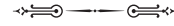


WELCOME

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.



Want to know more about how you can be involved in the life of First United Methodist Church, Shreveport:

- Ask one of our 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.

STARTING POINTS

- 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.
- If you're curious about what membership means and want to meet our pastors before deciding, join us for our next Starting Point Luncheon right after 11:00am Worship in the Hunter Building, Room 101 or contact our Pastor of New Members, Rev. Caroline Wilkinson at 424-7771, ext. 135 or cwilkinson@fumcshreveport.org.

NEXT STEPS

- Find a Sunday school class! Contact Rev. Caroline Wilkinson at cwilkinson@fumcshreveport.org or call the church office for more info.
- Join a connect 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.

Our Heritage in Stained Glass

"Virgin with lamp"—"Be Ye Also Ready" Matthew 24:44 - In loving memory of Our Idolized Daughter, Maude Lucile Atkins" August 10, 1886 - October 13, 1910. The center panel in this second window from the front on the right depicts a virgin with a lighted lamp. This beautiful window takes on deeper meaning when one realizes that in the central figure the artist has incorporated the face of the lovely young woman for whom the memorial was given in 1913.

JOYS & CONCERNS

HOSPITALIZED: Peggy Gale

DISCHARGED: Mary Sledge, Janet Colbert

THE RED ROSE NEAR THE ALTAR honors those serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, at home & abroad.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of David Frank Green, III, Meagan Elizabeth Green, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Green, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Campbell C. Hutchinson, Jr. from Frank and Ann Green and family.

THE ALTAR WREATH AND FLOWERS have been presented each Sunday in Advent to the Glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hamiter and Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Andress by their family.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Dan Smith

from Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wynn, Jr.
Carobeth and Bob Richardz
Elizabeth B. Beck
Linda and Bill Bradford
Martha Storer
Mrs. Creighton Webb
Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Cochran
Martha and Ted Hunter

Georgiann Lamb

from Mrs. George McCormick
Bennette and Jack Daniel
Rene Gibson
Diane and Keith Mason
Dot Hensley

Dan Smith

Liffy Jones
Martha and Jimmy Allen
Margot and Dennis Nochese
Mrs. George McCormick
Mrs. W. D. Smith
Patty and Bob Lindsey
Mike Underkofler and staff

~ Honorariums ~

Rev. Caroline Wilkinson
from Betsy Peatross

Sharon Martinelli
from Jean and Lonnie Fouts

In honor of their 50th wedding anniversary:

Louise and Tom Eason
from Eleanor and Charles Higgs

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 11.20.16	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$84,198	\$252,594	\$3,491,141
Received	\$47,269	\$232,812	\$3,320,952
Over/(Under)	(\$36,929)	(\$19,782)	(\$170,189)

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20, 2016	
Traditional worship (8:30)	236
Traditional worship (11:00)	402
FaithLink worship	260
Wesleyan Communion	n/a
Total worship attendance:	888
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	563

Please remember that in order to receive credit for 2016, gifts to the church must be dated and postmarked no later than December 31, 2016. Thank you - Your Finance Committee



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

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 27, 2016 • FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

Poinsettia

Memorials & Honorariums

During the Christmas Season, if you would like to have a poinsettia placed at the church in memory or in honor of a loved one or friend, please complete the form below & return it to Stephanie in the Church Office by December 4, 2016. The cost is \$12 per plant. Checks should be made payable to First United Methodist Church.

(Please Print)
In memory of:

In honor of:

From:

Memorials & honorariums will be listed in the worship bulletin on Dec. 18.

(Sorry, telephone, fax or email requests cannot be accepted)

Celebration of Worship

First Sunday of Advent - November 27, 2016

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

PRELUDE Greensleeves E. Ray Peebles
Richard Purvis

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING Dr. Goad

INTROIT Come, Join Our Cheerful Song Ensemble (8:30)
Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION Dr. Goad

† HYMN OF PRAISE "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" No. 196

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 885Dr. Goad

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLEJohnny & Mary Peoples (8:30)
Steve & Berry Glassell (11:00)
Madalyn, Grace Mackenzie Byrd

MUSICAL OFFERING.....What Songs Were Sung..... Rebecca Vacha, soprano
John Jacob Niles

† CONGREGATIONAL READING.....No. 201 Dr. Goad

† 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

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.

HYMN OF PREPARATION....."Soon and Very Soon" No. 706

OFFERTORY PRAYERDr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....What Sweeter Music..... Ensemble (8:30)
John Rutter Chancel Choir (11:00)

† DOXOLOGY No. 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 Isaiah 9:6-7..... Dr. Day
Old Testament, Page 781 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE THE PATH THROUGH TURBULENT TIMESDr. Day

† *HYMN OF INVITATION....."Hail to the Lord's Anointed".....No. 203
(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. 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.....AmenEnsemble (8:30)
John Rutter Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....Good Christian Men, Rejoice (In Dulci Jubilo)E. Ray Peebles
arr. Gordon Young

Acolytes: Grayson Hargon, Ellen Douglas (8:30), Will Brady, Ashley Rayburn (11:00)

Crucifer: Wilson Guidry (8:30), Harrison Ayers (11:00)

Banner: Vicki Guidry (8:30), Mason Brady (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:

- Infants-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

Sermon Notes

THE PATH THROUGH TURBULENT TIMES

Isaiah 9:6-7

- I. First, try to trace the root cause of your insecurity.
- II. Second, examine your attitude and lifestyle and change it.
- III. Third, take action against your insecurity.
- IV. Fourth, prayerfully hold in your mind a mental picture of the person you want to become.
- V. Finally, affirm that Jesus Christ's presence brings security.