

WELCOME

WE'RE SO GLAD YOU ARE JOINING US FOR
WORSHIP TODAY! If you would like more information
about how you can be involved in the life of First Methodist
Church, Shreveport:

- ♦ Ask one of our wonderful servants in the Welcome Center,
located on the ground floor of the
Education & Administration (E&A) Building.
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.

MINISTRY MOMENT

Palabra Viva participated in a Choir competition, and they
got second place. It was "The 318 MLK Dreamfest Choir
Competition". They did absolutely amazing!



HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

We'd love to stand alongside you in prayer! Please share your
prayer request with us by placing this form in either prayer box
at the Sanctuary entrance.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Prayer Request: _____

Would you like our Director of Prayer Ministry to reach out
to you about this request? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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JOYS & CONCERNS

HOSPITAL: Nicholas Liberto, Delena Thomas, Al Wyche

RECOVERING: Anna Beth Crowson, Dickie Erwin, Susan Erba, Stephen Bell,
Bridget Kennedy-Edwards, Phillip Legler, Hutton Montgomery, Shannon Wicklund,
Nicholas Liberto

CONGRATULATIONS to Lauren and Evan Lim, on the birth of *Jade Lydia Lim*, born
January 26, 2026. Grandparents are Bill and Cass Zeller

SYMPATHY is extended to Tom and Stacy Erwin and their family in the death of Tom's
mother, *Nancy Erwin*; and to Pam Ewald, in the death of cousin of *Sybil Kelly*; and to
Morgan Morey in the death of his father, *Ronald Morey*; and to the family of
Bub Van Hoose.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Grace and Lee Kinnebrew from all the Kinnebrew family.

If you would like to give flowers, for use during the worship service, in memory or in honor
of a loved one, please email Katie Weir at kcwerie@gmail.com. After worship services,
flowers from the altar are arranged into small bouquets and delivered to members who are
hospitalized.

THE RED ROSE near the altar honors those serving in the armed forces at home and abroad.

NEW MEMBERS OF FMC-S (DECEMBER-JANUARY)

Patty and Mark Garrett

James Gerard

Kristy Hunter

Tara and JP Brawley

Lori Beth and Will Rhodes

Stefanie and Kevin Petet

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 01.18.26	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$73,247	\$219,741	\$219,741
Received	\$46,221	\$188,650	\$188,650
Over/(Under)	(\$27,026)	(\$31,091)	(\$31,091)

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF JANUARY 18, 2026

Traditional worship, 8:30	174
Traditional worship, 11:00	307
Faithlink worship	288
Palabra Viva Combined Services	91
On-line Viewers	330
Total worship attendance:	1190
Sunday School Attendance	300
Weekly Discipleship Activities	499
TOTAL Discipleship	799



WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRIES CARING CONGREGATION. A *Stephen Minister*
will be to the left of the altar at the end of each service to listen and pray with you. If
you are in need of a confidential Stephen Minister, call Ann Shocklee at 424-7771.

Senior Pastor: Dr. Steven Bell • Executive Pastor: Rev. Matthew Hulbert

Associate Pastor: Rev. Kathy Wafer • Associate Pastor: Rev. Stephanie Kidd • Associate Pastor: Rev. Emily Blair

Minister of Music: Dr. David Hobson • Associate Director of Music: Dr. Alison Beck • Organist: E. Ray Peebles

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE: 8:30 & 11:00am, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00am

FAITHLINK CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 11:00am • **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 9:45am

COMMUNION SERVICES: First Sunday of each month at 8:30 & 11:00am in the Sanctuary during services;

Each additional Sunday at 9:30am in the Sanctuary & 12:00pm in Couch Chapel.

