

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 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.

READY TO JOIN OUR FIRST SHREVEPORT FAMILY?

If you're curious about what membership means, please call our church office at 424-7771 to set up a meeting with one of our pastors. You may join today by one of three ways: Profession of faith, transfer of Membership from another denomination, or reaffirmation of baptism vows. To join, simply walk to the altar rail to meet with the pastors during the last hymn.

THIS WEEK'S "MINISTRY MOMENT":

Dr. Steven Bell led week two of the "I AM" Lenten Bible Study! We are unpacking the I AM statements in the Gospel of John, and welcome any to join us on Wednesdays at noon in Bain Hall!



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

Our Heritage in Stained Glass

*The Welcoming Christ—"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" John 14:6
The fourth window on the left is a memorial to the Fullilove family. This is one of two windows reserved for families whose members have long records of service to First Methodist dating from the 1800's. The stained glass window's center panel depicts Christ with outstretched arms proclaiming, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life," words taken from his discourse with his disciples following the Last Supper. So, through the 40 days of Lent He welcomes and encourages us to follow.*

JOYS & CONCERNS

HOSPITALIZED: Janet Burgess, Alice Richardson

SYMPATHY is extended to John and Sue Cady in the death of their daughter, Kim Cady Stroud.

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

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Betty Vickers

from Lyndell Hollingsworth

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Knicely

Linda Dowling

Suzan and Michael Simpson

Dianne and Johnny Brock

Dr. and Mrs. Dayne Hassell

Judy and Bub Van Hoose

Sue and Paul Horton, Jr.

Berry and Steve Glassell

Susanne and Grady Golden

Cole, Evans and Peterson

Mr. George Beeson

Seekers Sunday School Class

Shreveport Medical Society Alliance

Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Lamb

JoAnn and Bill Golden

Evelyn H. Quinn

David R. Coffey

Tommy Palmer

from Lyndell Hollingsworth

Stewart Terry

from Diane and Chuck Chesley

Desiderata SS Class

James P. Cox

from Holly and K. Lane Fouts

Dr. Gale W. Bridger

Dr. and Mrs. David Cooksey

Sandra Harris

from Dr. Gale W. Bridger

James Peebles

from Dr. Gale W. Bridger

The Ron Viskozki Family

Kitty Jo and Charles Boyd

William Towery

from JoAnn and Bill Golden

Betsy Bailey

from JoAnn and Bill Golden

Karcher Harris

from Vernon and Amy Hastings

Vincent and Priscilla Rice

from Charles J. Rice

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 02.28.21	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$63,571	\$254,284	\$521,499
Received	\$57,838	\$223,891	\$563,012
Over/(Under)	(\$5,733)	(\$30,393)	\$41,513



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. Steven Bell • Associate 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

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

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

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

MARCH 7, 2021 • THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

Celebration of Worship
Third Sunday in Lent - March 7, 2021

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Dr. David Hobson

PRELUDE.....“Variations” from *String Quartet in C Major*.....String Quartet
Franz Joseph Haydn

[AUSTRIAN HYMN: Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken]

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. David Hobson

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”.....No. 731

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 889.....Dr. Ashley Goad

CELEBRATION OF LIFE.....Commissioning of Stephen Ministers.....Dr. Carl Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....“How Beautiful are the Feet”..... Rebecca Vacha, soprano
from *Messiah* Chamber Ensemble
George Frideric Handel

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Matthew 7:1-5.....Jessica Russo
New Testament, Page 8 in your Pew Bible

† 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.*

JOYS & CONCERNS.....Dr. Ashley Goad

MORNING PRAYER.....Dr. Ashley Goad

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE.....Congregation

*Hear our prayer, o Lord. Hear our prayer, o Lord.
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Carl Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace*.....Wesleyans
John Rutter Chamber Ensemble

† DOXOLOGY No. 95
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

MESSAGE.....THINGS WE WISH JESUS NEVER SAID:.....Dr. Steven Bell
DO NOT JUDGE

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Where Charity and Love Prevail”.....No. 549
*(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 United 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.....*Amen*.....Chancel Choir
John Rutter

POSTLUDE.....*Concerto in A Minor*.....Robert Cruz, organ
arr. Johann Sebastian Bach
[Adapted from Antonio Vivaldi's *Concerto in A Minor for Two Violins*]



Enid Eleanor Ingle, daughter of Parker Reid and Madeline Golson Ingle, was baptized Sunday, March 7, at 10:30 am. Grandparents are Clint and Julie Golson and Joey and Jackie Ingle.

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

Sermon Notes

THINGS WE WISH JESUS NEVER SAID:

Do Not Judge

Matthew 7:1-5

In the Christian life, judging seems to be a favorite pastime, and flows from a lack of love and acceptance of others. Jesus has strong words for people who have a critical spirit, who are always finding fault with others who are quick to point out others' deficiencies and shortcomings.

What judging IS and IS NOT.

Do not judge because you will be judged by the same measure.

Do not judge because you often have the same or worse problems.

The need for Godly discernment.

Scripture Memory Verse for the Week:

Matthew 7:1

"Do not judge, so that you may not be judged."