

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

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat was a tremendous success, playing to enthusiastic audiences and earning rave reviews for its vibrant performances, outstanding orchestra, and stunning production design. We are deeply grateful to our cast, crew, and creative team—more than 100 people in all—for making this joyful, high-quality production such a memorable experience for both our First Methodist congregation and the wider community.



Easter Lily
MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS



During the Lenten Season, if you would like to have a lily placed at the church in memory or in honor of a loved one or friend, please complete the below information and return it to Anna Beth Crowson in the FMC Office by March 23. The cost is \$20.00 per plant. Checks should be made payable to First Methodist Church.

(Please Print)

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

From: _____

Memorials & Honorariums will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026.

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JOYS & CONCERNS

HOSPITAL: Ed Vailes, Richard Lamb

REHAB: Julia Andress

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God from the Altar Flower Fund.

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: (JAN-FEB)

Tara and JP Brawley

Aubry Eason

James Meyers

Lori Beth and Will Rhodes

Stefanie and Kevin Petet

WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR
WONDERFUL FAITH FAMILY!

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 02.22.26	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$76,225	\$304,900	\$597,888
Received	\$40,677	\$326,087	\$529,076
Over/(Under)	(\$35,548)	\$21,187	(\$68,812)

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22, 2026

Traditional worship, 8:30	175
Traditional worship, 11:00	258
Faithlink worship	247
Palabra Viva Combined Services	189
On-line Viewers	88
Ash Wednesday Service	245
Total worship attendance	1,202
Sunday School Attendance	319
Weekly Discipleship Activities	1,830
TOTAL Discipleship	2,149



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

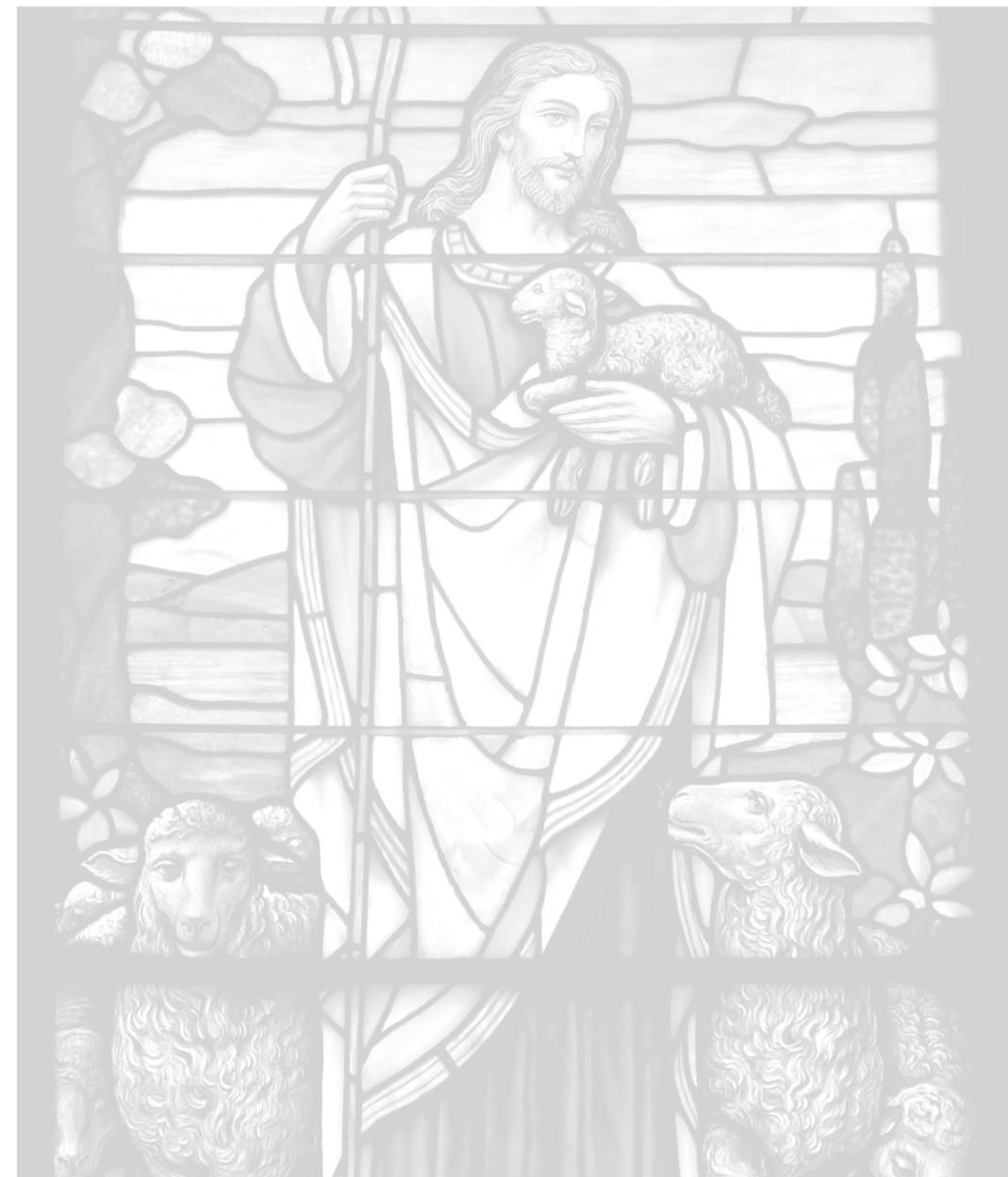
Associate Pastor: Rev. Kathy Wafer • Associate Pastor: Rev. Stephanie Kidd • Associate Pastor: Rev. Emily Blair
Minister of Music: Dr. David Hobson • Associate Director of Music: Dr. Alison Beck • Organist: E. Ray Peebles

