

---

## Joys & Concerns:

**HOSPITALIZED:** Janell Bullard, Hoyt Bain

**SYMPATHY** is extended to Gay Scott & family in the death of her husband, Tim Scott.

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.

---

## Sign up now!

Each week, we'll send you an informative, interactive bulletin packed full of upcoming events and opportunities to help keep you connected to all the wonderful things going on here at First Shreveport. You'll find band member spotlights, a word from our pastor, encouraging scriptures, noteworthy articles, and links to that worship song from Sunday that you just can't get out of your head! Best of all, you can receive this weekly bulletin through an easy-to-use app on your smart phone or by email. To sign up simply scan the QR code with your phone, or email Heather at [hgunter@fumcshreveport.org](mailto:hgunter@fumcshreveport.org), or go to <http://pixelark.com/faithlink>.

 318.424.7771

 [www.faithlinkfumc.org](http://www.faithlinkfumc.org)

 [djoyce@fumcshreveport.org](mailto:djoyce@fumcshreveport.org)

 [www.facebook.com/faithlinkfumc](http://www.facebook.com/faithlinkfumc)

 [@faithlinkfumc](https://twitter.com/faithlinkfumc)



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



02 • 12 • 2017

## Becoming Yourself • Rev. Derek Joyce

**Psalm 139: 13-14**—For it was you who formed by inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

Many people in the world struggle with a healthy perspective about “self.” The messages of the world provide so many conflicting and confusing distractions, that it makes it difficult to find confidence and security in knowing ourselves. Jesus tells us to love God, and love others as ourselves. While we are quick to point out the “love God and love others” part of that passage, we struggle with the command to “love ourselves.” This seems selfish, self-absorbed, and all-together inconsistent with the invitation to sacrificially love others. But Jesus said it for a reason. Maybe we are not truly able to love others, until we are able to love ourselves. And maybe loving ourselves is not rooted in dysfunctional self-absorption and inflated ego. Maybe loving ourselves is more closely rooted in accepting that we are “fearfully and wonderfully made.” I am convinced that when we realize a heavenly perspective about “self,” then we will be freed to live and love as God intended. So friends, celebrate who God has created you to be, for the LORD knit you together, fearfully and wonderfully.

## Order of Worship:

Welcome!

“Lay Me Down” by Passion

Meet & Greet

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

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

“Through and Through” by Will Reagan & United Pursuit

“No Longer Slaves” by Bethel

Message

Offertory

“O Come to the Altar” by Elevation Worship

Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Benediction

## Welcome

### 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](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).