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- Membership
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- Students
- Adults
- Baptism
- Volunteering
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03.25.18 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

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Colossians

» People of Prayer «

Rev. Derek Joyce



SUNDAY 03.25.18

“PEOPLE OF PRAYER” • REV. DEREK JOYCE

Colossians 4:2-6, 12, 17 – Keep on praying and guard your prayers with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray for us also. Pray that God would open a door for the word so we can preach the secret plan of Christ—which is why I'm in chains. Pray that I might be able to make it as clear as I ought to when I preach. Act wisely towards outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Your speech should always be gracious and sprinkled with insight so that you may know how to respond to every person... Epaphras, who is one of you, says hello. He's a slave of Christ Jesus who always wrestles for you in prayers so that you will stand firm and be fully mature and complete in the entire will of God...And tell Archippus, "See to it that you complete the ministry that you received in the Lord."

Paul's concluding thoughts to the church are admonishing to be a people of prayer. Prayer is a necessary constant for believers, not only for personal spiritual growth, but also for discernment and power for ministry and proclamation. A praying church is a living church. And a prayer-less church is a powerless church. If we want to know Christ and walk in the fullness of new life, we must be a people of prayer!

ORDER OF WORSHIP:

Welcome!

"The Lion & the Lamb" by Bethel

Community Reading & Prayer - 2 Chronicles 7:14

Meet & Greet

Children's Message

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

"No Longer Slaves" by Bethel

Offertory

"Tremble" by Mosaic MSC

Message

"Lead Me to the Cross" by Hillsong United

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.

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, Dot Cook, Richie Dublin

DISCHARGED: Jimmie Simmons, Richie Dublin

SYMPATHY is extended to Diane Lawrence & Todd Lawrence & family in the death of her mother & his grandmother Marian Ewing

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:

Help for the Hurting - Genesis 16:13; Romans 8:15; Isaiah 61:1-3; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Prayers for Uganda and William Nsubuga with Agape Christian Academy

I'd like prayer for...

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