

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.

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



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 form and return it to Beth in the FUMC Office by March 22, 2021. The cost is \$12 per plant. Checks should be made payable to First United Methodist Church. Purchase is also available online at firstshreveport.org/ events.

(Please Print)

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

From: _____

Please complete the above form and return it to Beth in the FUMC Office by March 22, 2021. Memorials & Honorariums will be listed in the bulletin on April 4, 2021.

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: Jimmy Adams

SYMPATHY is extended to George H. Mills, Jr., in the death of his brother, James Hardy Mills.

CONGRATULATIONS to John & Ashley Montgomery on the birth of their son, John A. "Tripp"

Montgomery, III, March 3, 2021. Paternal grandparents are Jerry & Allison Montgomery.

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

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Karen Dorsey

from Ellen and Sam Caverlee

Mandy and Bill Perdue

Kevin and Beverly Holcomb

Mr. and Mrs. T. Haller Jackson III

Peggy Vallet

Jeff Coburn

Diane and Scott Lawrence

Dr. Ken and Debbie Harrison

Jim and Sandi Hill

Kathi and Milton Hamel

Sam and Lisa Mangum

Nancy McInnis

James Pat "J.P." Cox

from Robin and Gloria Bryan

Patricia LaGrone

from Margaret Wallace

Harry Dan Sawyer

from Mary Pilgreen Wilson Family

Dr. and Mrs. B.J. Hollingsworth

Kim Cady Stroud

from Mary Pilgreen Wilson Family

~*Honorarium*~

Enid Eleanor Ingle

from Madeline Golson Ingle

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 03.07.21	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$85,374	\$85,374	\$606,870
Received	\$105,998	\$105,998	\$669,010
Over/(Under)	\$20,624	\$20,624	\$62,140

Year to Date - February 28, 2021 (in thousands)			
	Budget	Actual	Variation
Cash Receipts	\$564	\$579	\$15
Cash Disbursements	\$809	\$688	\$121
Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$245)	(\$109)	\$136



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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FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

MARCH 14, 2021 • FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

Celebration of Worship

Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 14, 2021

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

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

PRELUDE.....*O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
arr. Linda McKechnie Robert Cruz, piano
[with *Moonlight Sonata* by Beethoven]

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”.....No. 581
Stanzas 1-3

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 881.....Dr. Carl Rhoads

BAPTISM..... Charlotte Elizabeth Pressly.....Dr. Steven Bell
presented by her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Pressly IV

Congregational Response: “With God’s help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Charlotte Elizabeth will be surrounded by steadfast love, established in faith, and confirmed in the way that leads to eternal life. We say “Yes” with all the household of faith that God is love, and we are the living examples of that love for all the world. Amen and Amen.”

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Prière*.....Brett Andrews, cello
Camille Saint-Saëns E. Ray Peebles, organ
[Prayer]

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Matthew 6:19-24.....Mike Adams
New Testament, Page 7 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.....Debby Williams

MORNING PRAYER.....Debby Williams

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.....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.....*None Other Lamb*.....Brett Andrews, cello
Jane Marshall Chancel Choir

† 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.*

MESSAGE.....**THINGS WE WISH JESUS NEVER SAID:**.....Dr. Steven Bell
STORE UP TREASURE IN HEAVEN

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Be Thou My Vision”.....See below
(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.)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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.

† BENEDICTIONDr. Steven Bell

† CONGREGATIONAL SENDING FORTH.....*Lord, Whose Love*.....No. 581
Through Humble Service
Stanza 4

POSTLUDE.....*Praeambulum in E*.....Robert Cruz, organ
Vincent Lubeck

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Crucifer: Andrew Hobson • Acolytes: Maebree Monday, Quinn Mackey

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

Sermon Notes

THINGS WE WISH JESUS NEVER SAID:
STORE UP TREASURE IN HEAVEN

Matthew 6:19-24

Jesus was absolutely committed to our Heavenly Father.

Commitment of Treasure.

Commitment of Time.

Commitment of Talent.

Scripture Memory Verse for the Week:
Luke 9:62

"No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."