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04.15.18 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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Peculiar

Rev. Derek Joyce



SUNDAY 04.15.18

“PECULIAR” • REV. DEREK JOYCE

1 Corinthians 5:13-15 – If we are crazy, it’s for God’s sake. If we are rational, it’s for your sake. The love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: one died for the sake of all; therefore, all died. He died for the sake of all so that those who are alive should live not for themselves but for the one who died for them and was raised.

Peculiar—it’s an interesting word to describe a community. Synonyms include: Strange, Weird, Abnormal, Unusual. Many would not see these words flattering. But when speaking about the people of God in relation to the world around them, these may indeed offer a fitting description. It is the peculiar behavior of the church that reflects the reality of a different kind of kingdom—the Kingdom of God—a kingdom of love, forgiveness, compassion, truth, selflessness, faith, and so on. As Christ-followers, we are peculiar. We are crazy for God’s sake. We are controlled by the love of Christ. We are alive because of one who died. And we already live in a kingdom that is arriving in Jesus. How peculiar, indeed...

ORDER OF WORSHIP:

Welcome!

“Because He Lives (Amen)” by Matt Maher

Community Reading & Prayer - Ephesians 4:17-20

Meet & Greet

Children’s Message

“It Is Well with My Soul”

“Beautiful” by Phil Wickham

“Lamb of God” by Vertical Worship

Offertory

“Living Hope” by Phil Wickham

Message

“A Thousand Tongues (Awake My Soul)” by Matt Maher

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, Eleanor Higgs, John Pleasant

DISCHARGED: Rose Mary Kennedy, Andrew Crawford, Calli Lorant

SYMPATHY is extended to Dr. F. Dean Griffen & family in the death of his mother, Betty Wilmarth and to the family & friends of C. D. McDaniels in his 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:

Growth through Evangelism - Acts 2:47; 1 Corinthians 4:15; 1 Peter 3:1-2; Colossians 1:13; 2 Corinthians 5:20

Prayers for Uganda and Lauren Blanco with Forgotten Song in Uganda and Burundi

I’d like prayer for...

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