

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.

NEW MEMBER: Jan Moss

HOSPITALIZED: Dr. Hollis Gamble, Carl Futrell, Don Clanton, Betty Kennedy

DISCHARGED: • Kitty Jo Boyd

SYMPATHY is extended to family & friends of Robert Henry "Bob" Richard 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 Dr. and Mrs. Edward J. Crawford, Jr. by Laura and Ed Crawford, Katie and Don Weir, and John Crawford.



MEMORIALS:

Rigby Hollingsworth
from Betty Vaughan
Mr. and Mrs. Pat Johnson

Claude Dance, Jr.
from Ms. Ann C. Gill

Leonard Gates
from Mariners Sunday School Class
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hobbs, Jr.

Mr. D. Lloyd Hall
from Paula and Pat Craig

Sue Ann Barnett
from Paula and Pat Craig

Harry Lazarus, Jr.
from Paula and Pat Craig

Steve McKinzie
from Paula and Pat Craig

Dr. Albert Smith
from Paula and Pat Craig

Alton Irvin
from Katie and Don Weir

Bo Cooksey
from Katie and Don Weir

Gloria Bosley
from Katie and Don Weir

Henry Temple
from Mr. and Mrs. Grady Golden

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 10.16.16	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$70,454	\$211,362	\$3,097,639
Received	\$75,493	\$242,397	\$2,968,776
Over/(Under)	\$ 5,039	\$31,035	(\$128,863)

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF OCTOBER 16, 2016	
Traditional worship (8:30)	208
Traditional worship (11:00)	413
FaithLink worship	213
Wesleyan Communion	N/A
Total worship attendance:	834
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	511

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

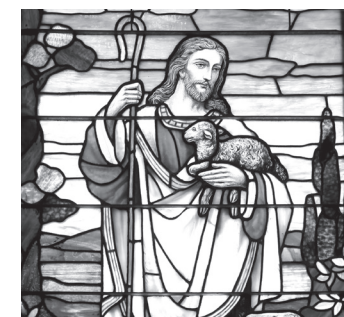
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30am & 11:00am, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00am
FAITHLINK CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 11:00am • **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 9:45am
WESLEYAN COMMUNION SERVICE: 9:45 – 10:30am, FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN COUCH CHAPEL

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FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

OCTOBER 23, 2016 • 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



EMBRACING GRACE. GROWING LEADERS.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebration of Worship – Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE.....Orchestral Suite in D.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Johann Sebastian Bach String Quartet

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETINGDr. Rhoads

INTROIT.....Praise to the Lord, the Almighty.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Paul Sjolund Chancel Choir (11:00)

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“The God of Abraham Praise”.....No. 116

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 885.....Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....This is my Father’s World..... String Quartet
arr. Christina Harmon

† SCRIPTURE READING.....EXODUS 14:10-23.....Dr. Rhoads
New Testament, Page 75 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. 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.....“Lead Me, Lord”No. 473

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....Grant Unto Us Thy Peace, O Lord.....Ensemble (8:30)
Felix Mendelssohn Chancel Choir (11:00)
String Quartet

† 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.....NUMBERS 13:26-33.....Dr. Day
New Testament, Page 164 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....I WILL...LEAD.....Dr. Day

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand”.....No. 724

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.....AmenEnsemble (8:30)
John Rutter Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....Crown Imperial.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
William Walton

ACOLYTES: Harper Hearron (8:30), Hutson Hearron (8:30), Soren Cate (11:00),
Caya Cate (11:00)

CRUCIFER: Annie Anderson (8:30), Madalyn Byrd (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...LEAD

NUMBERS 13:26-33 + OCTOBER 23, 2016

I. First, uncommon leaders lead by example.

II. Second, uncommon leaders build, influence, and inspire their team.

III. Third, uncommon leaders impact their team through decisive, courageous action.

IV. Fourth, uncommon leaders possess a confident but humble "can do" attitude and spirit.

V. Fifth, uncommon leaders connect with and care for their team members.

VI. Finally, uncommon leaders earn the right to lead through consistency of character.