

Joys & Concerns:

New Member: Elizabeth & Karl Bradley • Justin Sevier

Congratulations to Ann & Cody Green on the birth of their son, Ira Samuel Whitman Green on July 19, 2016. Maternal grandparents are Drs. Cindy & Keith Payne. Also to Paige & Cameron Dorsey on the birth of their daughter Della Monroe Dorsey on July 6, 2016. Paternal grandparents are Karen & Bill Dorsey.

Hospitalized: Lois Harris • Jannie "Pat" Gabbard

Sympathy is extended to the family & friends of Leonard Gates in his death and to Lyndell Hollingsworth & family in the death of her husband, Rigby Hollingsworth.

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, or go to <http://pixelark.com/faithlink>.

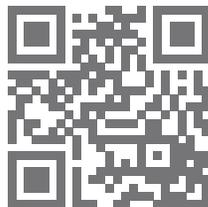
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HEBREWS

RADIANCE

Hebrews: Radiance • Rev. Derek Joyce

Hebrews 1:1-4

In the past, God spoke through the prophets to our ancestors in many times and many ways. In these final days, though, he spoke to us through a Son. God made his Son the heir of everything and created the world through him. The Son is the light of God's glory and the imprint of God's being. He maintains everything with his powerful message. After he carried out the cleansing of people from their sins, he sat down at the right side of the highest majesty. And the Son became so much greater than the other messengers, such as angels, that he received a more important title than theirs.

Religion is filled with rituals, routines, and rhythms of life that offer a sense of salvation for the most committed of disciples. And to be sure, there is much value in rituals, routines, and rhythms with the spiritual life. But these are, at best, guides to the one who truly saves, rescues, heals, and redeems. And this one, Jesus, is greater than any form of religion. As we enter into a study on the Book of Hebrews, we hope to discover, or rediscover, the majesty of Jesus, who is exalted high above, and is the fulfillment of the beautiful traditions of religious rituals. Jesus is the imprint of God's being, who maintains everything, cleanses sin, and is greater than everything in this world. Let's journey together and be captivated by the radiance of God revealed in Jesus the Christ.

Order of Worship:

Welcome!

“Greater” by MercyMe

Meet & Greet

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

“Beautiful” by Phil Wickham

“Revelation Song” by Kari Jobe

Message

Offertory

“Sweetly Broken” by Jeremy Riddle

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

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 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 or call the church office for more info.
- firstdiscipleship.org is Now Live! Find out where you are in your discipleship journey and steps you can take to go deeper. Sign in today at firstdiscipleship.org. Call the church office at 424.7771 for more info.
- Serve with us! For Local and Global service opportunities visit www.firstserves.org or email Ashley Goad (Global) at agoad@fumcshreveport.org or Michelle Osborn (Local) at mosborn@fumcshreveport.org.

For Announcements and other Upcoming Activities

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