

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

Children's Sunday was a blessing beyond measure. The children loved their opportunity to serve their church as leaders, and the congregation enjoyed seeing our children take their places and hearing their young voices speak confidently about our God who is so great!



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: James Meyers
REHAB: Ed Vailes
RECOVERING: Julia Andress, Richard Lamb, Leigh Raines, Anne Vickers
SYMPATHY is extended to Kim Brian, Terrie Bergeron, Darby Arnold and their family in the death of their mother and grandmother, Mary Darby.
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.

MEMORIALS

Thomas Gayle Wren
from Jane and Paul Cooke
Gordon "Bub" Van Hoose
from Berry and Steve Glassell
 Mr. and Mrs. George McGovern, III
 Mr. and Mrs. T. Haller Jackson, III
Curtis Williams
from Maggie and Bubba Conly

NEW MEMBERS OF FMC-S

Tara and JP Brawley
 Aubry Eason
 James Meyers
 Addison Rhodes
 Lori Beth and Will Rhodes
 Stefanie and Kevin Petet

WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL FAITH FAMILY!

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 03.01.26	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$52,960	\$52,960	\$650,848
Received	\$94,940	\$94,940	\$624,016
Over/(Under)	\$41,980	\$41,980	(\$26,832)

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF MARCH 1, 2026	
Traditional worship, 8:30	209
Traditional worship, 11:00	315
Faithlink worship	162
Palabra Viva Combined Services	186
On-line Viewers	42
Total worship attendance	914
Sunday School Attendance	352
Weekly Discipleship Activities	628
TOTAL Discipleship	980



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 8, 2026 • THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



WORSHIP PASSIONATELY.
 LOVE EXTRAVAGANTLY.
 WITNESS BOLDLY.

Celebration of Worship

Third Sunday in Lent - March 8, 2026

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

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

PRELUDE.....*Ich ruf' zudir, Herr Jesu Christ*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
[I call to you, Lord Jesus Christ]
Johann Sebastian Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. Will Address

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”.....No. 88
[Alternate Tune: HYFRYDOL]

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 691.....Rev. Kathy Wafer

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Let This Mind Be in You*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Craig Courtney Chancel Choir (11:00)

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Romans 12:1-8.....Lee DuCote

† 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.....Staci Zeagler

MORNING & OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Rev. Emily Blair

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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PRAYER RESPONSE.....No. 674

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

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Let There Be Peace on Earth*.....Spunky Creger, piano
Improvisation

† DOXOLOGY.....No. 682

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all 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 CAN I BE TRANSFORMED (PART I)?

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”.....No. 586

(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.)

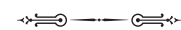
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.....Lee DuCote

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.

† BLESSINGDr. Steven Bell

† SENDING FORTH.....*Amen*.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. John Rutter Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Johann Sebastian Bach



8:30: *Crucifer* –Lila Holley-Lerchie • *Acolyte* – Evie Holley-Lerchie

11:00: *Banner Carrier* – Michael Zavalydrigas • *Crucifer* – Lily Norris
Acolytes – Anna Claire and Ellie Caudle

† *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 OF LENT:
HOW CAN I BE TRANSFORMED (PART I)?

ROMANS 12:1-8

Offer Your Bodies

Be Transformed

Do God’s Will

Scripture Memory Verse

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.”

Romans 12:1