**I WILL...CONNECT WITH GOD AND OTHERS**.....Dr. Day

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”.....No. 557

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.

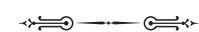
BENEDICTION.....Dr. Rhoads

SENDING FORTH.....*God Be With You*Texas Street Singers (8:30)
‘Til We Meet Again Chancel Choir (11:00)
arr. Fred Bock

POSTLUDE.....“Toccata”E. Ray Peebles, organ
from *Suite Gothique*
Leon Boëllmann

ACOLYTES: Vivian Vekovius (8:30), Grayson Hargon (8:30), Arman Ravari (11:00),
Chandler Gullett (11:00)

CRUCIFER: Ary Ravari (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

I WILL...CONNECT WITH GOD AND OTHERS

ACTS 2:41-47 • OCTOBER 16, 2016

I. First, CONNECTING through small groups encourages and nourishes spiritual and relational growth.

II. Second, CONNECTING through small groups stimulates service and provides one on one effective pastoral care.

III. Third, CONNECTING through small groups helps close the back door.

IV. Fourth, CONNECTING through small groups develops disciples and reproduces leaders.

V. Finally, CONNECTING through small groups keeps us focused on the Great Commission.