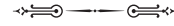


WELCOME

We are glad you're here. Please sign our register to let us know that you're visiting, so our members can make you feel at home.



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'd 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.

Our Heritage in Stained Glass

Moses— "Love is the Fulfilling of the Law" Romans 13:10
The window nearest to the pulpit on the right side was given by the descendants of William H. Wise, 1841-1909, and was installed in 1913. Mr. Wise, known as "Colonel", was a senior member of a prominent law firm in the city and an influential member of the church. As we continue in the Advent season, the anticipated coming of God's Son lends new meaning to the window's scriptural message.

JOYS & CONCERNS

HOSPITALIZED: Marvin Brossette, Pete Daniels

DISCHARGED: Jere Saur, Jennifer Houk

CONGRATULATIONS to Jennifer and Garrett Houk on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Woerner Houk.

SYMPATHY is extended to Lisa Hunter in the death of her father, John Hunter, and to the family & friends of Hal Monroe 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 Elizabeth Leigh Bryson from Judge and Mrs. Eugene Bryson, Jr. and family.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Scott Clay

from Rose Mary and Bob Kennedy

L. Wayne Hennigan

from Mary Cochran

Gwen Smith

50-50 Sunday School Class of FUMC

Natchitoches

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Johnson

Dona Anders

William Tom Head

from Mr. and Mrs. Pat Johnson

Gwen Smith

~Honorarium~

Her Companions

from Karen Dorsey

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5, 2017

Traditional worship (8:30)	248
Traditional worship (11:00)	466
FaithLink worship	223
Wesleyan Communion	16
Total worship attendance	937
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	528

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 11.05.17	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$80,209	\$80,209	\$3,157,684
Received	\$98,757	\$98,757	\$3,308,346
Over/(Under)	\$18,548	\$18,548	\$150,662

Year to Date - October 31, 2017 (in thousands)			
	Budget	Actual	Variation
Cash Receipts	\$3,635	\$3,509	(\$126)
Cash Disbursements	\$4,163	\$3,814	\$349
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$528)	(\$305)	\$223

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.*

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
Bishop-in-Residence: William W. Hutchinson

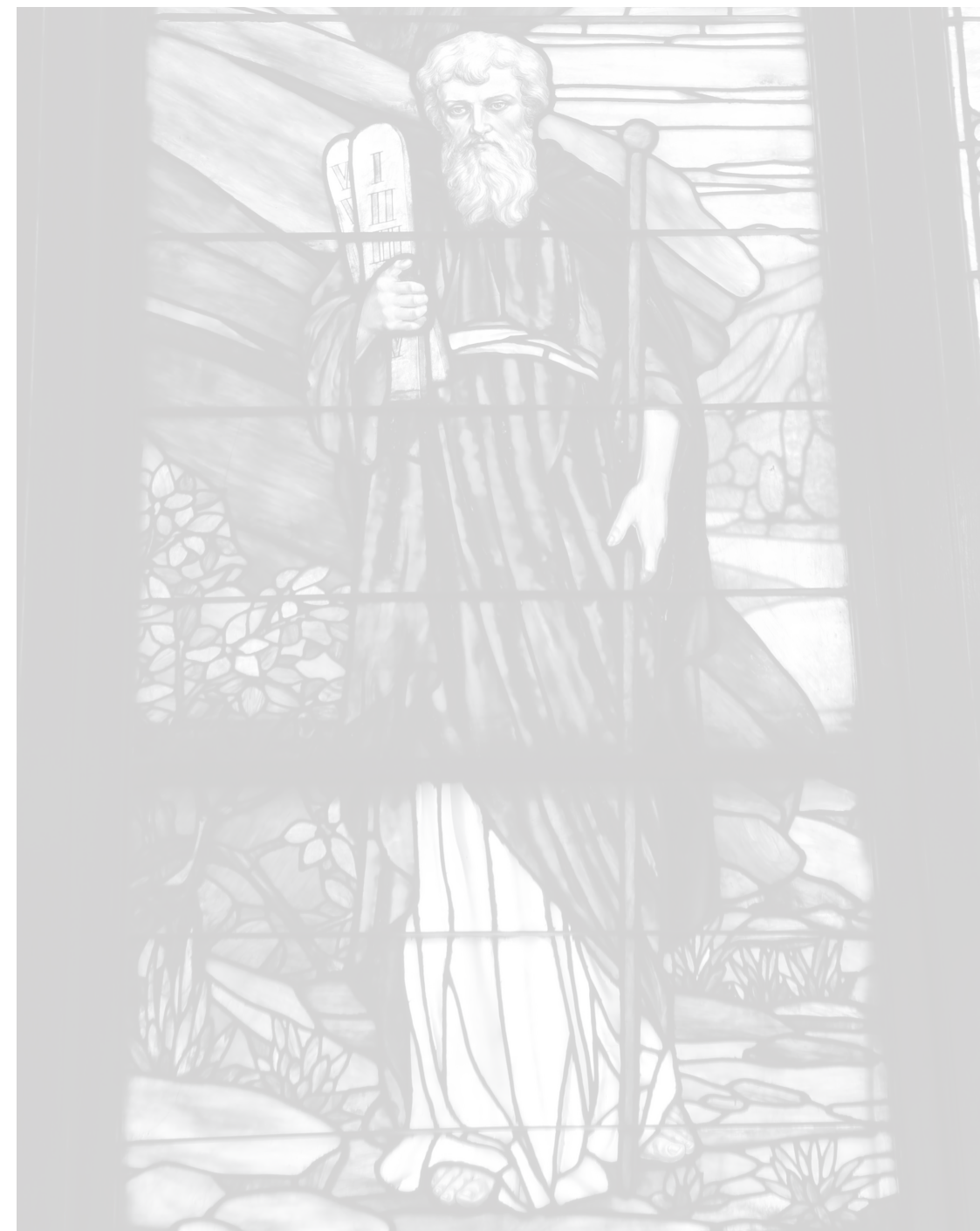
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30am & 11:00am, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00am
FAITHLINK CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 11:00am • SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45am
WESLEYAN COMMUNION SERVICE: 9:45 - 10:30am, FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN COUCH CHAPEL

