

# 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:agoad@fumcshreveport.org) or Michelle Osborn (Local) at [mosborn@fumcshreveport.org](mailto: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](http://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, Cara Smith

**DISCHARGED:** Calli Lorant

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Calli & Colby Lorant on the birth of their daughter, Collins Elizabeth Lorant on March 9, 2020. Maternal grandparents are Debbie & Gary Henry and to Rachel & Marshall Johnston on the birth of their daughter, Mae Olympia Johnston on March 7, 2020.

**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

**Shirley and Billy Giles**

from Marian Head

**Dick Fullilove**

from Financial Partners of LA

**Scotty Dunlop**

from Mr. and Mrs. T. Haller Jackson, III

Ginger and Glenn Flournoy

Larry Cunningham

Jennifer and Mike Owens

Nancy B. McInnis

Mrs. T. J. Ostendorff, Jr.

**Jeff VonGonten**

from Betty C. Smith

**Tom Epperson**

from James Manville

Four Square Bible Class

**Georgiann Howell Chandler Lamb**

from Community Foundation of North LA

**Marilyn Van Deelen**

from Marie Sanders

**John Stewart Hable**

from JoAnn Hable

**Barbara D. Hobbs**

from Mrs. Elizabeth S. Meadows

**Stephen Vasko**

from Caroline Phillips

~Honorariums~

**Ashley Goad and Chris Harbuck**

from Women of Faith Sunday School Class


Becky and David Cooksey

**Karen Dorsey**

from Mrs. Margaret Hargrove

VITAL SIGNS			
Contributions	Week Ending 03.08.20	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$72,153	\$144,306	\$749,109
Received	\$60,102	\$151,974	\$706,603
Over/(Under)	(\$12,051)	\$7,668	(\$42,506)

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF MARCH 8, 2020	
Traditional worship (8:30)	149
Traditional worship (11:00)	396
FaithLink worship	198
Wesleyan Communion	n/a
1st Kids Volunteers	8
<b>Total worship attendance</b>	<b>879</b>
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	327

 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 15, 2020 • THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

# Celebration of Worship

## Third Sunday in Lent - March 15, 2020

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

PRELUDE.....*O World, I Must Now Leave Thee*.....Brass Ensemble  
Johannes Brahms/arr. Rick Rowell

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

INTROIT.....*The Lord's Prayer*.....Chancel Choir  
John Weaver

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“O For a Heart to Praise My God”.....No. 417

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 881.....Dr. Hobson

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*.....Brass Ensemble  
Dietrich Buxtehude/arr. Tom Hundemer

† SCRIPTURE READING.....1 John 5:10-14.....Dr. Goad  
New Testament, Page 293 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.....Staci Zeagler

JOYS & CONCERNS.....Dr. Day

MORNING PRAYER ..... Bishop Hutchinson

† THE LORD'S PRAYER.....No. 270

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† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Hymn of Creation*.....Chancel Choir  
Dan Forrest Brass 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.*

SCRIPTURE READING.....Matthew 6:9-10.....Dr. Day  
New Testament, Page 6 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**HOW TO ALIGN YOUR WILL WITH GOD'S**.....Dr. Day

† \*HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Take My Life and Let it be Consecrated”.....No. 399  
*(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.*

BENEDICTION .....Bishop Hutchinson

SENDING FORTH.....*Amen*.....Chancel Choir  
Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE.....“Wit setzen uns mit Tränen nieder” .....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
from *St. Matthew Passion*  
[We sit down in tears]  
Johann Sebastian Bach/arr. Robert Gower



**Crucifers:** Henry Peacock (8:30), Kate Foreman (11:00)

**Acolytes:** Kensey Scoggin (8:30), Cole Rice, Jack Pou (11:00)

**Available Stephen Ministers:** John Pleasant(8:30), Mark “Shine” Johnson (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

HOW TO ALIGN YOUR WILL WITH GOD'S

MATTHEW 6:9-10

I. First, when you pray, “Thy will be done” you are affirming that you believe God's will is the best and happiest way to live.

II. Second, when you pray, “Thy will be done” you are choosing to align your will with God's.

III. Third, when you pray, “Thy will be done” you are revealing the kind of God you believe in.

IV. Finally, when you pray, “Thy will be done” you are praying a prayer of enlistment for action.