

## CONNECT CARD

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- I'm visiting for the first time
- I'm visiting, but I've been here before
- Please update my information
- Add me to the FaithLink email list
- Add me to the FUMC email list
- Add me to the Columns mailing list
- I'd like a pastor to call me

### I'd like to know more about:

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

### Questions or Comments:

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04.22.18 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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# A Certain Hope

Rev. Derek Joyce



SUNDAY 04.22.18

## "A CERTAIN HOPE" • REV. DEREK JOYCE

**1 Peter 3:15** – Instead, regard Christ as holy in your hearts. Whenever someone asks you to speak of your hope, be ready to defend it.

**Acts 26:6-8** – Today I am standing trial because of the hope in the promise God gave our ancestors. This is the promise our twelve tribes hope to receive as they earnestly worship night and day. The Jews are accusing me, King Agrippa, because of this hope! Why is it inconceivable to you that God raises the dead?

**John 9:25** – I was blind but now I see.

What is the story of your life? Do you feel confident that you have met with God? Can you testify to the resurrected Jesus affecting change in your heart, over your behaviors, and through the way you love others? If you have met Jesus, then you have a story to tell, because you have a hope that is certain in Christ. May the church continue to stand confidently, proclaiming the reason for our hope!

### ORDER OF WORSHIP:

Welcome!

"Glorious Day" by Passion

Community Reading & Prayer - 2 Corinthians 2:14-15

Meet & Greet

Children's Message

"Resurrecting" by Elevation Worship

"Do It Again" by Elevation Worship

Offertory

"Take Courage" by Bethel

Message

"What a Beautiful Name" by Hillsong 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:** Kathryn DeGeneres

**DISCHARGED:** Patricia Lonnecker, Eleanor Higgs, John Pleasant

**SYMPATHY** is extended to Erik Rasmussen & family in the death of his grandfather, Lewis Driewer and to Jo Ann Golden & family in the death of her mother, Marye Jane Joly.

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:

**Our Neighborhood** - Galatians 5:14; Proverbs 3:28; Isaiah 61:4; Jeremiah 29:7; Luke 10:5-6; Psalm 127:1

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

#### I'd like prayer for...

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