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- Add me to the FUMC email list
- Add me to the Columns mailing list
- I'd like a pastor to call me

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- Membership
- Children
- Students
- Adults
- Baptism
- Volunteering
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Questions or Comments:

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02.25.18 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 Kingdom of the Mustard Seed «  
mathew hargett



SUNDAY 02.25.18

## “THE KINGDOM OF THE MUSTARD SEED” • MATHEW HARGETT

**Matthew 13:31-32** – Jesus put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of a mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.

“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.” - Mother Teresa.

Everyone one of us has the ability to spread the joy, love, and peace that God’s kingdom provides. Jesus has called each of us to sow the seeds of the kingdom of heaven into people’s lives. How can you, beginning today, sow the seeds of the kingdom into someone else’s life?

### ORDER OF WORSHIP:

Welcome!

“Your Love Awakens Me” by Phil Wickham

Community Reading & Prayer - Colossians 2:6-7

Meet & Greet

Children’s Message

Celebration of Life

“Great Are You Lord” by All Sons & Daughters

“Reckless Love” by Cory Asbury

Offertory

“What a Beautiful Name” by Hillsong Worship

Message

“Resurrecting” by Elevation Worship

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:** Patricia Lonnecker, Jo Ann McFerren, Donald Clanton, Evelyne Taylor

**DISCHARGED:** Nan Dozier, Judy Cecil, Lara Embry

**SYMPATHY** is extended to Rev. Wishy Nolan & Julie Loker & family in the death of his son and her brother, John Nolan and to the family & friends of Jane Drake in her death.

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:

**Love/Unity** - 1 Peter 1:22; John 13:34-35; Romans 15:5-7; Colossians 3:14

**Prayer for Strength & Endurance** - Colossians 1:11 & Ephesians 3:16

**For Costa Rica and Wil & Yolanda Bailey with the Costa Rica Mission Projects**

### I’d like prayer for...

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