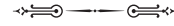


WELCOME

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: Brenda Lazarus
DISCHARGED: Marvin Brossette, Pete Daniels, Gary Ferguson, Ken Rogers
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 Lou Taglavore from her son Tony Taglavore.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

L. Wayne Hennigan from Dr. Gale W. Bridger Mr. and Mrs. William A. Grammer, Jr. Dr. and Mrs. Edward Dean	Tressie S. Craton from Joe Badt, Sr Deb and Joe Badt Nancy and Sam Bernstein Mrs. Eloice Brannon Janis and Gordon Latham
Joe T. Sepulvado from Diane and Scott Lawrence	Daryl Cooper from Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Mills



VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 11.12.17	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$80,209	\$160,418	\$3,237,893
Received	\$53,737	\$152,494	\$3,362,083
Over/(Under)	(\$26,472)	(\$7,924)	\$124,190

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12, 2017	
Traditional worship (8:30)	198
Traditional worship (11:00)	447
FaithLink worship	151
Wesleyan Communion	n/a
Total worship attendance	796
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	514



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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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

NOVEMBER 19TH, 2017 • TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

Celebration of Worship

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost - November 19th, 2017

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

PRELUDE.....*Psalm-Prelude, Op.32*.....E. Ray Peebles
Herbert Howells

[Psalm 34:6 - This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,
and was saved from every trouble.]

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETINGDr. Rhoads

INTROIT.....*Praise and Thanksgiving, Be to God*.....Ensemble (8:30)
CHRISTE SANCTORUM Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. Hobson

† HYMN OF PRAISE*"Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine"*.....No. 606

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 881.....Dr. Hobson

BAPTISM (11:00).....Austin Grey Leone.....No. 39, Rev. Joyce
Presented by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Steven Paul Leone

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Baptism Prayer*Ensemble (8:30)
Richard Shephard Chancel Choir (11:00)

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Colossians 2:12-13.....Dr. Address
New Testament, Page 245 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

JOYS & CONCERNS Rev. Joyce

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.....*"Nothing but the Blood"*.....No. 362

† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Address

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Wade in the Water*Timothy McCoy, tenor
arr. Norman Luboff David Westbrook, tenor
Ensemble (8:30)
Chancel Choir (11:00)

† 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 2:38-39.....Rev. Joyce
New Testament, Page 145 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM AND BE THANKFUL**.....Rev. Joyce

† *HYMNS OF INVITATION.....*"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"*.....No. 605
"This is the Sprit's Entry Now".....No. 608

*(During the singing of these hymns, 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.....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.*

BENEDICTIONDr. Rhoads

SENDING FORTH.....*We Know that Christ is Raised*.....Ensemble (8:30)
ENGLEBERG Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*"Thanksgiving"* from *Thanksgiving Suite*.....E. Ray Peebles
Charles Callahan



Acolytes: Caroline Wood (8:30), Elizabeth May, Garland Barrett (11:00)

Crucifer: Ellen Douglas (8:30), Vivian Vekovius (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

REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM AND BE THANKFUL

Acts 2:38-39—"Change your hearts and lives. Each of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is for you, your children, and for all who are far away—as many as the Lord our God invites."

Christians are invited to celebrate new life in Christ with a visible witness among the community, which we call baptism. Baptism is the mark of the new covenant that God has initiated through the gift of His son, Jesus. When we confess our sins, acknowledge our need to be rescued from our own brokenness by the grace of God's unconditional love, and trust in the guiding presence of the Holy Spirit, we have entered into new and abundant life—the kingdom of heaven. Entrance into the kingdom is available to all, but it demands a sacrifice of self, a humbling of the spirit, a yielding to the heart of God, and a devotion to obedience to the will of the Father. When we are baptized, or when we are confirmed later, we are demonstrating ownership of our covenant relationship, and joyfully stepping into a life of purpose, where "this glorious ONE, Jesus the Christ, is our pursuit, our passion and our pleasure." Today, we invite you to remember your baptism, be thankful, and renew your covenant commitment as a follower of Jesus.