

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

The boys' and girls' sections of our Scout Troop 18, hosted Cub Scout Pack 4 from South Highlands Elementary. The highlight of the Evening was a presentation from Steve from STEVE'S SNAKETUARY, showing various type of non-venomous snakes and other creatures. The scouts had an amazing time, initially asking questions, then touching the snakes and other creatures.



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

RECOVERING: James Meyers, Ed Vailes, John Vickers

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in honor of Mabry Elizabeth LaVigne's 1st birthday from Amanda and Kirk LaVigne.

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.

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 03.08.26	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$52,960	\$105,920	\$703,808
Received	\$73,732	\$168,672	\$697,748
Over/(Under)	\$20,772	\$62,752	(\$6,060)

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF MARCH 8, 2026

Traditional worship, 8:30	156
Traditional worship, 11:00	251
Faithlink worship	224
Palabra Viva Combined Services	179
On-line Viewers	63
Total worship attendance	873
Sunday School Attendance	283
Weekly Discipleship Activities	248
TOTAL Discipleship	531



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

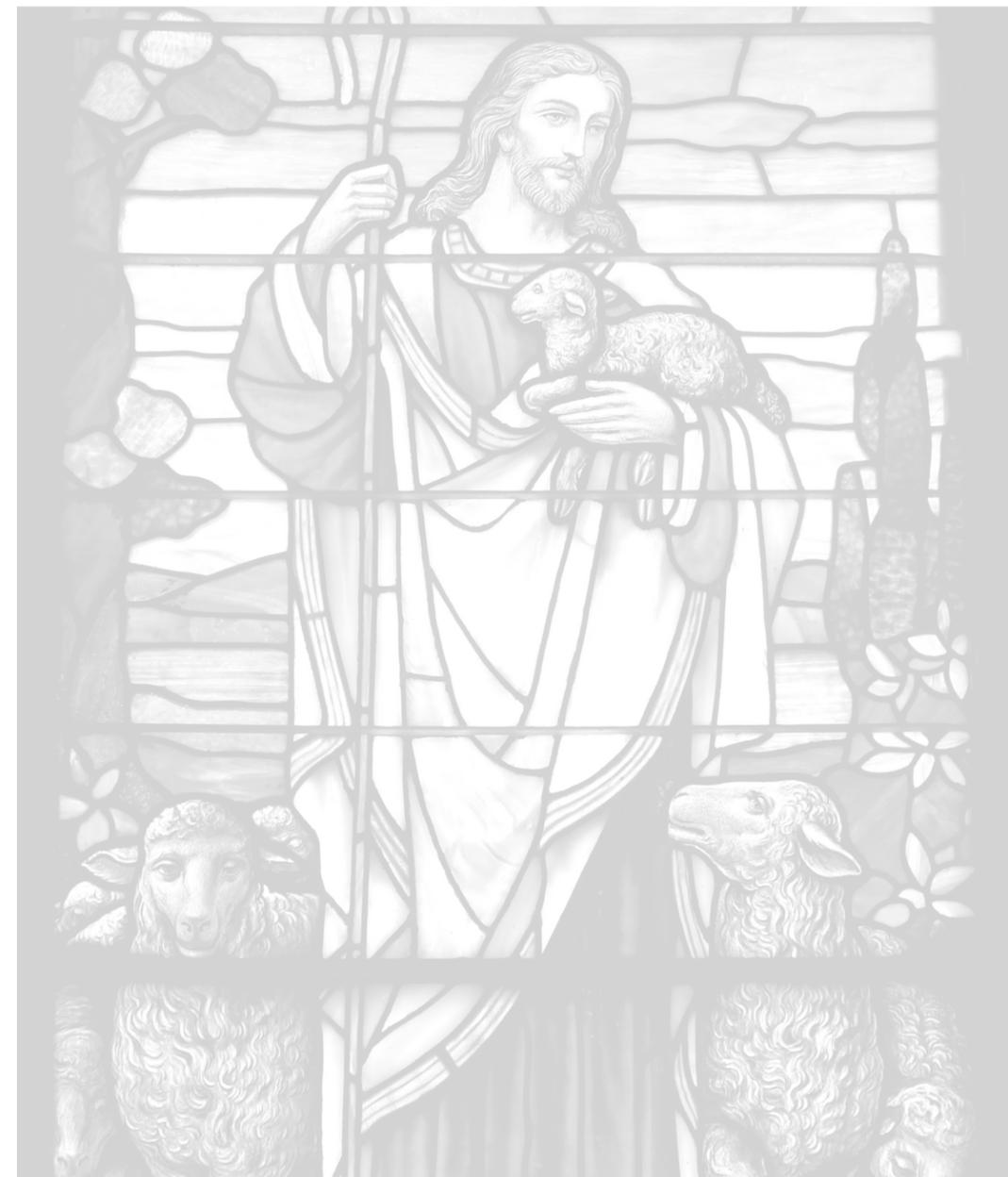
Associate Pastor: Rev. Kathy Wafer • Associate Pastor: Rev. Stephanie Kidd • Associate Pastor: Rev. Emily Blair
Minister of Music: Dr. David Hobson • Associate Director of Music: Dr. Alison Beck • Organist: E. Ray Peebles

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 15, 2026 • FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



WORSHIP PASSIONATELY.
LOVE EXTRAVAGANTLY.
WITNESS BOLDLY.

Celebration of Worship

Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 15, 2026

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Rev. Emily Blair

PRELUDE.....*Meditation on*.....Brass Ensemble
"Christ Our Passover" E. Ray Peebles, organ
Robert W. Parker

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE....."God of Grace and God of Glory"No. 45
[Setting by Richard Webster]

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 691.....Dr. Will Address

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*What Wondrous Love is This?*.....Sarah Wilkerson, soprano
arr. Richard Walters Liesl Cruz, alto

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Matthew 4:1-4.....Allison Montgomery

† 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.....Erin Hogg

MORNING & OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Rev. Kathy Wafer

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.....*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*.....Ensemble (8:30)
[See No. 35 for Text] Chancel Choir (11:00)
arr. Dan Forrest Brass Ensemble

† 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 2)?

† HYMN OF INVITATION....."Be Thou My Vision".....No. 49
[Setting by Sterling Procter]

(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 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

† SENDING FORTH.....*May the Grace of Christ Be With You*.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Toccata on ABERYSTWYTH*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
David Bednall



8:30: Crucifer –Lorynn Farrington • Acolyte – Sadie Farrington

11:00: Banner Carrier – Asher Storer • Crucifer – Abram Storer
Acolyte – Audrey Storer

† 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 2)?

MATTHEW 4:1-4

Jesus Was Led by the Spirit into the Wilderness

To be Tempted by the Devil

If You Are the Son of God

It Is Written

Scripture Memory Verse

"Count it all joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance."

James 1:2 and 3