

WELCOME

We are glad you're here. Please sign our register to let us know that you're visiting, so our members can make you feel at home.



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 with one of our pastors before deciding, please contact our front desk at 424-7771 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 or study! Contact Erik Rasmussen at erasmussen@fumcshreveport.org or call the church office for more info.
- Serve with us! For Local and Global service opportunities, email Ashley Goad (Global) at agoad@fumcshreveport.org or Michelle Osborn (Local) at mosborn@fumcshreveport.org.

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.

Our Heritage in Stained Glass

Jesus, the Good Shepherd—"The Lord is my Shepherd" Psalm 23:1

The fourth stained glass window on the right is in loving tribute to the entire Hutchinson family and was installed in 1950. The seven brothers and two sisters were active and devoted members of First Methodist. They served on the committee for the building completed in 1913, as teachers in the Sunday school, and in various other capacities. Some of their descendants are still active in the church. Christ, the Good Shepherd, guides us through His teachings and his works to Ash Wednesday.

JOYS & CONCERNS

HOSPITALIZED: Clint Griffith, Myra Beeson

DISCHARGED: Max Edwards, Fred Dozier, Al Hobson

SYMPATHY is extended to Matthew & Andrew Epperson & family in the death of their father, Thomas Epperson and to the family & friends of Marilyn Van Deelen in her death.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Johnny S. Brock, IV from his parents Dianne and Johnny Brock, his sisters Kim Mobley and her husband Mark, and Kellie Johnson and her husband Steve.

THE RED ROSE NEAR THE ALTAR honors those serving in the armed forces at home and abroad.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Barbara D. Hobbs

from Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Knicely
Gordon Van Hoose, III

Mr. and Mrs. Michael McCarthy
Carolyn Smith

Jack R. Lamb

Lyndal Gamble

Ginger and Glenn Flournoy

Evelyn Lee Duval

Jane and Ryan Bicknell

Karen and Jim Stevens

Allison and Jerry Montgomery

Mutual Fun Syndicate

Imogene and Bill Murphy

Ronnie Smathers

from the Desiderata Sunday School Class

Jo Powell

from the Desiderata Sunday School Class

Jimmie Overdyke

from Johnette and Jim Barnes

Carole and Bill Laceyfield

Edmund and Melanie Thomas

James H. Morrison, Jr.

from Suzie and Michael Morrison

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16, 2020

Traditional worship (8:30)	152
Traditional worship (11:00)	465
FaithLink worship	144
1st Kids Volunteers	6
Total worship attendance	767
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	494

Year to Date - January 31, 2020 (in thousands)

	Budget	Actual	Variation
Cash Receipts	\$348	\$317	(\$31)
Cash Disbursements	\$481	\$390	\$91
Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$133)	(\$73)	\$60

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 02.16.20	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$75,575	\$226,725	\$529,128
Received	\$66,274	\$210,722	\$502,007
Over/(Under)	(\$9,301)	(\$16,003)	(\$27,121)

Funds from advanced pledge giving and the Hunter Foundation are moved to the operating account each month on a prorated basis to help fund the deficit that we always experience through the year. We pray that members will consider their individual pledges as a floor to giving and not a ceiling, and that those in a position to do so, will move ahead to help fund God's 365-day-a-year work through our church. — Your Finance Team



WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRIES CARING CONGREGATION. *If you are in need of personal prayer, we have Stephen Ministers available to listen and pray with you. A Stephen Minister will be at the altar by the left door at the end of each service.*

Senior Pastor: Dr. R. Pat Day • Executive Pastor: Rev. Derek Joyce

Associate Pastor: Dr. Ashley Goad • Associate Pastor: Rev. Erik Rasmussen • Pastor of Senior Adult Ministry: Dr. Carl E. Rhoads

Director of Music: Dr. David Hobson • Director of Fine Arts: Dr. Will K. Andress • Principal Organist: E. Ray Peebles