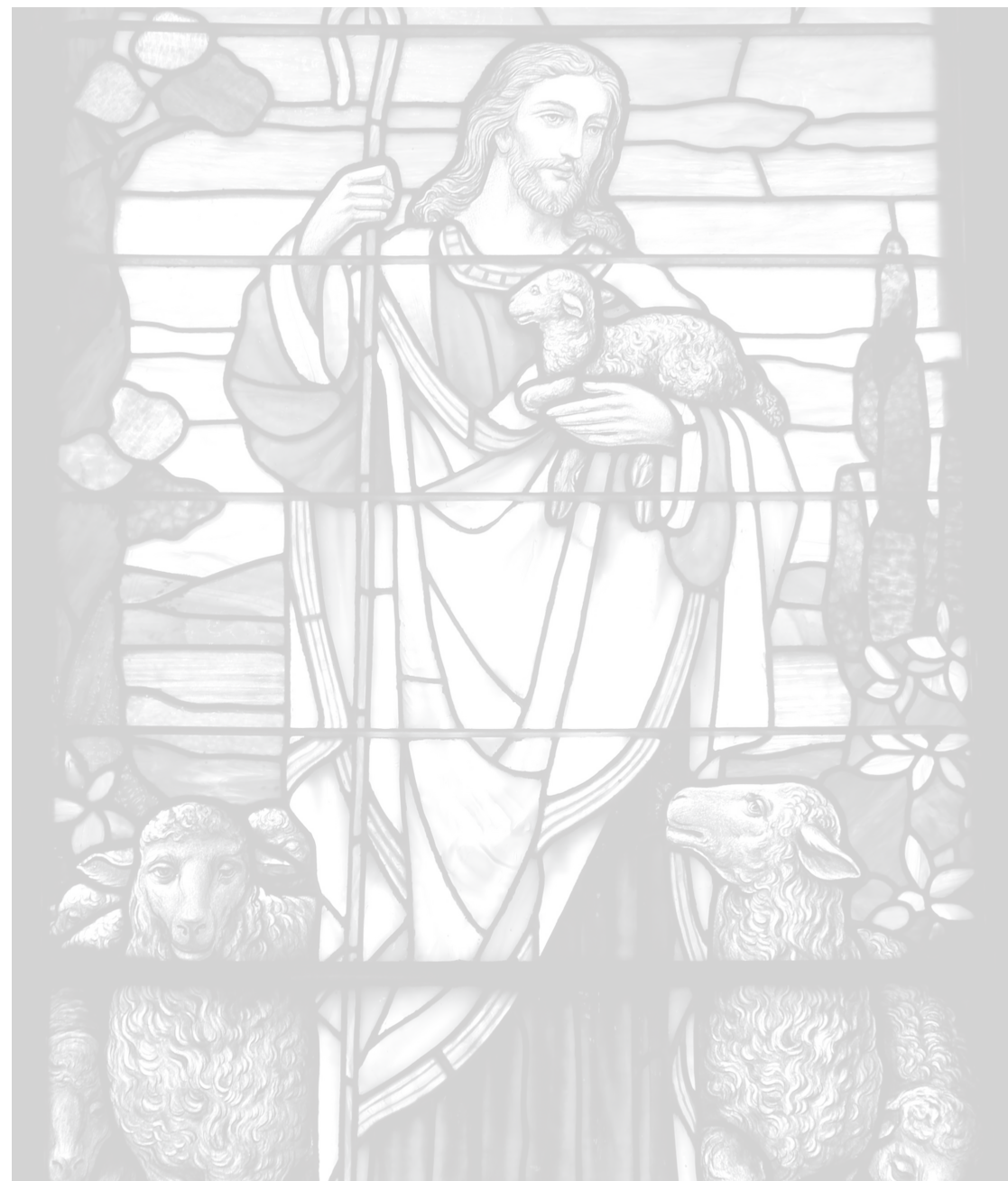
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1ST FIRST

METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

FEBRUARY 1, 2026 • COMMUNION SUNDAY



WORSHIP PASSIONATELY.
LOVE EXTRAVAGANTLY.
WITNESS BOLDLY.

Celebration of Worship
Communion Sunday - February 1, 2026

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE: 8:30 & 11:00 AM, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Dr. Will Andress

PRELUDE.....*Antiphon V*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
[How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou]
Marcel Dupré

INVITATION, CONFESSION, AND PARDON.....No. 730.....Dr. David Hobson

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“T’ll Praise My Maker While I’ve Breath”.....No. 17

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 691.....Rev. Emily Blair

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Genesis 40:1-8.....Carla Anderson

† GLORIA PATRI.....No.33

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING.....Mitzi Nix

MORNING & OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Lee DuCote

PRAYER RESPONSE.....No. 670

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Write Your Blessed Name*.....Ensemble (8:30)
K. Lee Scott Chancel Choir (11:00)

† DOXOLOGY.....Traditional

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose
power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

MESSAGE.....JOSEPH:.....Dr. Steven Bell
IMPRISONED AND FORGOTTEN

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING.....No. 731-732.....Dr. Steven Bell

THE LORD'S PRAYER.....Congregation (speaks in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. ✠ Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ✠ Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. ✠ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. ✠ For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING.....“It is Enough” from *Elijah*.....Steve Valenzuela, bass
Felix Mendelssohn

WESLEYAN COVENANT PRAYER.....No. 710.....Rev. Kathy Wafer

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“And Can It Be That I Should Gain”.....No. 569
Stanzas 1, 3-4

(During the singing of this hymn, those who wish to join the First Methodist family are invited to come to the front of the church for reception and recognition.)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.....Dr. Steven Bell

We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church and bid you welcome to the congregation of First Methodist Church. With you, we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

† BENEDICTION Dr. Steven Bell

† SENDING FORTH.....*On Eagle's Wings*.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Mark Hayes Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Toccata*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
John Weaver



8:30: *Crucifer – Lorynn Farrington • Acolytes – Sadie Farrington*

11:00: *Crucifer – Lily Norris • Acolytes – Leeda and Genna Bradley*

† Those who are able may stand. ‡ Latecomers may be seated at these times.

* IF YOU WISH TO JOIN the First Methodist Church family, please come forward at this time.

***Children leaving the service for Children's Chapel may be picked up after the service.*

• 3-4 years (8:30 & 11:00): Children's Ministry Center

* K5-3RD graders (11:00): Dawson Building, Room 208, behind the Sanctuary

Childcare for infants through 4 years is available from 8:15 to 12:15 in the Children's Ministry Center. From the sanctuary, follow the sign located in the hallway between the sanctuary and the Dawson Building. Outdoor access is located on the corner of Douglas and Milam Street.

Sermon Notes

JOSEPH:

IMPRISONED AND FORGOTTEN

GENESIS 40:1-8

Joseph's Mistreatment.

Joseph's Cellmates.

Joseph's Disappointment.

Scripture Memory Verse

“For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God.”

1 Peter 2:20