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01.28.18 FaithLink

### we're glad you're here!

Welcome to Faithlink! This is the Contemporary Worship Service of First United Methodist Church, Shreveport. If you're here for the first time, please fill out the Connect Card to your left and find one of our Ushers, Greeter or Worship Team members so we can welcome you!

### what to expect

We worship God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit as One Triune God through the following:

- **Song**—Lift your voices, your hands, and your hearts together in praise. We sing contemporary songs and historic hymns that are rich in theology and declare the majesty of God's love.
- **Offering**—Giving tithes & thanksgiving offerings are a reflection of our faithful obedience and our gratitude for God's provision in our lives.
- **Scripture**—We read scripture—lots of it. We strive to be a people of God's Word, trusting that it is authoritative in leading us to know the story of God, and who we are as the people called by God's name.
- **Prayer**—We will pray with and for you. Feel free to approach the altar and kneel for prayer. Or fill out the prayer request card in the bulletin and place it the offering, or a basket at the back.
- **Communion**—We celebrate at the table of the Lord on the first Sunday of each month. All are welcome to participate in this act of worship and remembrance. Communion is also served each Sunday in Couch Chapel at noon.

### our pastors

- Rev. Derek Joyce, Executive Pastor
- Heather Gunter, Director of Contemporary Worship
- Dr. R. Pat Day, Senior Pastor

### CONNECT WITH US!



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# Colossians

» THE HOPE OF GLORY «

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SUNDAY 01.28.18

## “THE HOPE OF GLORY” • ERIK RASMUSSEN

**Colossians 1:21-29**— “Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant. Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ’s afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord’s people. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.”

Paul writing a letter to a group of people he had never met. He was desperate for them to see an accurate picture of Jesus and of his good news. Bring your Bible and let’s find more out together about this letter, the gospel, and its impact on our lives.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP:

Welcome!

“This is Amazing Grace” by Jeremy Riddle

Community Reading & Prayer - 1 Peter 1:3-6

Meet & Greet

Children’s Message

“No Longer Slaves” by Bethel

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)” by Matt Redman

Offertory

“All My Hope” by Crowder

Message

“How Marvelous” by Chris Tomlin

Prayer/Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

### SERMON NOTES:

#### 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.

#### Next Steps:

If you’d like to know more about connecting within the church, please fill out the Connect Card within the bulletin and return it to an usher or pastor. We would love to help you connect to First Shreveport!

#### 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).

#### Childcare:

Childcare for infants through 4 years is available on Sundays from 8:15am-12:15pm in the Children’s Ministry Center (CMC). The CMC is down the hall and down the left set of stairs from the Emmett Hook Center. There is a sign that says “Children’s Ministry Center” outside of this stairwell. Outdoor access to the Children’s Ministry Center is located on the corner of Douglas and Milam Streets.



### COMMUNITY PRAYER

**HOSPITALIZED:** Jane Drake, Bob King, Patricia Lonnecker, Joe Snyder

**DISCHARGED:** Pat Tenney, Billy Giles, Bill Fullerton

**SYMPATHY** is extended to Betty Vaughan & family in the death of her great grandson, Brock Gumm.

Please let the church office know if you, one of your family members or church friends enters the hospital so they can be offered pastoral presence and the love and concern of the congregation.

#### JOIN US AS WE PRAY TOGETHER:

**Children’s Ministries** - Mark 10:14; Deuteronomy 4:9, 29:29, & 30:19; Proverbs 22:6

**For a mind of discernment** - Philippians 1:9-10

**For Haiti and Pastor Dieuseul & Neemy Mongerard with the Global Orphan Project in Haiti**

#### I’d like prayer for...

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