

## Joys & Concerns:

**NEW MEMBER:** Gary Ferguson

**HOSPITALIZED:** Ruth Isler

**DISCHARGED:** Jim Nichols

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** Bryan Rogers & Julia Landry on the birth of their son, Owen Wayne Rogers on February 16, 2017. Paternal grandparents are Charlotte & Richard Rogers.

**SYMPATHY** is extended to Steve Robert, Jr. & family in the death of his father, Steve Robert, Sr. and to Richie Dublin & family in the death of his sister, Vickie Patrick.

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>.

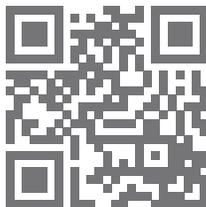
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Rev. Derek Joyce, Associate Pastor • Heather Gunter, Director of Contemporary Worship  
Dr. R. Pat Day, Senior Pastor



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## Becoming Present • Rev. Derek Joyce

**Matthew 6:33-34**—Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

A recent study revealed that people are more joyful when they are in the present, not lost in a fantasy about the future, and not wasting time worrying about the past. An interesting thing to note was that even when the present situation was challenging, people were still more joyful when living in reality, as opposed to spending time in an unrealized future fantasy, or lamenting a foregone past. Jesus seems to also believe that worrying about things is time lost in the present. Being fully alive as humans includes being present in life, with friends and family, and finding joy in being thankful for what is real, and learning to be anxious about nothing. The way to achieve this includes seeking first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. This is a great season to draw close to Jesus, learning to find joy in the certainty of our hope that is the love of God.

## Order of Worship:

Welcome!

“Open Up the Heavens” by Meredith Andrews

Meet & Greet

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

“Jesus Paid It All” by Kristian Stanfill

“Cornerstone” by Hillsong

Message

Communion/Offertory

“Come As You Are” by Crowder

“Revelation Song” by Kari Jobe

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).