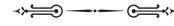


WELCOME

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

NEW MEMBERS: Brent & Wendy Watkins, Marty & Tom Davis

HOSPITALIZED: Peggy Gale

DISCHARGED: Cade Carroway

SYMPATHY is extended to Jan Moss & family in the death of her mother, Geri Smith and to Susan Colvin and Mary Frances Koerner & family in the death of their husband and brother, John "Jay" Lewis Colvin, Jr.

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.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Martha Guess

from Debbie and Ken Harrison and Family

Bruce Lynn

from Myra and George Beeson

Charles Dillman

from Bennette and Jack Daniel

Claude Dance, Jr.

from Bennette and Jack Daniel

Bill Davis

from Bennette and Jack Daniel

Harry G. King

from Joyce W. King

Bob Hamm

from Cherri and Clay Johnson

Georgiann Lamb

from Louise and Don Clanton

Sam Bayliss

Lyndell Hollingsworth

Dan Smith

from New Beginnings Sunday School Class

The James Huggins Family

Charles Dillman

from Lyndell Hollingsworth

Dianne and Keith Mason

~ **Honorariums** ~

In honor of their 50th wedding anniversary:

Carol and Jack Sharp

from Brenda and Tom Hunter

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 11.27.16	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$84,198	\$336,792	\$3,575,339
Received	\$70,865	\$303,677	\$3,391,817
Over/(Under)	(\$13,333)	(\$33,115)	(\$183,522)

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27, 2016	
Traditional worship (8:30)	193
Traditional worship (11:00)	467
FaithLink worship	231
Wesleyan Communion	n/a
Total worship attendance	891
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	474

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 4, 2016 • SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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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

Second Sunday of Advent - December 4, 2016

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

PRELUDE *O Run, Ye Shepherds to the Manger* E. Ray Peebles
Max Drischner

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING Rev. Wilkinson

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

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION Rev. Wilkinson

† HYMN OF PRAISE “The First Noel” No. 245

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Jimmy & Linda Ray (8:30)
Rivers & Gable Kendall
Sissy Mayeaux (11:00)
James & Peyton Mayeaux
Thomas, Graham & Maxfield

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Shepherds’ Dance* E. Ray Peebles
Richard Elliott

† CONGREGATIONAL READING.....No. 208 Rev. Wilkinson

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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 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.....“In the Bleak Midwinter” No. 221

OFFERTORY PRAYER Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Away in the Manger* Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Mack Wilberg 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 Matthew 2:7-12..... Dr. Day
Old Testament, Page 2 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE **WHAT WILL YOU DISCOVER THIS CHRISTMAS?**.....Dr. Day

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“We Three Kings”.....No. 254
*(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.....*Amen* Ensemble (8:30)
John Rutter Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV661*.....E. Ray Peebles
Johann Sebastian Bach

Acolytes: Henry Peacock, Kace Sweatman (8:30), William Harrel, Garland Barrett (11:00)

Crucifer: William Peacock (8:30), Sydney Harrel (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

**WHAT WILL YOU DISCOVER
THIS CHRISTMAS?**

Matthew 2:7-12

I. First, wise people find what they are looking for when they seek Jesus Christ

II. Second, wise people discover they can find forgiveness in Christ.

III. Third, wise people discover they can find peace of mind in Jesus Christ.

IV. Fourth, wise people discover they can find eternal life in Jesus Christ.

V. Finally, wise people unwrap the most wonderful gift ever given - the gift of Jesus Christ.