Bishop-in-Residence: William W. Hutchinson

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

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

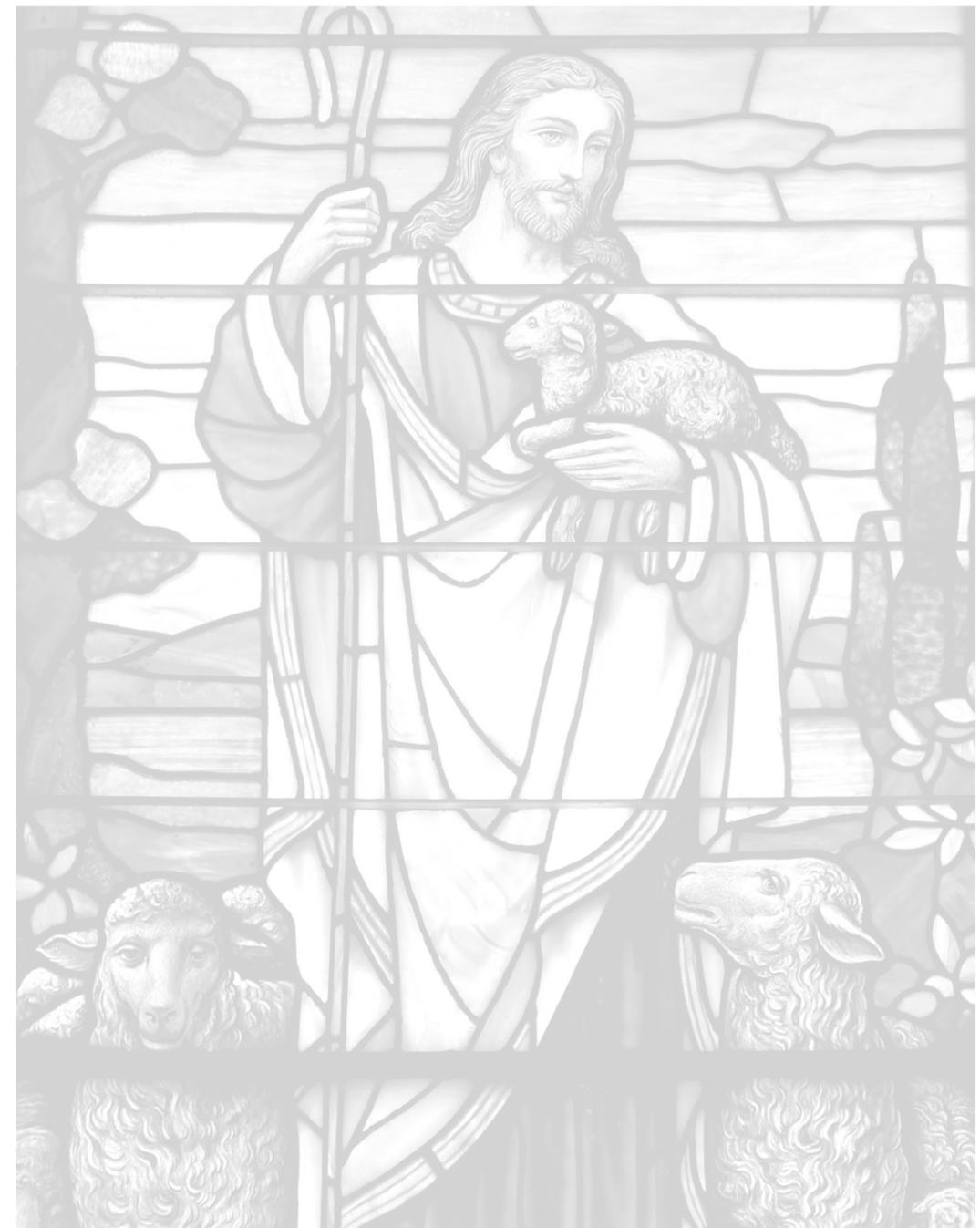
WESLEYAN COMMUNION SERVICE: 9:45 – 10:30am, **FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN COUCH CHAPEL**

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FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

FEBRUARY 23, 2020 • TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY



CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

Celebration of Worship

Transfiguration Sunday - February 23, 2020

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

PRELUDE.....“Prelude” [#3].....E. Ray Peebles, organ
from *Three Preludes and Fugues*
Felix Mendelssohn

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING.....Dr. Rhoads

INTROIT.....*The Lord Reigns*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. Rhoads

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”.....No. 400

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 885.....Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Sound the Trumpet*.....Victoria Sundin, soprano
Henry Purcell Benjamin McDonald, bass

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Genesis 3:1-13.....Dr. Rhoads
Old Testament, Page 3 in your Pew Bible

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† GLORIA PATRI
*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.*
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**CHILDREN’S BLESSING.....Billie Tate

JOYS & CONCERNS.....Dr. Day

MORNING PRAYER Bishop Hutchinson

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.

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† HYMN OF PREPARATION.....“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”.....No. 138

† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Christus Paradox*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Alfred Fedak Chancel Choir (11:00)

† DOXOLOGYNo. 94
*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!*

SCRIPTURE READING.....Acts 16:6-10.....Dr. Day
New Testament, Page 165 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**WHEN YOU'VE MADE A BAD DECISION**.....Dr. Day

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Trust and Obey”.....No. 467
*(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.....Bishop Hutchinson
*We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ’s holy church, and bid you welcome to the
congregation of First United Methodist Church. With you, we renew our vows to uphold it
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.*

BENEDICTIONBishop Hutchinson

SENDING FORTH.....*Alleluia*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Larry Gatlin Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Trois Postludes pour orgue* [#3].....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Denis Bédard



Crucifers: Bunker Webb (8:30), Crawford Chaney (11:00)

Acolytes: Harper Hearron, Rudd Morgan (8:30), Camille Wood, Harrison Chaney (11:00)

Available Stephen Ministers: Jimmy Ray (8:30), Charlcie Bain (11:00)

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

♦ **COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED AT 9:30AM IN THE SANCTUARY AND NOON IN COUCH CHAPEL.**

* **IF YOU WISH TO JOIN** the First United 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 Streets.

Sermon Notes

WHEN YOU'VE MADE A BAD DECISION

Acts 16:6-10

I. First, admit you have made a bad choice or decision and try to rectify it.

II. Second, receive God’s forgiveness and forgive yourself.

III. Third, don’t try to go through a door God has clearly closed - be sensitive to open and closed doors.

IV. Fourth, learn a life lesson from the consequences of your wrong decision.

V. Finally, rely upon the safety net of God’s sovereignty and grace - put a Romans 8:28 band-aid on the wrong decision.