

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

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: Myra Beeson

DISCHARGED: Ian Duncan

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. Caroline & Robert Jeter on the birth of their daughter, Lauren Frances Jeter on February 5, 2020. Maternal grandparents are Mary & Larry Cobb and Sandra & Dr. Michael Haynie.

SYMPATHY is extended to David Schoonover & family in the death of his father, Steve Schoonover and to the family & friends of Billy James "Jamie" Sanders in his death.

NEW MEMBERS, 2/23/20: Holly & Justin Smith & Julia, Ellie & Noah Baker, and Ken Newton.

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

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

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Jimmie Overdyke

from Mr. and Mrs. James Blewett

Barbara D. Hobbs

from Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. McInnis

Velda McCormick

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Cox, Jr.

Mr. C. Cody White, Jr.

Gayle Armstrong

from Brad Armstrong

Joyce and Bill Davis

from Mr. and Mrs. Todd Davis

Gail Ann McCallister

from Ken McCallister

Faye Jackson

from Sara Burris, Clay Burris and Courtney Rayburn

Billy Giles

from Patricia Johnson

Amy Kinnaird

from Dr. Scott Taylor

~**Honorariums**~

Ashley Goad and Chris Harbuck

from Katie and Don Weir

Sally and James Cox

Dr. Patricia Bates

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 03.01.20	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$72,153	\$72,153	\$676,956
Received	\$91,872	\$91,872	\$646,501
Over/(Under)	\$19,719	\$19,719	(\$30,455)

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF MARCH 1, 2020

Traditional worship (8:30)	230
Traditional worship (11:00)	457
FaithLink worship	171
Men's Retreat	39
Wesleyan Communion	18
1st Kids Volunteers	8
Total worship attendance	923
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	519



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

MARCH 8, 2020 • SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

Celebration of Worship

Second Sunday in Lent - March 8, 2020

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

PRELUDE.....*Adagio for Strings*.....String Quartet
 Thomaso Albinoni E. Ray Peebles, organ

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING.....Dr. Hobson

INTROIT.....*The Lord's Prayer*.....Chamber Choir (8:30)
 John Weaver Chancel Choir (11:00)

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Rejoice, the Lord is King”.....No. 715
 [Stanzas 1, 3-4]

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

CELEBRATION OF LIFE.....Rob Branham, Australian Missionary

MUSICAL OFFERING.....“Blessed are the Men who Fear Him”.....Chamber Choir
 from *Elijah* Chamber Orchestra
 Felix Mendelssohn

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Matthew 7:15-23.....Dr. Hobson
 New Testament, Page 8 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 (sings responsively)

*Our Father | in heaven | holy is your name | your kingdom come | your will be done |
 On earth | as in heaven | give us today | our daily bread |
 Forgive us our sins | as we forgive those | who sin against us |
 Save us from the time | of trial | and deliver us | from evil |
 For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours forever |
 Forever | and ever | our Father | in heaven | holy is your name |*

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† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Hobson

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Psalm 1*.....Chamber Choir (8:30)
 Mark Hayes Chancel Choir (11:00)
 Chamber Orchestra

† DOXOLOGYNo. 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.*

SCRIPTURE READING.....Matthew 6:5-15.....Dr. Day
 New Testament, Page 6 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**IN QUEST OF A KINGDOM**.....Dr. Day

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”.....No. 569
*(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.....*Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*.....Chamber Choir (8:30)
 Karen Lafferty Chancel Choir (11:00)
 Chamber Orchestra

POSTLUDE.....*Fugue in G Minor*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
 Johann Sebastian Bach



Crucifers: Rudd Morgan (8:30), Luke Smith (11:00)
Acolytes: Cooper Morgan, Bunker Webb (8:30), Gray Howell, Owen Melton (11:00)
Available Stephen Ministers: Peggy Bennett(8:30), Connie Pierson (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

IN QUEST OF A KINGDOM

Matthew 6:5-15

I. First, the Kingdom of God is the rule or reign of God in our lives.

II. Second, the Kingdom of God requires certain qualifications for citizenship.

A. A childlike spirit. (Matthew 18:1-4)

B. A servant spirit. (Matthew 20:20-28)

C. A forgiving spirit. (Matthew 18:21-35)

III. Third, the Kingdom of God must become our magnificent obsession.

IV. Finally, the Kingdom of God is paradox - it is both a present reality as well as a future event.