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FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

NOVEMBER 12TH, 2017 • TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

Celebration of Worship

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost - November 12th, 2017

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00 AM

PRELUDE.....*A Meditation on "Brother James Air"*.....E. Ray Peebles
arr. Harold Darke

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING Rev. Wilkinson

INTROIT.....*To God Be The Glory*.....Chancel Choir
arr. Russell Mauldin Brass Ensemble

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE*"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"*.....No. 731

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

BAPTISM (11:00).....Mickel Douglas Husted III.....No. 39, Dr. Day
Presented by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Mickel Husted, Jr.

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*"Sinfonia" from Abdelazer Suite*.....Brass Ensemble
Henry Purcell/arr. Drummond Wolf E. Ray Peebles

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Matthew 7:15-23.....Erik Rasmussen
New Testament, Page 8 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 Billie Beck

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.....*"Blessed Assurance"*.....No. 369

† OFFERTORY PRAYERRev. Wilkinson

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*"The Heavens are Telling"*Victoria Sundin, soprano
from *The Creation* Dr. Will Address, tenor
Franz Joseph Haydn Dr. Pat Craig, bass
Chancel Choir
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.....Romans 8:9-17.....Dr. Day
New Testament, Page 191 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**BLESSED ASSURANCE: BE SURE YOU ARE REALLY SURE**.....Dr. Day

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....*"I Know Whom I Have Believed"*.....No. 714
(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.*

BENEDICTIONDr. Rhoads

SENDING FORTH.....*God Be with You 'Till We Meet Again*.....Chancel Choir
arr. Dale Wood

POSTLUDE.....*Toccatina and Fugue in D Minor*.....E. Ray Peebles
Johann Sebastian Bach



Acolytes: Harper Hearron (8:30), Jillian Rodgers, Emery Harper (11:00)

Crucifer: Hutson Hearron (8:30), Harrison Ayers (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.**

* **IF YOU WISH TO JOIN** the First United Methodist Church family, please come forward at this time.

***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

• K5-3RD graders (11:00): Dawson Building, Room 208, behind the Sanctuary

Childcare for infants through 4 years is available from 8:15 to 12:15 in the Children's Ministry Center. From the sanctuary, follow the sign located in the hallway between the sanctuary and the Dawson Building. Outdoor access is located on the corner of Douglas and Milam Streets.

Sermon Notes

**BLESSED ASSURANCE:
BE SURE YOU ARE REALLY SURE**

Romans 8:9-17

I. First, the Bible assures us of our salvation.

A. Fact

B. Faith

C. Feeling

II. Second, we have the assurance of the inward witness of the Holy Spirit.

III. Finally, we have the assurance of a changed life.

A. A Love for others.

B. A Desire to worship.

C. A Desire to live a moral lifestyle.

D. A Desire to grow spiritually.

E. A fruitful life.