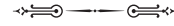


WELCOME

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

SYMPATHY is extended to Hank and Monty Hall and family in the death of their mother, Brenda Lazarus.
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 Frank Green, Jr., David Frank Green, III, Meagan Elizabeth Green, Mr. And Mrs. Frank Green, Sr. and Mr. And Mrs. Campbell Hutchinson, Jr. from Ann Green and family.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

<p>L. Wayne Hennigan from Shirley and Billy Giles Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Jones Sarah and Tommy Maines Rachel Gardiner U. L. Coleman, III Velda McCormick Marvin E. Brossette</p> <p>Frances Fox from Velda McCormick Marvin E. Brossette</p> <p>Tressie S. Craton from Sibyl Vickers Velda McCormick Marvin E. Brossette</p>	<p>Daryl Cooper from Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Wright</p> <p>Meda D. Bruner from Mr. and Mrs. Taylor F. Moore</p> <p>Scott Clay from Marvin E. Brossette</p> <p>Luke Clay from Marvin E. Brossette</p> <p>James King from Jenny Kennon</p> <p>~Honorariums~</p> <p>Virginia Harman Lamb from Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Lamb, III</p>
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VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 11.19.17	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$80,209	\$240,627	\$3,318,102
Received	\$62,981	\$215,475	\$3,425,064
Over/(Under)	(\$17,228)	(\$25,152)	\$106,962

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19, 2017	
Traditional worship (8:30)	212
Traditional worship (11:00)	350
FaithLink worship	197
Wesleyan Communion	n/a
Total worship attendance	759
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	497



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 26TH, 2017 · LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

Celebration of Worship

Last Sunday After Pentecost - November 26th, 2017

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

PRELUDE.....*Voluntary on ENGELBERG*.....E. Ray Peebles
Charles Callahan

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING Rev. Wilkinson

INTROIT.....*This is the Day*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Mark Hayes Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Rev. Wilkinson

† HYMN OF PRAISE*"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*.....No. 694

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 881.....Rev. Wilkinson

BAPTISM (8:30).....Chloe Fae Meyers.....No. 39, Dr. Day
Presented by her parents, Mr. & Mrs. James Matthew Meyers

BAPTISM (11:00).....Jameson Ray McKinzie.....No. 39, Dr. Day
Presented by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Austin McKinzie

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Ride on, King Jesus!* Richard Hemmings, bass
arr. William Cutter

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Psalm 100.....Dr. Goad
Old Testament, Page 679 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 Bishop William Hutchinson

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.....*"For the Beauty of the Earth"*.....No. 92

† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Christus Paradox*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Alfred Fedak 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.....I Thessalonians 5:18.....Dr. Day
New Testament, Page 250 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**THE POWER OF GRATITUDE**.....Dr. Day

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....*"Now Thank We All Our God"*.....No. 102
*(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.....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.*

BENEDICTIONBishop William Hutchinson

SENDING FORTH.....*God Be with You 'Till We Meet Again*.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Now Thank We All Our God*.....E. Ray Peebles
arr. Virgil Fox



Acolytes: Henry Peacock (8:30), John Ashton Hunter, Landry Hobson (11:00)

Crucifer: William Peacock (8:30), Leslie Hunter (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

THE POWER OF GRATITUDE

I Thessalonians 5:18

I. First, gratitude is the greatest gauge of your heart.

II. Second, gratitude is a hard fought, grace infused biblical lifestyle.

III. Third, gratitude is a matter of obedience to the will of God.

IV. Finally, gratitude is truly your life preserver in the turbulent waters of life.