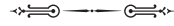


# WELCOME

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'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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:erasmussen@fumcshreveport.org) or call the church office for more info.
- Serve with us! For Local and Global service opportunities visit [www.firstserves.org](http://www.firstserves.org) or email Ashley Goad (Global) at [agoad@fumcshreveport.org](mailto:agoad@fumcshreveport.org) or Michelle Osborn (Local) at [mosborn@fumcshreveport.org](mailto: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](http://firstshreveport.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

**NEW MEMBERS:** James & Peyton Mayeaux • Chris & Melissa Williams • Kay A. Hutchinson • Robby & Shana Valentine

**HOSPITALIZED:** James Crout, Bart McDonald

**DISCHARGED:** Peggy Gale, Pat Gabbard, Taylor Moore

**SYMPATHY** is extended to Lyndal Gamble & family in the death of her husband, Dr. Hollis Gamble; to Margaret Lawler & family in the death of her sister, Dorothy Grau and to Claiborne Sharp in the death of his cousin, James McClellan.

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

**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.

**THE WHITE POINSETTIAS UNDER THE CROSS** are given in memory of Mary Edna Adams Brossette and Dianne Rose McCollum Brossette by their families.

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

**Bob Hamm**  
from Mrs. John C. Bray

**Ed Powell**  
from Mary and Peter Boggs  
Margretta and John Holt

**Rigby Hollingsworth**  
from Dianne and Keith Mason

**Mary Calderera**  
from Hal Monroe

**Shirley Tufts**  
from Leah and Chris Rea and Emma

**Frankie Matto**  
from Leah and Chris Rea and Emma

**Leonard Gates**  
from Leah and Chris Rea and Emma

**Paul Holman**  
from Leah and Chris Rea and Emma

**Paul Breuchner**  
from Leah and Chris Rea and Emma

**James Dee Youngblood, III**  
from Leah and Chris Rea and Emma

**Steve McKinzie**  
from Leah and Chris Rea and Emma

### Year to Date - November 30, 2016 (in thousands)

	Budget	Actual	Variation
Cash Receipts	\$4,000	\$3,727	(\$273)
Cash Disbursements	\$4,527	\$4,223	\$304
Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$527)	(\$496)	\$31

### VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 12.4.16	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$207,791	\$207,791	\$3,783,130
Received	\$145,549	\$145,549	\$3,537,366
Over/(Under)	(\$62,242)	(\$62,242)	(\$245,764)

### ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF DECEMBER 4, 2016

Traditional worship (8:30)	216
Traditional worship (11:00)	508
FaithLink worship	279
Wesleyan Communion	21
<b>Total worship attendance</b>	<b>1024</b>
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	491

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

DECEMBER 11, 2016 • THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

# Celebration of Worship

## Third Sunday of Advent - December 11, 2016

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

PRELUDE ..... “I -Noël huron” from *Deux Noël’s* .....E. Ray Peebles  
Denis Bédard

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING ..... Dr. Goad

INTROIT.....*Come and Worship*.....Ensemble (8:30)  
*REGENT SQUARE* Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION ..... Dr. Goad

† HYMN OF PRAISE ..... “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” ..... No. 211

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE ..... Chad & Stacey Hargon (8:30)  
Geron, Guy, & Grayson  
Hardy & Alyson Foreman (11:00)  
Benjamin, Kate, & Sarah Margaret

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*I Wonder As I Wander* ..... E. Ray Peebles  
(Appalachian Carol) Richard Hemmings, bass  
John Jacob Niles

† CONGREGATIONAL READING.....No. 199 .....Dr. Rhoads

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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 Tate

JOYS & CONCERNS ..... Dr. Day

MORNING PRAYER .....Rev. Wilkinson

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.....“O Little Town of Bethlehem”..... No. 230

OFFERTORY PRAYER .....Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming*..... Ensemble (8:30)  
arr. Howard Helvey 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 26:3-4 ..... Dr. Day  
Old Testament, Page 799 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE .....**PEACE FOR THE HOLIDAY PACE**.....Dr. Day

† \*HYMN OF INVITATION.....“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear.”.....No. 218  
*(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.*

BENEDICTION .....Rev. Wilkinson

SENDING FORTH.....*Amen* .....Ensemble (8:30)  
John Rutter Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....2- *Toccata on Il est né, le divin Enfant*.....E. Ray Peebles  
Denis Bédard

**Acolytes:** Wilson Guidry, Grayson Hargon (8:30), Quinton Hilliard, Colby Hamilton (11:00)

**Crucifer:** Vicki Guidry (8:30), Connor Edwards (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

## PEACE FOR THE HOLIDAY PACE

Isaiah 26:3-4

I. First, invite the Prince of Peace into your heart and mind, and accept His peace-infusing presence.

II. Second, welcome the Prince of Peace as a guard to ward off anxious thinking that will destroy your peace.

III. Third, keep your mind stayed on God by trusting and leaning totally on Him.

IV. Fourth, choose to live in today, not in the past or future.

V. Finally, share with others the secret of living with the peace you have found.