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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FIRST

METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

MARCH 1, 2026 • SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



WORSHIP PASSIONATELY.
LOVE EXTRAVAGANTLY.
WITNESS BOLDLY.

Celebration of Worship

Second Sunday in Lent - March 1, 2026

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Maggie Descant
Anna and Pierce LeBlanc (8:30)
Chloe and Mila Meyers (11:00)

PRELUDE.....*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*.....Alison Beck, piano
arr. Dan Forrest

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Come, Children*, Join to Sing”.....No. 36
[*Original Text]

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 691.....Mary Middleton & Lucy Adams (8:30)
Alice Brossette (11:00)

CELEBRATION OF LIFE.....Children's Video.....Ellie Caudle (8:30)
Genna Bradley (11:00)

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Matthew 17:1-9.....James Garrett Descant (8:30)
Leeda Bradley (11:00)

† 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.....Isabel Haggard

MORNING & OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Anna Claire Caudle (8:30)
Audrey Storer (11:00)

PRAYER RESPONSENo. 674

*Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline Thine ear to us,
And grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Fairest Lord Jesus*.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Mark Hayes Chancel Choir (11:00)

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God ll creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Sone, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

MESSAGE.....**TRANSFORMATIONAL QUESTIONS OF LENT:**.....Dr. Steven Bell
HOW TO MOVE FROM Sarah Kathryn Lewis
SELF-IMPROVEMENT TO TRANSFORMATION?

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING.....No. 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.

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MUSICAL OFFERING.....*What Wondrous Love*.....Elizabeth Beck, violin
arr. Alison Beck Alison Beck, piano

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

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Jesus Loves Me! This I Know”.....No. 155

(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.

† BENEDICTIONSarah Kathryn Lewis

Between now and the next time we meet as this portion of the Body of Christ, may we be mindful that the harvest is plentiful, the laborers are few, but we are blessed... we are blessed to be a blessing.

So, bear witness to the love of Christ in this world, so that the stranger you meet may find in you a faithful friend. The grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The love of God. And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with each and every one of us, now and forever, and may all God’s people say, “Amen.”

† SENDING FORTH.....*May the Grace of Christ Be with You*.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Etude No. 11*.....Alison Beck, piano
Philip Glass



8:30: *Crucifer* – Anna Claire Caudle • *Acolyte* – Eliie Caudle

11:00: *Banner Carrier* – Leeda Bradley • *Crucifer* – Isabel Haggard
Acolytes – Genna Bradley and Audrey Storer

† *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

**TRANSFORMATIONAL QUESTIONS FOR LENT:
HOW TO MOVE FROM KNOWLEDGE TO KNOWING?**

MATTHEW 17:1-9

Be Transformed?

What Happens on Transfiguration Mountain?

Could It Be That Transformation Is Someone Who Happens to Us?

Scripture Memory Verse

“While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

Matthew 17:5